

## EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

#### **APOLOGIES**

Councillors: M Ackland, R Turner, B Walker, J Whipps & S Wragg

**SPEAKERS:** Inspector Capey & Sergeant Godfrey, Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

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#### **44. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

Mr Roy Pryke, Chairman of Exmouth Community Association, spoke on two counts:-

- (a) He wished to thank Exmouth Town Council for convening the Community Organisations Liaison Panel and thanked the groups involved for their attendance.
- (b) He supported the strong united reaction of the Town to the news that DCC had withdrawn from the purchase of Rolle College and its implications on sixth form students in the future. He highlighted the lack of consultation and democracy shown and requested that the Town Council kept the organisations in step with what was happening. The Mayor thanked Mr Pryke for speaking at last week's DCC Scrutiny Committee.

Ms Jenny Budden, Secretary of Exmouth Community Association stated that there were other organisations that would wish to speak at the next Scrutiny meeting to be held as a result of the last one which had been deferred.

Cllr. E Wragg reported that she had been made aware that speakers who had already spoken at the previous Scrutiny meeting would not be able to speak again.

The Mayor then reconvened the Council meeting

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**45. MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009 were received and signed as a correct record.

**46. URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

**47. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 10**

There were no questions under Standing Order 10.

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

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

**49. PRESENTATION BY DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY**

Inspector Capey & Sergeant Godfrey of Devon and Cornwall Constabulary gave a presentation on the benefits of the Cumulative Impact Zone would be sought under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the intention to submit an application to EDDC for Exmouth Town Centre. Surveys were currently being carried out as part of the consultation stage with members of the public, emergency service providers and licensed victuallers. It was requested that Exmouth Town Council support the application to ensure that incidents of crime, disorder and anti social behaviour, linked to night time economy, do not increase and that new applications for licensing would need to demonstrate that if granted a negative impact to the area would not occur.

**RESOLVED that the proposal be supported in principal subject to the detailed application being considered by the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee.**

**NOTE: Councillors M Williamson, J Humphries, D Nicholas, P Graham, T Cope and M Hardy left the room for part of the talk where detailed information was given was given to avoid prejudicing their position if this was brought before EDDC's Licensing Committee.**

**50. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillor L Elson seconded by Councillor S Gazzard moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 (previously circulated). Cllr. L Elson reported that a further meeting would take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in the Council Chamber of the Knowle at Sidmouth re the new EDDC Planning website. A new template and guidance notes had been received from EDDC planning department to assist Councillors and officers with determining advertisement consent application.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 be adopted.**

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

Councillor P Stott seconded by Councillor M Williamson moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009 be received.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009 be adopted.**

**52. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillor V Duval-Steer seconded by Councillor S Gazzard moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

**Arising thereon:-**

**Rolle College – Exmouth (minute F21 05/09)**

The members had before them a report prepared by the Town Clerk on the implications arising from DCC Cabinet decision not to purchase Exmouth Rolle College Site. The Town Clerk gave an overview of the report which focused on a possible Exmouth based solution should the case being made to DCC to reverse their decision be unsuccessful.

Consideration would be given as to whether there was a role for Exmouth Town Council to borrow money alongside a private contribution to help the county council towards the rest of the investment. The Town Council had no powers to raise money towards education but could raise funds for community use. A private developer could be in a position to make a bid.

Disappointment was raised at the news that those who represented Exmouth Town Council and the Community Groups at the last Scrutiny Committee which was deferred would be unable to speak at the next one on the 30<sup>th</sup> October. Clarification would be sought on whether that was the case.

Community Groups supported by ETC had made a complaint to DCC about procedure followed up to decision at Cabinet and that if the response was not satisfactory this could lead to a complaint to the ombudsman. A suggestion was also made to use the Freedom of Information Legislation to request information.

**RESOLVED that**

- (a) The Town Clerk be authorised to pursue lines of action with a Rolle College Task and Finish Forum and to take all necessary action to pursue possibilities in consultation with all other agencies identified;**
- (b) The Rolle College Task and Finish Forum be comprised of:-**
  - The Mayor**
  - Deputy Mayor**
  - Chairman or Vice Chairman of Finance Committee**
  - Cllrs. M Williamson, I Stewart & M Mitchell**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 be adopted including the resolution above.**

**53. ANNUAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCILS WITH EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Cllr. M Chapman was nominated to attend this meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 6.30pm with the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

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

Reports from outside bodies included:-

- East Devon Business Centre had a delegate room which was open for small groups to hire.
- There was a shortage of business land in East Devon.
- A local business would have engineering apprenticeships available in the future.
- Jobs would become available through the opening of the Science Park.
- A public exhibition of a new development proposal at Courtlands Cross would take place in November.
- EDDC had a training day on 2005 Gambling Act to which the Town Council had been invited to attend.
- DCC are looking at the Elderly Mental Health client group and the growth of the public now living permanently in campervans.
- The tungsten mines in the South Hams are being re-opened and would create employment opportunities.
- The area around Bassetts Farm School and the bottom half of St Johns Road would in the future be subject to 20mph zoning and speed humps.
- An application would soon be submitted to request that Exmouth became a Transition Town.
- The Strand traffic consultation is about to commence.
- DCC are to survey the carbon footprint produced by the 356 schools in Devon.

Matters Arising:-

Eco Lab and Wayne Lomax had been asked to provide proposals on how to tackle the current seagull problems.

To date there was approximately £4,000 in the Garth Gibson Memorial Fund which included the funds raised through the Shanty Men concert. The closing date for the fund would be 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009.

The meeting concluded at 9.02 pm.

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