

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2011 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors: S Sutton (Mayor)
J Humphreys (Deputy Mayor)
B Cole T Cope
D Chapman M Chapman
T Dumper V Duval-Steer
L Elson S Gazzard
A Greenhalgh W McConnell
J Mitchell M Mitchell
B Nash C Nicholas
P Stott B Taylor
J Taylor R Turner
M Williamson E Wragg
S Wragg

The Mayor welcomed the public and members to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time.

Mr Ron Roberts asked three questions:-

- (1) Will you (the Mayor) declare an interest and leave the Council Chamber when the minutes of the finance meeting are discussed especially the minute which refers to the draft budget for 2012/13 where there are items which may directly or indirectly benefited the Exmouth Chamber of Commerce and due to your relationship with the Chairman of that organisation you could subsequently have been a recipient (beneficiary) of Council funds?
- (2) Should the Town Clerk retrospectively declare interests in any resolution which have been approved that has makes any grants to organisations of which he is an active member?
- (3) Are any members of the Council liable to gain any (financial) benefit if as suggested at the Finance meeting the budget line for the BID scheme is transferred to a renewed Town Management Partnership if the BID is abandoned or suspended?

He requested a written reply within 7 to 10 days from the Mayor who replied that it may not be achievable but would reply as soon as she was able.

Mr Geoff Morris, Exmouth Residents Association, had been made aware from the press that the public toilets in Littleham had been put up for sale by East Devon District Council. A request had previously been made by Exmouth's Residents Association for the land to be retained for public use. He wished to know whether the Town Council had been consulted about the sale

and whether they favoured the sale of public conveniences as health and sanitation should be foremost.

The item would be placed on the agenda for the next Regeneration and General Purposes meeting.

Note: The Mayor then reconvened the Council meeting.

52. APOLOGIES

Councillors P Graham and I Stewart.

53. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 24th October 2011 were received and signed as a correct record.

54. URGENT BUSINESS

LDF CONSULTATION DRAFT PLAN (DEC 2011)

A letter had been received from Councillor S Gazzard to request a meeting of the LDF TAFF. This item had been previously discussed by the Planning Committee and agreed that the TAFF would meet. Consideration was to be given to a meeting to be held on Thursday 5th January 2012 at 6.30 pm. Councillor T Dumper to attend for Halsdon Ward as Councillor L Elson was Chairman of the TAFF. Should a member of the TAFF be unable to attend a substitute be permitted from each the ward.

55. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 10

There were no questions under Standing Order 10.

56. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

57. PRESENTATION

It had been hoped that there would be a presentation on S106 agreements and Community Infrastructure Levy from the District Council's S106 Officer but she was not available, but had offered a briefing for new Councillors and any other councillors who wished to attend before Christmas. The Town Clerk would circulate the date once Sullina Tullack had identified one.

58. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (COUNCIL – Min 38 – 3/10/11)

(1) In accordance with Standing Order 11.32 a request had been received from 13 Councillors as follows:-

‘We the undersigned request that minute 38 recommendations (a) and (b) of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Exmouth Town Council held on Monday 3rd October 2011 is brought back for discussion at the next Exmouth Town Council meeting on Monday 5th December 2011 with view of pausing the enactment of the resolution until further consultation and debate has taken place’.

Signed by Councillors Greenhalgh, Duval-Steer, Stott, Nash, David and Maddie Chapman, Elson, Sutton, Turner, Humphreys, Nicholls, Williamson and Cole.

(2) Notice of Motion 4/2011

Councillor Lynne Elson had given notice of motion in accordance with Standing Order 9.4 as follows:-

‘That the implementation of Council minute 38 resolutions (a) and (b) be paused until further consultation and debate has taken place’.

Councillor Pauline Stott seconded the motion.

Councillor Malcolm Mitchell moved an amendment:-

‘That the words ‘paused until further consultation and debate has taken place’ be deleted and the word ‘abandoned’ be added.

This was seconded by Councillor Steve Wragg.

A recorded vote on the amendment was requested and on the motion if the amendment failed.

A further amendment by Councillor T Cope failed for want of a seconder.

