

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 24TH JANUARY 2011 AT 7.00 P.M.

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

63. APOLOGIES

Councillor J Humphreys

64. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on the 29th November were received and signed as a correct record.

65. URGENT BUSINESS

There were four items considered to be of urgent business under Standing Order 6.2.

- (i) A card was circulated for members to sign to send get well messages to Tony Alexander, Principal of Exmouth Community College, who had been involved in a car accident and sustained serious injuries.
- (ii) A card was circulated for members to sign to wish Tony Collins good luck in his new job.
- (iii) Exmouth Citizen of the Year award had been given to Pat Graham for her contribution to Exmouth in Bloom. The Council congratulated her and gave a round of applause.
- (iv) Councillor J Whipps reported a resident's complaint to her about concerns over the changed refuse collection and recycling service. The Town Clerk was requested to write to EDDC to support a review of the new service to iron out outstanding issues.

66. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 10

There were no questions under Standing Order 10.

67. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

68. NOTICE OF MOTION – No 1/2011

The Council had before it a motion proposed by Councillor S Gazzard and seconded by Councillor I Stewart, as follows:-

Protection of Our Seas and Shores in the 21st Century

The proposals as set out in the Government's consultation document i.e. The closure of Brixham and Portland coastguard stations and the reducing of Falmouth to a 9am to 5pm station is not in the interests of the general public and is more about saving money rather than lives.

‘Exmouth Town Council strongly urges the Government to drop these proposals and keep the present system which is tried and tested and has proved that it works efficiently’.

Councillor S Gazzard proposed, seconded by Councillor I Stewart that the motion be accepted and that strong representation be made that it is not in the interests of the General Public and saving lives to accept the proposals as a way of saving money.

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

69. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor L Elson, seconded by Councillor J Whipps, moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 29th November, 13th December 2010 and 10th January 2011 (item arising regarding planning computer for access to planning applications on line in reception - service paid for by EDDC and supported by ETC as agents for the District Council) (previously circulated).

Arising thereon:-

Rationalisation of Planning Application Process – Town and Parish Councils (Minute 96)

The Town Clerk explained the reasons for computer access to planning applications for the public in reception. The provision of a large screen and keyboard would mean a considerable printing cost saving of one set of application plans. Time spent by Town Council reception staff in sorting and cataloguing public plans would be redirected to assisting the public in usage of the new system where help was needed.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 29th November, 13th December 2010 and 10th January 2011 be accepted subject to the new process of computer access to plans for the public being reviewed after three months.

70. MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Councillor P Stott, seconded by Councillor L Elson, moved the acceptance of the minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 13th December 2010.

Arising thereon:-

(1) Section 106 funding (MinG68)

Members had been requested to put forward projects that would be a suitable usage of the £155,162 Section 106 money that was available for provision of formal recreation in Exmouth. Suggestions put forward were the erection of a fence around Littleham Green, Phear Park, provision of prevention netting on the sand dunes, reinstatement of play equipment on Imperial Recreation Ground and works to be carried out within the Valley Parks. In respect of Play money Councillors were commended to arrange to meet Sullina Tullack by ward.

(2) Prince of Wales Trust (Min G70)

Nominations were requested for the award. Exmouth in Bloom was put forward. Members requested that the Town Clerk email details of the criteria for nominations to enable more nominations to be put forward if Councillors requested.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 13th December 2010 be accepted.

71. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor J Whipps, seconded by Councillor M Chapman, moved that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 10th January 2011 be received and the recommendation to agree the budget recommendation for 2011/12 be adopted:-

Arising Therein:-

Budget 2011/12 (Min F35)

RESOLVED that the precept for the year 2011/12 be set at £400,050 equivalent to a band 'D' precept of £30 per annum.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 10th January 2011 be received and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

72. REPORTS FROM OTHER LOCAL BODIES AND THE TOWN CLERK AND TOWN MANAGER AS APPROPRIATE

- The Town Crier's 2010 report was received and it was requested that a thank you be sent to him
- EDDC had met on 17th January where budget reductions had been discussed some of which would affect Exmouth
- DCC budget cuts had been discussed that day at Scrutiny Committee
- Devon Sea Fisheries would be disbanded on 31st March 2011 and replaced by the Inshore Conservation Society
- Exmouth in Bloom had elected a full committee and the flowers had been ordered for the summer
- Exmouth Age Concern Trustees Board would not be joining Age UK and would stay independent

- DCC Children and Young Persons Services (CYPS) were undergoing large budget cuts and reorganisation
- No decision had been made to date on whether Exmouth community College would convert to an Academy
- EDDC Housing funding had no budget cuts but a funding restriction would be applied to requests for adaptations
- EDDC housing downsizing grants would still be available
- Exmouth Chamber of Trade and Commerce had grown in membership from 30 members to 120 with regular meetings. A Town Guide had been produced and would be distributed to residents by staff of Devon Cliffs. Revenue raised from the guide would support the TIC and a website would be designed to support the guide
- Exmouth Chamber of Trade and Commerce would in the near future be formed as a Company which would encourage local businesses to become stakeholders

The meeting concluded at 8.09 pm

Signed

Date

(Chairman)