

## EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

#### **APOLOGIES**

Councillors: M Ackland, P Graham, M Hardy, P Stott, S Sutton, E & S Wragg

**SPEAKER:** James Hannaford, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service.

- 32. MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009**  
The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009 were received and signed as a correct record subject to the addition of Cllr J Whipps being added to those present.

**Note:** Cllr. Ian Stewart informed members that he had secured a job working as a Finance Manager for the Northcott Theatre, Exeter and wished to thank them for their support whilst seeking employment.

**33. URGENT BUSINESS**

The Mayor brought forward two items of Urgent Business to be raised.

**(i) Car Park Review**

A request from the Town Clerk had previously been circulated which requested feedback from Councillors. Cllr. M Williamson proposed, seconded by Cllr. R Turner, that a more detailed discussion should take place on car parking in general and this item should be referred to Regeneration and General Purposes Committee to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009.

**RESOLVED that this item be discussed in more detail at the Regeneration and General Purposes meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009.**

**(ii) Withycombe Stomp Group**

Cllr. M Mitchell reported that between 40 and 50 young people, mostly Yr 7, from this group had been invited to perform at the School Prom Night at the Albert Hall,

London on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009. A request for assistance with funding for transportation to the event would be put to the Finance Committee.

**34. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 10**

There were no questions under Standing Order 10.

**35. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

**36. PRESENTATION BY DEVON FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

James Hannaford gave an overview and provided photographs on a grant funded project being carried out by Devon Fire and Rescue Service. This involved a customised vehicle to be launched at Devon County Show to promote road safety and awareness to young drivers. Exmouth had been chosen as a pilot area for this scheme which would be implemented soon.

**37. NOTICE OF MOTION 4/2009 – Councillor S Gazzard**

‘Exmouth Town Council calls upon EDDC to suspend their Kite Restriction measures at Imperial Recreation Ground Exmouth, until full consultation with this Town Council Ward Members, Users Organisations and the General Public has taken place’.

An update was given by the Town Clerk following a telephone call from Nigel Wilkinson, Chairman of the Chamber of Trade & Commerce, who advised him that guidelines based on a National Association Model had been drawn up for discussion with EDDC officers Andy Phillips and Mark Riley prior to consideration by the Executive Board in November. There was recognition that there had been Health and Safety issues.

A discussion ensued and on a vote the motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

**38. NOTICE OF MOTION 5/2009 – Councillor S Gazzard**

Cllr. S Gazzard proposed the following motion seconded by Cllr. I Stewart that:-  
‘It was extremely disappointing that in the latest Devon Link magazine published by DCC Summer 2009 not one article referred to Exmouth. It is understood that the Chamber of Trade and Commerce and the TIC are consulted about its contents. This Council calls upon DCC to fully involve our Town Manager Mr Tony Collins in providing articles about Exmouth for further issues as Exmouth is the largest town in Devon’.

Members were made aware that the magazine was Devon Talk and not Devon Link and asked for an amendment to the motion from Devon Link to Devon Talk.

On a vote being taken the motion was declared **CARRIED**.

**39. NOTICE OF MOTION 6/2009 – Councillor I Stewart**

Cllr. I Stewart proposed the motion seconded by Cllr. S Gazzard that:-  
‘That this Council should consider sending a formal letter of complaint to EDDC highlighting the District Council's perceived failures in dealing with Exmouth Residents' genuine concerns in a timely and professional manner’.

Cllr. J Mitchell proposed an amendment seconded by Cllr. T Cope that the word 'perceived' be deleted.

On a vote being taken the motion as amended was declared **LOST**.

**40. 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 29<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009 (previously circulated). Cllr. L Elson reported that a meeting would take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm in the Town Hall Committee Room with Kate Little on the Vanguard System.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009 be adopted.**

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

Councillor M Chapman seconded by Councillor J Whipps moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 13th July 2009 be received.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 13th July 2009 be received and the recommendations of the meeting held on 13th July 2009 be adopted.**

**42. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillor J Whipps seconded by Councillor M Williamson moved the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and confirmation of the recommendation contained within.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009 be adopted and the recommendations including Minute F9 contained therein be adopted.**

**43. REPORTS FROM OTHER LOCAL BODIES AND THE TOWN CLERK AND TOWN MANAGER.**

Reports from outside bodies included:-

- Executive Board met on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 and gave approval subject to match funding from DCC for consultants to be appointed to produce a development brief for Exmouth Town Centre redevelopment sites, comprising: London Inn car park, Union St, the former gas holder site, the Royal Avenue estuary including the bus station, sports centre, Imperial Recreation Ground area and Camperdown. It was hoped that past reports and development briefs would be taken note of as part of the new brief. The contaminated land at the Gas board site would be an issue. A request was made for an officer from EDDC to attend R&GP Committee to explain the situation in due course.

- Scrutiny Committee are looking at the use of temporary small business sites and empty shops and possible shared solutions with public/private sector co-operation. Scrutiny Committee would now be divided into three strands; Economy, Communities and Service Delivery to provide a more effective service. A resolution has been moved on practical policies to provide affordable social housing.
- The Children’s Centre in Moorfield Road would have its official opening on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and a request was made for support from Councillors at that event.
- A proposal would be put forward for Pay & Display meters to be installed on streets in Market and Coastal Towns.
- The Strand – a request was made for Alan Stone from DCC to answer questions from Councillors on the proposal briefing notes prior to the final report.

The meeting concluded at 8.54 p.m.

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