A debate on the amendment then followed and on being put to the vote was declared **LOST.**

The motion was then put and on being put to the vote was declared **CARRIED.**

Note: The vote on the amendment was as follows:-

For	Against	Abstain
T Cope	D Chapman	
T Dumper	M Chapman	
S Gazzard	B Cole	
W McConnell	V Duval Steer	
J Mitchell	L Elson	
M Mitchell	A Greenhalgh	
B Taylor	J Humphreys	
J Taylor	B Nash	
E Wragg	C Nicholas	
S Wragg	P Stott	
	S Sutton	
	R Turner	
	M Williamson	

The vote on the motion was as follows:-

For	Against	Abstain
D Chapman	S Gazzard	T Dumper
M Chapman	W McConnell	J Mitchell
B Cole	B Taylor	M Mitchell
T Cope	J Taylor	
V Duval-Steer	E Wragg	
L Elson	S Wragg	
A Greenhalgh		
J Humphreys		
B Nash		
C Nicholas		
P Stott		
S Sutton		
R Turner		
M Williamson		

59. NOTICE OF MOTION – 5/2011 – PURPLE FLAG FOR BETTER TOWN CENTRES AT NIGHT

Councillor Lynne Elson had given notice of motion in accordance with Standing Order 9.4 as follows:-

‘That this Council considers obtaining the Purple Flag for Better Town Centres at Night’.

This was seconded by Councillor P Stott .

Councillors requested more information be circulated on the detail of ‘Purple Flag for Better Town Centres at Night’.

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

Note: This would be referred to Regeneration and General Purposes Committee.

60. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor L Elson seconded by Councillor T Cope moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 24th October and 7th and 21st November 2011 (as previously circulated).

Matters arising from tonight’s Planning Committee meeting:-

The Planning Committee requested that Full Council gave their support to planning applications where a member of Public had spoken in the adjourned Public speaking section be brought forward, ahead of other applications, to enable waiting for members of the public to be kept to a minimum. This was endorsed.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 24th October and 7th and 21st November 2011 be received.

61. MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Councillor P Stott seconded by Councillor M Chapman moved that the minutes of the Regeneration General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7th November 2011 be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7th November 2011 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

62. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor R Turner seconded by Councillor T Cope moved that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 21st November 2011 be received. On a question it was made clear that the forthcoming Accounts Sub- Committee would be open to the public.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 21st November 2011 be received.

Noted that: -

Under Minute 38 - Grant Application –Second Tranche personal interests on behalf of members and officers had been given during the meeting but they had not been recorded and would be added prior to acceptance of those minutes at the next Finance Committee meeting.

63. REPORTS FROM LOCAL BODIES AND THE TOWN CLERK AS APPROPRIATE

- A meeting had been held with LED in respect of Section 106 monies that were to be used to improve the tennis courts in Phear Park and provide a multi use ground area (MUGA) for use for netball, basketball etc.
- Talks had also taken place on the pending provision of an outdoor gym, continental showers and the Exmouth Skate Park
- LDF Draft Proposal Plan had been launched for consultation on 1st December – feedback by 31st January 2012
- EDDC was requested by the Government to borrow to support housing in other areas
- Localism and Big Society, Health and Social Care changes were in the pipeline
- The Tidy Group had undertaken a litter pick in Phear Park, around Withycombe and church Path which had produced 15 bags of rubbish
- The Tidy Group requested an update on the provision of a man with a van and the funding available
- Tidy Group would like an update on what was to happen with bus shelters in the Town
- Four nominated snow wardens were needed for each ward – Councillor J Taylor would co-ordinate
- An update on EDDC’s office move would be given in the new financial year
- Orcombe Point Interpretation Centre would commence this week
- 2.2 million would be spent on the flood defence system around Exmouth
- Imperial Recreational Ground (King George 5th) revetment plans had been submitted
- New grit bins had been installed within the Town and salt bags would be available for snow wardens for use on public roads and streets
- Bill Nash had attended a NALC meeting and was informed that the Healthcare Trust had now become a National Health Foundation and a meeting for all to attend was scheduled for Monday 12th December at Elizabeth Hall, Exmouth
- The Christmas Cracker had been a great success and gratitude was expressed to Suzanne Birkett, Carla Hiley and John Wokersien for their hard work.
- Strand traders, charities and other traders were very pleased at the success of the event
- The strand proved an excellent backdrop to this year’s memorial service
- Commiserations were sent to the families who had suffered from the house fires in Salisbury Road on Saturday morning and thanks sent to EDDC Housing Needs staff who had helped to re-house the occupiers

The meeting concluded at 8.27 p.m.

Signed Date
(Chairman)