

# EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs J Whipps (Chairman)  
Councillors:-  
M Ackland                      T Cope  
D Chapman                      M Chapman  
D Nicholas                      L Elson  
P Stott                              R Turner  
J Whipps                          K Harper  
B Walker                          M Williamson  
P Graham                        S Gazzard  
M Hardy                          I Stewart  
J Mitchell                        M Mitchell  
B Taylor                          J Taylor  
S Wragg

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Rev Bill Mackenzie

### 1. APOLOGIES

Councillor V Duval-Steer, J Humphreys, S Sutton

Councillor Ken Harper expressed thanks on behalf of Councillor Sutton for the flowers sent to her following her recent bereavement.

**Note:** Councillor D Nicholas then took the chair for the next item.

### 2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor L Elson proposed and Councillor P Stott seconded Councillor J Whipps for election as Mayor and Chairman of the Town Council for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED that Councillor J Whipps be elected Mayor and Chairman of Exmouth Town Council until the next Annual Council Meeting in 2009.**

**Note:** Councillor J Whipps then took the chair.

### 3. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE - MAYOR

Councillor J Whipps read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which she duly signed as Mayor. She then made an acceptance speech outlining achievements of the Council and future plans.

### 4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor L Elson proposed and Councillor P Stott seconded Councillor D Nicholas for appointment as Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED that Councillor D Nicholas be appointed as Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman of Exmouth Town Council until the next Annual Council Meeting in 2009.**

**5. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – DEPUTY MAYOR**

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

**6. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED that the membership of Committees for the ensuing year be as submitted on the list circulated prior to the meeting.**

**Note:- Membership list of Committees attached to the signed minutes.**

**7. 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 Walker
Regeneration and General Purposes Committee	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor P Stott Councillor M Chapman
Finance Committee	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor S Sutton Councillor V Duval-Steer

**RESOLVED that the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to Committees be approved as above until the Annual Council Meeting in 2009.**

**8. 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.**

**Note: Approved list attached to the signed minutes.**

**9. 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
- William Adams Westwood Trust
- Deeds – Pound Lane and Hamilton Lane Allotment Sites

**10. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd MARCH 2008**

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3rd March 2008 were received and signed as a correct record.

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

Consideration was given on whether the press and public should be excluded for minute G71 of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

**Councillor S Wragg moved, seconded by Councillor J Mitchell that the matter be dealt with in public.**

On a vote being taken this procedural motion was **CARRIED**.

**12. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillor L Elson seconded by Councillor P Stott, moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 (as previously circulated).

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 be received.**

**13. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Councillor P Stott seconded by Councillor T Cope moved that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 be received and the recommendations contained in minutes G71 and G79 be confirmed.

**Arising Thereon:-**

**Dangerous Driving Reduction Action Group (DDRAG) (G71)**

Concerns about the potential for the proposed events to make contact with hard to reach young drivers were raised.

Councillor S Wragg seconded by Councillor J Mitchell moved an amendment to the minutes confirmation proposal, as follows:-

**“by deletion of the words ‘and the recommendations contained in minutes G71 and G79 be confirmed’ and substitution therefore of the words ‘and the recommendations contained in minute G79 be confirmed but that the recommendations contained in minute G71 be not confirmed’”.**

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

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 be received and the recommendations contained in minute G79 be confirmed but that the recommendations contained in minute G71 be NOT confirmed’.**

**14. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillor L Elson, seconded by Councillor I Stewart moved that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 be received.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 be received.**

**15. Local Government Review**

The meeting had before it a report of the Town Clerk outlining the main Local Government Review proposals for Devon and suggesting the formation of a Working Group to envision the future role of the Town Council within a Unitary system.

**RESOLVED that**

- (a) a cross party working group be set up urgently to envision the future role of the Town Council within a Unitary system and consider what functions and property it should take on and manage locally;**
- (b) the membership be eight Councillors.**

**Note:** The appointments had been made subject to this resolution see minute 8 above.

**16. REPORTS FROM OTHER COUNCILS**

Councillors also representing EDDC and DCC made reports from other Councils.

The meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.