

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY, 4TH JANUARY 2010 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors: J Whipps (Chairman)
D Chapman D Nicholas
V Duval-Steer I Stewart
L Elson P Stott
S Gazzard S Sutton
P Graham M Williamson
K Harper E Wragg
J Humphreys S Wragg
M Mitchell

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jean Mitchell, May Hardy and Trevor Cope

F36 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH NOVEMBER 2009

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

F37 URGENT BUSINESS

None

F38 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

There were no items on the agenda that required exclusion of the press and public.

F39 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(1) Exmouth Museum

Mr Alan Arthur of the Exmouth Museum gave a presentation in support of its request for financial assistance to promote awareness of the museum. This had been deferred from the previous meeting.

RESOLVED that in principal a Service Level Agreement be approved for 3 years funding of £1,000pa from the year 2010/11.

(2) Littleham Family Activity Centre

Kathryn Steadman of the Littleham Family Activity Centre spoke in support of their request for a loan to assist with ongoing costs while sustainable funding was being established

RESLOVED that a grant of £3,000 be made as a one off payment to help with the Centres current financial difficulties with the deficit to the grants fund being met from balances.

Note:

Declaration of Personal Interests as follows:-
Councillors M Williamson, Sandy Sutton and Darryl Nicholas

F40 DRAFT BUDGET 2010/2011

This item was deferred until Council meets on 11th & 18th January in view of the implications of proposed service cuts by EDDC which were currently being ascertained.

F41 INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

Consideration was given as to whether to seek renewal of this award bearing in mind the cost of renewal.

RESOLVED that the award not be renewed.

F42 PROJECT FUND APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the applications for grants this year from a budgeted fund of £20,000

RESOLVED that the project fund grants be approved as follows:-

Application	Decision	Conditions/Reasons
Exmouth Ceramic Group	£600	
Exmouth Cricket Club	NIL	The Committee felt that this was a maintenance issue not a specific project
Exmouth Beach Rescue	£800	
Alex Chalkey	NIL	The Committee felt that this would be better funded as an educational project and from other grants
Phear Park Bowling Club	£500	
Exmouth & Budleigh Salterton Scout Fellowship	£3,000	
Exmouth Community College – Community Cadet Group Start Up	£1,500	
Exmouth & District Allotment Association	NIL	Defer for more information concerning wheelchair access and other sources of funding
Exmouth Town Management	£3,000	
Exmouth Rugby Club	£2,000	
Exmouth Learning Community	£1,500	

Exmouth Paddle Club	£800	
Littleham Community Hall	£500	Town Clerk to write to organisation to suggest they contact EDDC funding officer
Littleham in Bloom	£500	
Exmouth Tidy Group	£560	
Exchange Trading Scheme	NIL	Defer to next meeting

Note:

Declarations of Personal Interests as follows:

Councillors M Williamson, P Stott, S Sutton and J Humphries in respect of various organisations of which they are patrons, members or have connections.

Note:

Declarations of Prejudicial Interests as follows:

Councillors P Graham and S Wragg left the room during a discussion of the Exmouth & District Allotment Association grant request. Councillor J Whipps left the room during a discussion of the grant requests from Exmouth Community College.

F43 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The Committee received and noted a letter from the Audit Commission dated 1st December 2009 in respect of a new District Auditor to be appointed to carry out the role of District Auditor for this Council.

F44 SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

The Town Clerk reported that the S137 limit (Under the Local Government Act 1972) for 2010/2011 remains the same as 2009/2010 at £6.15 per elector.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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