

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront Group held at Online via Zoom app on 20 October 2025

Attendance list at end of document

The meeting started at 10.03 am and ended at 10.26 am

7 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 September 2025

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 September 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record.

8 Declarations of interest

Cllr O Davey – Minute 12; Affects Non-Registerable Interest: Member of Exmouth Town Council.

Cllr N Hookway – Minute 12; Affects Non-Registerable Interest: Member of Exmouth Town Council and of Devon County Council.

9 Public speaking

One member of the public had registered to speak at the meeting.

Mr Thomas Shillitoe spoke in relation to the Exmouth Gateway at the railway station, commenting that upon arrival at the station, it is currently very unclear which way to go. Mr Shillitoe observed that many people walk from the station to the seafront along Imperial Road, bypassing the town centre shops and cafes at detriment to the local economy. He highlighted the need to create a line of sight between the station and the Strand, directing footfall towards the Strand in order to help create the vibrant town centre that Exmouth needs. Mr Shillitoe added that he would like to see these relatively minor changes prioritised in an early phase of the Exmouth Placemaking Plan.

10 Matters of urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

11 Confidential/exempt items

There were no confidential/exempt items.

12 Revised Exmouth Placemaking Plan - Strategic Outline Business Case

The Corporate Lead – Major Projects and Programmes presented this report which outlined the progress made to date in reviewing the Exmouth Placemaking and supporting Strategic Outline Business Case, together with proposed next steps.

Comment was made in discussion, that automated pedestrian crossings at the Exmouth Gateway would serve to direct visitors towards the town centre whilst also easing congestion on the highway.

Members noted the revisions made to the Strategic Outline Business Case and Exmouth Placemaking Plan and the proposed next steps for public consultation and final adoption.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

P Arnott (Vice-Chair)

O Davey

A Hall

N Hookway (Chair)

G Deasy (Exmouth Town Council)

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

I Barlow

R Collins

M Hall

G Jung

Officers in attendance:

Louie Belfield

Marie Ainsworth, Place & Prosperity Officer

Bethan George, Executive Support Assistant Apprentice

Naomi Harnett, Corporate Lead (Interim) – Major Projects & Programmes

Sarah James, Democratic Services Officer

Sarah Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer

Councillor apologies:

A Bailey

T Dumper

Chair:

Date: