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**EXMOUTH REGENERATION PROGRAMME BOARD  
ACTION POINTS FROM A MEETING**

**HELD AT OCEAN BLUE BOWLING CENTRE, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 16 JUNE 2014**

Present:

Councillor Andrew Moulding	ATM	EDDC
Bernard Hughes	BH	Devon County Council
Jill Elson	JME	EDDC
Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Town Council
Tom Vaughan	TV	DCC
Bill Nash	BN	Exmouth Town Council
Chris Lane	CL	EDDC
Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Council
Richard Cohen	RC	Deputy Chief Executive, EDDC
Alison Hayward	AH	EDDC
Timothy Wood	TW	EDDC
Carol Austin	CA	EDDC
Lisa Bowman	LB	Exmouth Town Clerk
Ian Harrison	IH	Consultant
Andrew Ardley	AA	Devon County Council

Apologies:

Tony Alexander	TA	Exmouth Community College
Chris Rose	CR	EDDC
Neil Downes	ND	Exe Estuary Management Partnership
Andrew Leadbetter	AL	Devon County Council
Ian Thomas	IT	EDDC
Eileen Wragg	EW	Devon County Council
Ian MacQueen	NM	Exmouth Chamber of Commerce
Richard Jacobs	RJ	EIC Group

The meeting started at 9.15am and finished at 11.30am.

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes/Decisions</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.Introduction</b>	Councillor Andrew Moulding welcomed all those present to the meeting and particularly Bill Nash, Mayor of Exmouth and Lisa Bowman, Exmouth Town Clerk who were attending their first meeting of the Board.	
<b>2. Report of meeting held on 27 March 2014</b>	The report of the meeting held on 27 March 2014, was confirmed as a true record.	To note
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>	<p><u>Rolle College</u> (Minute 3 –27 March 2014 refers)</p> <p>It was noted that there was no further progress to report on this item.</p> <p><u>Orcombe Point</u> (Minute 4 –28 November 2013 refers)</p> <p>Members noted that there were no further issues regarding having a refreshment kiosk on the site.</p> <p><u>Queens Drive toilets</u></p> <p>Members noted that the locks at the Queens Drive toilets had been changed to a single throw from a double to make it less likely for people would be locked in. Also the temporary signs on the backs of the doors would be replaced with permanent ones.</p>	
<b>4.Update on Mamhead Slipway</b>	<p>IH reported on progress made on the Mamhead Slipway. The slipway was still closed on safety grounds and would remain closed.</p> <p>The engineers design review and been completed and would leave the basic structural form unchanged and the option of a wave screen. The environmental statement had been drafted, which included elements such as: marine ecology, ornithology, historic environment, noise and vibration and the cumulative impact with other developments.</p> <p>A meeting had been held with environmental interests, such as Natural England, Environmental Agency and RSPB on 25 April. There had also been an exhibition at the Water front cafe on 15 May involving, town, district and county councillors, water users and local residents and the press.</p> <p>The planning application submission was imminent and due to be considered by DMC in September/October 2014 with the earliest commencement of works in Spring 2015. IH confirmed that consideration of the Dawlish &amp;</p>	Noted

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	<p>Exmouth Beach Management study had been included.</p> <p>SG asked if disability access had been included, it was noted that wheelchairs were able to access the top part of the slipway. The recommended access for boat users to the slipway would be from Victoria Road.</p> <p>BH asked if there would be a supervisor and charging system for the slipway? IH replied that there had been no final decision by EDDC on this as yet. The balance at present was against introducing a charging scheme, although some other local authorities, such as Teignbridge BC or Lyme Regis TC had charging schemes for use of slipways.</p> <p>IH confirmed that he had spoken with Stuart Line regarding alternative arrangements for the loss of their kiosk adjacent to Mamhead Slipway. It was anticipated that they would have use of a shop unit later in 2015.</p>	
<p><b>5. The Strand – Update</b></p>	<p>TV reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The Town Council had now approved the design of the bus shelter and DCC had procured it;</li> <li>❖ EDDC was awaiting the go ahead for the planting, including replacement of dead trees;</li> <li>❖ The agreement for maintenance was still to be finalised.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the DCC Ward Member for Exmouth Town had questioned the benefit of the public performance and civic area and whether these provided value for money. DCC would not spend money on these, which had been agreed by Exmouth Town Council without Ward Member support.</p> <p>It was noted that the improvement to the kerb on the taxi rank was a separate issue and work on this could proceed separately.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> that TV attends a meeting of Exmouth Town Council Regeneration Committee and present the three elements of the shelter for The Strand.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TV</b></p>
<p><b>6. Dawlish and Exmouth Beach Management Study</b></p>	<p>KS reported that last October EDDC was fortunate enough to be able to piggyback the Environment Agency and Teignbridge BC's work on Dawlish Warren in order to see what could be undertaken on Exmouth Beach. The consultants had now produced definitive options which would be presented to a</p>	

