

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 18TH MAY 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors: J Whipps (Mayor)
D Nicholas (Deputy Mayor)
M Ackland M Mitchell
D Chapman P Stott
M Chapman S Sutton
T Cope B Taylor
V Duval-Steer J Taylor
L Elson R Turner
S Gazzard B Walker
P Graham M Williamson
M Hardy E Wragg
J Humphreys S Wragg
J Mitchell

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Rev Bill Mackenzie

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor K Harper & I Stewart.

2. RETIRING MAYOR'S SPEECH

Councillor J Whipps gave a speech recognising the good work carried out by many people in Exmouth which she had witnessed during her tenure as Mayor.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor L Elson proposed and Councillor P Stott seconded Councillor D Nicholas for election as Mayor and Chairman of the Town Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor D Nicholas be elected Mayor and Chairman of Exmouth Town Council until the next Annual Council Meeting in 2010.

Note: Councillor D Nicholas then took the chair.

4. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE - MAYOR

Councillor D Nicholas read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which he duly signed as Mayor. He then made an acceptance speech thanking the people of Exmouth, local organisations, council members, staff and family members for their support. He thanked Councillor Joy Whipps for her hard work as Town Mayor and presented a past Mayor badge and bouquet of flowers in appreciation.

5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor L Elson proposed and Councillor P Stott seconded Councillor S Sutton for appointment as Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor S Sutton be appointed as Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman of Exmouth Town Council until the next Annual Council Meeting in 2010.

6. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor S Sutton read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which she duly signed as Deputy Mayor and also made an acceptance speech.

7. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Consideration was given to principles relating to appointments arising from the previous weeks' informal meeting of Councillors.

RESOLVE that:-

- (a) The Chairman and Vice- Chairman of the Council Ex-Officio positions on the three service committees will be on the basis of a right to attend and to speak but not to vote;**
- (b) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council may be appointed as of right to the service committees in the same way as any other Councillor with voting rights;**
- (c) The Regeneration and General Purposes Committee and the Finance Committee shall be made up of 18 Councillors each;**
- (d) Appointments to the Committees (c) above shall be on the basis of proportional representation;**
- (e) That the above decisions be reviewed from time to time;**
- (f) That Standing Orders be amended as appropriate to take account of (a) to (e) above (see Minute16 on Page 4).**

Committee appointments were then considered.

RESOLVED that the membership of Committees for the ensuing year be as submitted on the list circulated prior to the meeting and that the Standing Orders be amended as appropriate to take account of (a) to (f) above.

Note: Membership list of Committees attached to the signed minutes.

8. CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

The list of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees proposed for the ensuing year and attached to the agenda was approved as follows:-

Planning Committee	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor L Elson Councillor R Turner
Regeneration and General Purposes Committee	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor P Stott Councillor M Chapman
Finance Committee	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor J Whipps Councillor V Duval-Steer

RESOLVED that the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to Committees be approved as above until the Annual Council Meeting in 2010.

9. APPOINTMENT TO WORKING PARTIES, OUTSIDE BODIES AND VOLUNTARY OFFICER'S POSITIONS

RESOLVED that the list of proposed members and representatives for the ensuing year be approved, in accordance with the list attached to these minutes as amended subject to minor amendments.

Note: Approved list attached to the signed minutes.

10. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd MARCH 2009

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 2nd March 2009 were received and signed as a correct record.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

12. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 32

There were no questions under Standing Order 32.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items to be dealt with necessitating exclusion of the press and public.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION 2/2009 – Councillor S Gazzard

Councillor S Gazzard moved motion 2/2009 seconded by Councillor B Taylor 'That as a result of Exeter City's Football Club's outstanding achievement on Saturday 2nd May gaining promotion to Division One of the Football League we call upon Exmouth Town Council in conjunction with the Mayor to arrange a Civic Reception for the Players, Manager and Staff of the club, in recognition and celebration of this momentous occasion'.

Councillor M Williamson moved an amendment seconded by Councillor J Whipps that the words 'for the Players momentous occasion' be deleted and in their place the following words be added:-

'for youngsters aspiring to high achievement in sport from Exmouth and invite Exeter City Football and Exeter Chiefs Club Manager and players to be present as models of recent achievements'.

On a vote the amendment was CARRIED

The substantive motion was then considered:-

'That as a result of Exeter City's Football Club's outstanding achievement on Saturday 2nd May gaining promotion to Division One of the Football League we call upon Exmouth Town Council in conjunction with the Mayor to arrange a Civic Reception for youngsters aspiring to high achievement in sport from Exmouth and invite Exeter City Football and Exeter Chiefs Club managers and players to be present as models of recent achievement'

On a vote the substantive motion was declared CARRIED

Note: Councillor S Gazzard declared a personal interest as a keen supporter of Exeter City Football Club.

15. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor L Elson seconded by Councillor R Turner, moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 2nd, 16th and 30th March, 14th and 27th April and 11th May 2009 (as previously circulated).

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 2nd, 16th and 30st March, 14th and 27th April and 11th May 2009 be received.

16. MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Councillor P Stott seconded by Councillor L Elson moved that the minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 30th March 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

In respect of minute G72 a member from each ward was appointed to the Community Organisations Liaison Panel.
(see list of appreciation to Working Parties and Outside Bodies)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 30th March 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

17. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor S Sutton, seconded by Councillor P Stott moved that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 27th April 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

The Town Clerk read an email from Karl Nicholas, Barrister for Ellis Whittam, Consultants for Human Resources which responded to a previous request under Minute F64 (d) Festival Organiser concerning any requirement to advertise the post. Confirmation was given that as the current Festival organiser had undertaken a formal interview last year there would be no requirement for that to be repeated.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 27th April 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

18. REPORTS FROM OTHER COUNCILS

Councillors also representing EDDC and DCC made reports from other Councils.

Devon County Council:-

- have attained 4 stars and have improved in all areas
- ring-fenced £2m towards road repairs

East Devon District Council:-

- appointed a member of the opposition group as Vice-Chairman to a major committee
- Scrutiny Committee has met with the PCT on a number of issues
- Service Transformation Group appointed
- Scrutiny Committee would be reorganised
- Land Availability Group was identifying land
- Efficiency target had grown from 3% to 4%

The meeting concluded at 8.52 p.m.

Signed

Date

(Chairman)