

# EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: J Whipps (Mayor)  
M Chapman (in Deputy Mayor's absence)  
M Ackland J Mitchell  
D Chapman M Mitchell  
V Duval-Steer B Taylor  
L Elson J Taylor  
S Gazzard R Turner  
P Graham M Williamson  
M Hardy E Wragg  
K Harper S Wragg  
J Humphreys

### **APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: T Cope, D Nicholas, I Stewart, S Sutton and B Walker.

**SPEAKER:** Alan Stone, Devon County Council.

### **75. ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

A minute's silence was observed prior to the commencement of the meeting as a mark of respect to members of the Rifles regiment who had recently lost their lives in Afghanistan.

**Note:** The Mayor then adjourned the meeting to allow public questions.

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### **76. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Mayor then invited members of the public to speak: -

A resident of Albion Court asked "Are the Council in favour of building a multi-storey car park on the present London Inn car park?" The residents were extremely concerned that their present outlook from the flats would be severely affected.

Councillors responded that such a scheme would be subject to a full feasibility study and the planning process. Whether this proposal from EDDC would be pursued further would be subject to a number of factors. The Town Council had not yet been consulted for its view.

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The Mayor then reconvened the Council meeting

**77. MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009**  
The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were received and signed as a correct record subject to comments from Mr R Roberts being attached to the agreed minutes in further explanation.

**78. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 32**  
There were no questions under Standing Order 32.

**79. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**  
On a vote being taken, it was: -

**RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded in respect of agenda item 8, Notice of Motion No. 1/2009 – Victoria Way, regarding proposals being suggested affecting local businesses which under the Public Bodies Admission Act 1960 it is considered that it would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

**80. PRESENTATION – STRAND CONSULTATION**  
Alan Stone of Devon County Council, gave a presentation on the Strand Consultation detailing the 3 stage process from June 2008, the 3 options put forward to members of the public and local businesses, together with an analysis of the results.

It was disappointing that very few questionnaires had been returned and therefore the feedback did not give a full representation from all groups within the Town. The County Council were therefore involving a wider cross-section of various groups i.e. Disability & Access, War Memorial Group, Youth Council at Exmouth Community College, to obtain a better cross section of public views.

The third stage of the process, which would now commence in April 2009, would address the following:

- Presentations to partner authorities
- Public “event” – Strand related
- Further engagement with interested parties
- Publish scheme on the web

Questions were then invited from members.

**RESOLVED: -**

- (a) that a letter of appreciation be sent to both authorities involved in the process and funding of the consultation, Devon County Council & East Devon District Council and the vote of support for Exmouth and its future;**
- (b) that Alan Stone be thanked for the consultation and engagement process being carried out.**

**81. ADOPTION OF THE RIFLES – 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009**  
**(Council minute 17. / -5/07)**

Councillor Joy Whipps seconded by Councillor John Taylor moved that the Council adopt the following resolution for the Scroll to match the new position of the Rifles as a regiment: -

**‘Following the conferment of a similar honour on the first day of June two thousand and two, recognising the glorious traditions of the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, Exmouth Town Council at its meeting on the second day of March two thousand and nine resolved to confer upon The Rifles the civic honour of Adoption by the Town of Exmouth with the rights, privilege and distinction of marching through the streets of Exmouth on all ceremonial occasions’.**

**82. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillor Lynne Elson seconded by Councillor Richard Turner moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009 be received.**

**83. MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Councillor Pauline Stott seconded by Councillor Steve Gazzard moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 be received.**

**84. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillor V Duval-Steer seconded by Councillor M Chapman moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009 be received.**

**85. NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1/2009 – COUNCILLOR STEVE GAZZARD VICTORIA WAY**

Councillor Steve Gazzard seconded by Councillor Eileen Wragg proposed: -

**“that Exmouth Town Council fully support and endorse the recommendations set out in the Victoria Way report from Councillor S Gazzard and request that as a matter of urgency EDDC give the Town Council a response and an action plan of its intentions be set out on how a way forward can be achieved”.**

Appreciation was expressed for the excellent work of the emergency services for which letters of appreciation to be sent.

A discussion ensued and on a vote being taken the motion was declared **CARRIED**.

**86. REPORTS FROM OTHER COUNCILS**

Councillors representing DCC and EDDC made reports from other Councils.

**It was AGREED that a letter be sent to EDDC concerning the need to plant Marram grass on the sand dunes to protect them from human erosion.**

**The meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.**

Signed.....

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