

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 7TH JULY 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors: J Whipps (Mayor)
D Nicholas (Deputy Mayor)
M Ackland J Mitchell
T Cope M Mitchell
L Elson R Turner
S Gazzard B Walker
P Graham M Williamson
M Hardy E Wragg
K Harper S Wragg
J Humphreys

17. APOLOGIES

Councillors: M & D Chapman, V Duval-Steer, I Stewart, S Stott, S Sutton and J & B Taylor

SPEAKER: Mrs Ann Hughes JP

Note: Cllr. M Chapman was now out of hospital and making a good recovery

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

19. MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH MAY 2008

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19th May 2008 were received and signed as a correct record.

20. URGENT BUSINESS

Local Government Review - Devon

The report of the Boundary Committee for England recommending a Unitary Council for Devon with an additional option added for a Unitary Authority based on Exeter/Exmouth was circulated and press releases from the various principal authorities were reported. The Town Clerk gave an overview of both documents which would be referred to the meeting of the Working Group which would be meeting next Monday. The current consultation period would end on 26th September 2008.

It was AGREED that each of the possible situations should be carefully considered to enable the Council to develop a considered response based on what was considered to be the best solution for Exmouth.

21. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 32

There were no questions under Standing Order 32

22. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

23. THE MAGISTRACY

Mrs Ann Hughes, local Magistrate, attended to speak on the Magistracy and its place in the community and judicial process. She explained how it had evolved, the recruitment process and the importance of the magistrates within the Judicial system.

24. 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 2nd, 16th & 30th June 2008 (previously circulated) and that the recommendations of the inquorate meeting held on 30th June 2008 be adopted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 2nd, 16th & 30th June 2008 be received and the recommendations of the meeting held on 30th June 2008 be adopted.

25. MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Councillor J Whipps seconded by Councillor R Turner moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 2nd June 2008 be received.

RESOLVED that the minute of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 2nd June 2008 be received.

26. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor J Whipps seconded by Councillor Lynne Elson moved the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16th June 2008 and confirmation of the recommendation contained within.

Arising therein a request was made for the Committee to approve the Project fund terms and conditions prior to publication.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 16th June 2008 be adopted and the recommendation contained therein be adopted.

27. REPORTS FROM OTHER COUNCILS

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

- Planning system review
- Implementation of new system of delegation without consultation
- Conservation Area Reviews
- SITA Recycling search for a site

The meeting concluded at 8.32 p.m.

Signed.....

Dated.....