

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY, 27TH JULY 2009 AT 7.30PM

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors J Whipps, L Elson & John Humphries

F1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th JUNE 2009
The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

F2 URGENT BUSINESS

Application for Grant - Skate Jam – Phear Park

An application for grant was received for a youth event being planned at Phear Park. Previous events were considered to have been beneficial and it was considered that this event should be supported.

RESOLVED that £500 grant be made to support the costs of running the Exmouth Skate Jam event.

F3 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

F4 MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2009/10

The Committee had before it the report of the Town Clerk on the annual revision of Basic Allowances and Chairman's Allowance as recommended by the Remuneration Panel for East Devon.

RESOLVED that the level of allowance be adopted by the Town Council and should continue to align with the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel for application in the eventuality of member(s) wishing to claim their entitlement.

F5 PROJECTS FUND 2009/10

This item was deferred until the next Finance meeting.

F6 ALLOTMENTS – Rear of 25A and 25B GREENHILL AVENUE

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk which advised that the District Valuer's Report had been received in respect of sale of these allotment plots. It was noted that it had been previously agreed that 1/3 of the proceeds be allocated to the Association.

RESOLVED that the sale of the land be authorised in accordance with the terms negotiated by the District Valuer:-

- £3,400 Plot 25B
- £4,000 Plot 25A

subject to legal and valuation fees being paid by the purchasers.

Note: Cllrs Pat Graham and Steve Wragg declared prejudicial interests, as allotment holders they left the room during discussion of this item.

F7 ALLOTMENTS – TOILET BLOCKS

The Committee considered a letter from the Secretary of the Exmouth & District Allotments Association requesting a contribution towards the repairs of the toilet blocks at Pound Lane & Hamilton Lane.

RESOLVED that the Allotment Association be advised that the capital receipt F6 above could be used to cover this cost but if they wished to pursue this request further then a grant application would have to be made.

F9 TOWN MANAGEMENT – THE FUTURE

A report on the continuation of arrangements for Exmouth Town Management was circulated. The Committee was unanimous in its support for the excellent work being carried out by Exmouth Town Management Partnership which was making a real difference to the economy of the town.

RECOMMENDED that

- (a) The Town Manager's contract be extended by another 3 years to 31st March 2013 with review in June 2012;**
- (b) The Town Manager Assistant's contract be extended co-terminus with the Town Manager's post.**

F10 FESTIVAL – PRELIMINARY REPORT

The Committee had before it the preliminary outturn for the Exmouth Festival 2009. It was projected that the net carry over from this festival was expected to be in the region of £5,000. Favourable comments about the success of the festival were made.

RESOLVED that the Festival Organiser be congratulated for his excellent work on a very successful festival this year.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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