

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 23RD MAY 2011 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors: D Nicholas (Mayor)
S Sutton (Deputy Mayor)
B Cole T Cope
D Chapman M Chapman
T Dumper V Duval-Steer
L Elson S Gazzard
P Graham A Greenhalgh
J Humphreys J Mitchell
M Mitchell W McConnell
B Nash C Nicholas
P Stott R Turner
B Taylor J Taylor
M Williamson E Wragg
S Wragg

GUESTS: Inspector Tony Comerford, Exmouth Police, Reverend Canon David Price and family of the Mayor.

The Mayor welcomed fellow councillors, guests and members of the public to the meeting and invited Reverend Canon David Price to open the meeting with a prayer. The Mayor then gave his final speech looking positively to the future of Exmouth with all parts of the community working together.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor I Stewart.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Retiring Mayor Councillor D Nicholas invited Councillor L Elson to propose the election of Mayor.

Councillor L Elson proposed and Councillor D Chapman seconded Councillor S Sutton for election as Mayor and Chairman of the Town Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor S Sutton be elected Mayor and Chairman of Exmouth Town Council until the next Annual Council Meeting in 2012.

Note: Councillor S Sutton then took the chair.

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor M Williamson proposed and Councillor V Duval-Steer seconded Councillor J Humphreys for appointment as Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor J Humphreys be appointed as Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman of Exmouth Town Council until the next Annual Council Meeting in 2012.

Note: A short adjournment followed which allowed the robbing of the new Mayor and new Deputy Mayor and for photographs to be taken.

The Town Crier called the meeting to order and lead Councillor Sandy Sutton, the Mayor of Exmouth and Councillor John Humphreys, the Deputy Mayor of Exmouth to their seats.

4. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor S Sutton read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which she duly signed as Mayor. She then made an acceptance speech which thanked the retiring Mayor for his term of office, presented him with a Retired Mayor’s Badge and plaque followed by the presentation of a bouquet of flowers to Laura Worrell, the Mayor’s Consort.

Councillor J Humphreys read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which he duly signed as Deputy Mayor and also made an acceptance speech.

5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that the membership of Committees for the ensuing year be as submitted on the list circulated prior to the meeting subject to amendments as follows:-

- (i) Councillor V Duval-Steer will not serve as a member of the Planning Committee to avoid conflict with her appointment to EDDC Planning Committee;**
- (ii) Councillor T Dumper to be appointed to Planning Committee noting his membership on all three committees;**
- (iii) the Lib Dems to review this situation and any other necessary adjustments would be subject to confirmation at the next full Council meeting.**

Note:- Revised membership list of Committees attached to the signed minutes.

6. 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 B Nash
Regeneration and General Purposes Committee	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor P Stott Councillor M Chapman
Finance Committee	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor R Turner Councillor D Chapman

RESOLVED that the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to Committees be approved as above until the Annual Council Meeting in 2012.

7. 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 with the addition that the Chairmen's Group would meet quarterly.

Note: Revised approved list attached to the signed minutes.

8. INSPECTION OF DEEDS AND TRUST INSTRUMENTS

The following documents and trust instruments held in the custody of the Council Under SO14(h) were available for inspection:-

- Exmouth Projects Trust and Barrett Bequest
- William Adams Westwood Trust
- Deeds Pound Lane and Hamilton Lane Allotment Sites
- Transfer document – Clock Tower

9. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th MARCH 2011

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 7th March 2011 were received and signed as a correct record.

10. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTION 3/2011

Councillor S Wragg proposed, seconded by Councillor S Gazzard the motion 'I hereby give Notice of Motion that Exmouth Town Council makes provision for members of the public to speak on planning applications at the Town Council Planning Committee Meetings'.

The motion was referred under Standing Order 9.4 without discussion to the Planning Committee being within the remit of that Committee.

13. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor L Elson seconded by Councillor T Cope moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 7th and 21st March, 18th April and 3rd May 2011 (as previously circulated).

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 7th and 21st March, 18th April and 3rd May 2011 be received.

14. MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Councillor M Chapman seconded by Councillor T Cope moved that the minutes of the Regeneration General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4th April 2011 be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4th April 2011 be received.

15. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor V Duval-Steer, seconded by Councillor R Turner moved that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 18th April 2011 be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 18th April 2011 be received.

16. REPORTS FROM LOCAL BODIES AND THE TOWN CLERK AS APPROPRIATE

- Exmouth Action Group request that Inspector T Comerford be invited to speak at the next full Council meeting.
- The Appeal Inspector had dismissed an appeal for subdivision of a property within the Colony.
- There had been an increase in fly tipping, in particular within the Littleham ward.
- EDDC Housing Review Board now had a Scrutiny Committee of which members were EDDC tenants.

The meeting concluded at 8.08 p.m. followed by a reception in recognition of the election of a new Mayor.

Signed Date

(Chairman)