

# EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 24TH MAY 2010 AT 7.00 P.M.

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

**GUESTS:** Inspector Jez Capey, Reverend David Irefon and family of the Mayor.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Rev David Irefon.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Councillors M Ackland, M Chapman, M Hardy, J Humphreys, I Stewart, P Stott & E Wragg.

### 2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor L Elson proposed and Councillor R Turner seconded Councillor D Nicholas for election as Mayor and Chairman of the Town Council for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED that Councillor D Nicholas be elected Mayor and Chairman of Exmouth Town Council until the next Annual Council Meeting in 2011.**

**Note:** The Mayor, Councillor D Nicholas, then took the chair.

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

Councillor D Nicholas read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which he duly signed as Mayor. He then made an acceptance speech thanking Council Members, staff and family members for their support shown during the last year.

He requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Town Manager, Tony Collins, for his exceptional work in organising the Devon County Show stand which had been a great success.

He expressed appreciation for the quick response of the County Council to securing extra ramps for disabled access whilst the road works were in process.

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

Councillor M Williamson proposed and Councillor K Harper seconded Councillor S Sutton for appointment as Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED that Councillor S Sutton be appointed as Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman of Exmouth Town Council until the next Annual Council Meeting in 2011.**

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

Councillor S Sutton read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which she 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 attached to the agenda received prior to the meeting amended as based on Cllr. Trevor Cope’s new position as an Independent member.**

**Note:- Revised 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 R Turner
Regeneration and General Purposes Committee	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor P Stott Councillor M Chapman
Finance Committee	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor J Whipps 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 2011.**

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

**8. APPOINTMENT TO WORKING PARTIES, OUTSIDE BODIES AND VOLUNTARY OFFICER’S POSITIONS**

A request was made that the Chairmen’s Group meetings be held at two to three monthly intervals with the next one to be scheduled for Mid July.

Appointments were made according to the list attached.

The Budget Sub Group to be added to the Committee list with Chair being Cllr. L Elson plus Cllrs. V Duval-Steer, M Mitchell and S Wragg, (S Gazzard as reserve).

Cllrs. K Harper and J Mitchell were nominated to be accepted as members of the Jurassic Coast Community Forum.

Cllr. B Walker to replace Cllr. M Ackland as a representative to attend the Exe Estuary Partnership.

**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.**

## **9. INSPECTION OF DEEDS AND TRUST INSTRUMENTS**

The Exmouth Projects Trust and Barrett Bequest and the William Adams Westwood Trust papers and the Deeds for Pound Lane and Hamilton Lane Allotments were available for inspection.

## **10. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st MARCH 2010**

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 1st March 2010 were received and signed as a correct record.

## **11. URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

## **12. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 32**

There were no questions under Standing Order 32.

## **13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

## **14. 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 1st, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 (as previously circulated).

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 1st, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 be accepted and adopted.**

## **15. MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Councillor L Elson seconded by Councillor R Turner moved that the minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 29th March 2010 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**Arising therein (Minute G87) Empty or Closed Shops in Exmouth** - Cllrs. S Gazzard, R Turner, M Williamson and J Whipps and the Town Manager, Tony Collins would carry out surveys in the Town Centre on June 19<sup>th</sup>. More volunteers would be welcomed. A report would be put to Regeneration and General Purposes to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 29th March 2010 be received and the recommendation contained therein be adopted.**

**16. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillor J Whipps, seconded by Councillor S Gazzard moved that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.**

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

- The Housing Review Body would not elect its own Chairman in future;
- Cllr. S Gazzard had attended the Exmouth Action Group held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May and a report would follow;
- A new bus shelter had been erected on the left hand side of Dinan Way;
- Lime Grove had been resurfaced;
- EDDC's Integration Committee was seeking further ways of budget saving with South Somerset in addition to rationalisation Committee proposals;
- EDDC's Economy Portfolio holder Cllr. Peter Halse had been succeeded by Cllr. Graham Godbear who would also take up Chair of the Exmouth Regeneration Board;
- Brixington Improvement Group reported that all Brixington shop units were fully tenanted and that the car park potholes would be made good this summer;
- Bicton College had launched a new course for the study of Eco Friendly elements;
- Exmouth Festival starts on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May and Exmouth Cycle Day would take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

The meeting concluded at 7.37 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....

( Chairman)