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	workshop and public exhibition on 24 June 2014. A proposal was to dredge sand from areas where it was building up to areas where it was depleting	
<b>7. Queens Drive, Exmouth update</b>	<p>AH reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ that Contractors had started work in April 2014 and progress was progressing as programme with opening for the hotel scheduled for Spring 2015;</li> <li>❖ there had been recent interest from developers in Queens Drive and further work needed to be done in discussions with the developers. It was anticipated that more information would be available on the proposals in the late summer, when the design process would be commenced and a planning application made;</li> <li>❖ existing businesses had been advised in June of the current position and also press releases issued on progress;</li> <li>❖ notices to current leases of the Queens Drive would be sent later this year enabling them to remain open this summer and autumn, with planning permission and a development agreement following in 2015;</li> <li>❖ the ice cream kiosk and public toilets were now open and the rowing club in situ and 60% complete – on target for Sport England funding.</li> </ul> <p>SG reported that some of the emergency number on signs along Queens Drive were out of date and needed looking at by Street Scene.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> Street Scene to investigate the emergency notices along Queens Drive to see if the numbers on them were out of date.</p>	<b>AH</b>
<b>8. Camperdown</b>	AH reported that preparations were being made for the site as a whole, which included discussions with users. The Sea Cadets were preparing for a detailed planning application for a new HQ. There had been no recent contact from the Sea Scouts.	Noted
<b>9. Estuaryside Transformation</b>	AH reported supermarket remained very interested in having a presence in /Exmouth and the site at Imperial Road. She was still working on the relocation of the rugby club which was the first step in unlocking the site for a supermarket. Supermarkets were used to a long timeline for projects and also front funding costs. The facility for the rugby club needed to be provided before the site for a supermarket could become available.	Noted
<b>10. Transport Hub</b>	AA reported that DCC had been speaking with First	Noted

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	<p>Great Western regarding improving the railway station and funding was currently available for this work. DCC would fund improvement works to the railway frontage and this would include a road crossing for pedestrians to cross the road without using the subway. The need to improve the environment of the subway was accepted. The consultants had already undertaken design work and it was hoped to take phase 1 of the improvement works to DCC Committee in October for approval, with work onsite starting in January 2015.</p> <p>Improvements to the bus station would need to go along with work to the estuary side. AA confirmed that provision would be made in any improvement plans for the station for future provision on two platforms at the station, although this was also dependent on a passing loop at Lympstone.</p>	
<p><b>11. PR &amp; Communication Delivery Strategies</b></p>	<p>CA reported on the Communication Strategy. She and AH had been continuing to engage with the community in Exmouth through various meetings. There was also proactive media work and increasing use of social media – both Facebook and Twitter.</p> <p>A request was made that further information be given about repair needed to the sea wall in one particular place. Street Scene would be taking responsibility for this repair</p>	
<p><b>12. Any other business</b></p>	<p><u>Exmouth Town Hall</u></p> <p>RC reported that DCC had confirmed they would be vacating Exmouth Town Hall from September 2014, leaving approximately 90 desk spaces vacant. EDDC officers had met and there were at present no plans to do anything with the town Hall than carry on its current function.</p> <p>Exmouth Town Council members expressed some concerns over the future operation of the Town Hall.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> LB to invite RC to a future meeting of Exmouth Town council to discuss the future operation of Exmouth Town Hall.</p>	<p><b>LB</b></p>
<p><b>13. Dates and times of future meetings</b></p>	<p>The next calendared meetings would be held on:</p> <p>11 September and 27 November 2014.</p>	<p><b>CL/All</b></p>