

## EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

#### 28. APOLOGIES

Councillors: M Ackland, M Chapman, M Hardy and E Wragg

**SPEAKERS:** Tony Collins, Town Manager, Suzanne Birkett, Town Manager Assistant and Sullina Tallack, EDDC S106 Officer.

**Note:** Garth, Town Crier, was welcomed back following his knee operation and Garth thanked the Mayor, Town Clerk and Council Members for their support. It was also noted that Ted Breeze, Caretaker, had returned to work that day.

#### 29. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

#### 30. MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008 were received and signed as a correct record.

#### 31. URGENT BUSINESS

##### (1) Overnight parking on pavements and double yellow lines in Exmouth

Cllr I Stewart reported that he had been approached by a number of pavement users, mobility scooter users and parents with children in prams and pushchairs, who have had to go out into the road to negotiate vehicles parked on pavements thus putting themselves at risk. He also added that there was a problem around the town with vehicles parking on double yellow lines overnight. He had spoken to EDDC's Civil Enforcement Section at Sidmouth who advised that they did not deal with parking obstructions between 18.00pm and 8.00am and that it was a police issue. The town Clerk requested council members to identify specific roads where they felt this problem arose.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be asked to write a letter to the local Police Inspector on behalf of members of the council.

## **(2) Local Government Review - Devon**

The Town clerk made reference to the Draft Submission to the Boundary Commission paper already circulated for the informal meeting to take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.00pm. He asked for the SPECIFIC ACTION on page 7 to be considered.

**RESOLVED that the proposal to put forward this area for a Community Board pilot be supported.**

### **32. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 32**

There were no questions under Standing Order 32

### **33. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

### **34. TOWN MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Tony Collins, Town Manager, and Suzanne Birkett, Town Manager Assistant, gave a presentation on the achievements of the Town Management over the last 12 months and future plans.

- Day to day activities – communication on planning advice, graffiti & fly posting, troubleshooting & complaints.
- Operational work – Business Plan, project work, shoppers guide, newsletter, business welcome pack & Devon branding.
- Support work – Exmouth in Bloom, land train, coastal towns, pride in Exmouth and farmers market.
- Regeneration – local business needs, business support groups, Unitary debate and partnership building.
- Tasks nearing completion – town guide, commercial buildings design statement, cycle route improvements, launch of the website and reward card.
- Future plans – Christmas 2008, Business Plan 2009, Partnership Board options, continue improvement within the business community, reinforced links with DCC and EDDC and the positive role of Town Management.

Council members complimented the presenters and supported a vote of thanks for their contribution over the past year.

### **35. S106 AGREEMENTS**

Sullina Tullack, appointed to a newly created post as Section S106 Officer for EDDC, circulated information on 'Planning Obligations' also known as Section 106 agreements which are legal agreements between a developer and the planning authority. Current outstanding Section 106 Funds in Exmouth were presented as a list to the committee and when collected the Town Council would be asked for guidance on usage dependant on the defined subject matter. Several suggestions were received from members. Future Section 106 agreements would be submitted by the developer prior to the planning process and subsequent decision. Contributions would be paid when the first inhabitant moved in. The contribution would then sit within the ward and be used for identified projects in line with the future Town Plan. A Community Infrastructure Levy would be introduced in 2009 based on the uplift of development land.

- (a) **RESOLVED that the Town clerk be required to write to the Chief Executive EDDC for interest on Section 106 monies to be added;**
- (b) **that Section 106 be placed as an item on the Regeneration and General Purposes meeting to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

**36. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillor Lynne Elson seconded by Councillor Ken Harper moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> & 28th July 2008 and 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> August (previously circulated).

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> & 28th July 2008 and 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> August be adopted.**

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

Councillor P Stott seconded by Councillor V Duval-Steer moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008 be received.

**RESOLVED that the minute of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008 be adopted.**

**38. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillor S Sutton seconded by Councillor V Duval-Steer moved the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008 be received.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008 be adopted.**

**39. REPORTS FROM OTHER COUNCILS**

Councillors also representing DCC and EDDC made reports from other councils on:-

- Tesco’s planning application and Lidl future planning application will be subject to a sequential testing in respect of retail development on employment land.
- EDDC planning applications that were refused were 41% upheld.
- Car park revenue is down on last year.
- Parish and Town Councils have been asked to make request from land stock.
- Under Unitary discussions it was noted that PFI schools are funded by borrowing of £11million.
- Community Project Funding was currently being identified.

The meeting concluded at 9.19 p.m.

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