

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.10 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors: D Nicholas (Mayor)
D Chapman
M Chapman I Stewart
T Cope P Stott
V Duval-Steer B Taylor
S Gazzard J Taylor
P Graham R Turner
J Mitchell M Williamson
M Mitchell S Wragg

APOLOGIES

Councillors: M Ackland, L Elson, M Hardy, K Harper, J Humphreys, S Sutton,
B Walker, J Whipps & E Wragg

SPEAKER: John Flynn, Commercial Manager, Exmouth Rugby Club

58. MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH OCTOBER 2009 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2009

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19th October 2009 and the
Extraordinary Meeting on 9th November 2009 were received and signed as a correct
record.

59. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

60. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 10

Cllr. S Gazzard asked the following question of the Mayor:-

‘At an EDDC meeting held on 19th February 2009 discussion had taken place on the
Service Plans, Revenue Estimates, Capital Programme and Council Tax (ref: Minute
56) in respect of the £1.8 million deficit and how it should be addressed.

It would appear in the recorded vote that you and your colleagues supported the
recommendations as set out in the minutes. I further understand that the deficit has
now been trimmed to £1.3 million but a 10% cut across all departments will also take
place. As this will have a huge impact on Exmouth, can you please explain why you
voted for the recommendation, and how you, as Champion of Exmouth, will fight any
such cuts?

We could see parks closing, grass not cut and many other cuts in local services’.

The Mayor answered the question:-

‘All public authorities are facing huge budgeting challenges which includes all
Principal Councils. Town and Parish Councils are not affected in the same way as

they are not funded by Central Government. The limitations on Town and Parish Councils are based on Councillors judgement on the level of Precept which is acceptable particularly in difficult economic times. 2010 looks like being a tough year on Principal Council budgets and 2011 is expected to be one where unprecedented cuts to the public service purse will be made whatever political party is in power. The District Council is inviting all Town and Parish Councillors Chairmen and Clerks to a meeting in early December to explain the situation in which we are all placed so that there is a clear understanding of the situation. As Town and Parish Councils we will have to think about how this affects all of our Parishes and Towns and how we respond in a responsible and measured way.'

The Mayor added that he would be happy to receive any points the committee would wish to make and present them to the meeting with EDDC.

61. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

62. PRESENTATION BY JOHN FLINN, COMMERCIAL MANAGER, EXMOUTH RUGBY CLUB

John Flinn thanked the Town Council for the £500 grant they had given to support girls' rugby in conjunction with Exmouth Community College. Exmouth Rugby Football Union 1st Team were in the top 90 teams of RFU clubs in the country. This had been achieved with no financial support even though the cost of a weekend match was approximately £1,000. Devon Cliffs had this year supported the club with a donation of £5,000.

On behalf of Exmouth Rugby Club a bid had been submitted to the Town Council Special Project Fund for discussion at the next Finance Committee. The bid centred around the provision of 3-5 coaches aged 18-25 years who would teach TAG Rugby to Yr 4-6 as an after school activity for local schools and would have particular focus on hard to reach young people.

NOTE: Councillors T Cope declared an interest as he was a member of the Exmouth Rugby Club and Cllr J Whipps declared a personal interest as a friend of the speaker.

50. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor R Turner seconded by Councillor P Stott` moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 19th October and 2nd and 16th November 2009 (previously circulated) be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 19th October 2009 and 2nd and 16th November 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 2nd November 2009 be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 2nd November 2009 be adopted.

52. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor J Whipps seconded by Councillor T Cope moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16th November 2009 be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 16th November 2009 be adopted.

53. REPORTS FROM OTHER LOCAL BODIES AND THE TOWN CLERK AND TOWN MANAGER.

Reports from outside bodies included:-

- Confirmation had been received from DCC Highways that the cycle track from the Sports Centre to the seafront had been agreed.
- DCC had formed a Task Group to look at the carbon footprint produced by the 375 schools in Devon.
- Footpath from Partridge Road to Haley Close was overgrown but once cleared the lengthsman would keep clear.
- EDDC had through the Local Development Framework identified 3 sites for new housing; these were Hulham Rd/Summer Lane, North of Dinan Way and Maer Valley.
- Expansion of Liverton Business Park had been proposed.
- The Dinan Way link would be completed with developer funding.
- Housing Review Board at EDDC had decided not to fund training for the board through the tenant's fund.
- Exmouth Transport Partnership Board – Lewis Ward, DCC Transport Infrastructure Officer, had identified the road schemes that would be developed for Exmouth by 2026.
- Rolle College TAFF was actively working.
- Christmas Cracker would take place on Friday 4th December.

The meeting concluded at 7.59 pm.

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