

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY, 15th NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors: J Whipps (Chairman)
D Chapman D Nicholas
L Elson P Stott
S Gazzard S Sutton
P Graham B Taylor
K Harper M Williamson
J Humphries E Wragg
J Mitchell S Wragg
M Mitchell

APOLOGIES: Councillors I Stewart, V Duval-Steer & M Hardy

F21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th OCTOBER 2010

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.

F22 URGENT BUSINESS

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that Cllr Michael Ackland was out of compliance due to lack of attendance and could no longer act as a Councillor on behalf of Exmouth Town Council.

RESOLVED that Cllr Lynne Elson speak to Cllr Michael Ackland and the Town Clerk check the records of attendance and take actions as necessary.

F23 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

F24 REPORT – GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2011/12

The Committee had before it a report from the Town Clerk on the outcome of a meeting held with Mark Pollard and Mike Vine of EDDC and Cllr Pat Graham on the current situation on Grounds Maintenance outside of Parks and Gardens.

The committee concluded that if it wished to continue the provisions of flowers outside of Parks and Gardens then option 3 of the report where the Town Council takes control of these areas was the only practical option available. This would mean contracting out the works and provision of flowers.

It was important to the committee that all towns should be treated the same by the District Council. The committee would not be impressed if EDDC provided flowers at no cost to other towns. A discussion about how the decision was made at EDDC not to provide flowers next year outside of parks

and gardens was referred to District Councillors to pursue internally within that Council.

RESOLVED that the Town Council takes over the seasonal planting and maintenance of flowerbeds and planters outside of parks and gardens by putting out to contract in accordance with option 3 of the report providing East Devon District Council treats all Town and Parish Councils the same.

Note: Personal interest was declared by Pat Graham as Chairman of Exmouth in Bloom.

F25 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS – SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS

The Committee had before it a report of the Town Clerk relating to S106 agreements and Community Infrastructure Levy issues. This explained the current situation. Various suggestions were made for discussion by the proposed sub-committee.

RESOLVED that

(a) a Developers' Contributions sub-committee be set up to facilitate and run a participative budgeting exercise to use the S106 funding identified in the report and reporting to this committee;

(b) the sub-committee to support the broadening of the Open Space definition and actively encourage (or deliver) ward level responses and to consider priorities for CIS funding in anticipation of the new legislation being enacted;

(c) the committee to comprise one member from each ward as follows:-

Cllr Pat Graham	Town
Cllr Malcolm Mitchell	Withycombe Raleigh
Cllr Darryl Nicholas	Brixington
Cllr Pauline Stott	Halsdon
Cllr Sandy Sutton	Littleham

F26 EXE ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Committee had before them a letter from Devon County Council concerning the Estuary Partnership interim arrangements.

RESOLVED that the letter be NOTED.

F27 BUDGET 2011/12

The Committee considered the budget report based on setting a standstill precept for 2011/12. The Committee asked that the Town Clerk prepare a more detailed report for the Strand Management proposal.

RESOLVED that the estimates be accepted and put forward for adoption as the final budget report at the next meeting subject to the Strand report being considered.

F28 AUDIT COMMISSION ANNUAL RETURN
The Town Clerk presented the audit return for 2009/10.

RESOVED that the comments raised be attended to as appropriate.

F29 ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL
The Council's Insurance has been renewed with Aviva insurance Ltd through brokers WPS obtaining best value for the Council. All documents were available for inspection on request.

RESOVED that the renewal be confirmed.

F30 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS
The Committee considered the second tranche of grants which £12,829 was available.

- 1) The Committee agreed to funding of £4,850
- 2) Declaration of interests in respect of grants appear in the attached schedule

RESOLVED that grants be allocated as on the attached schedule.

Note:- Grants Schedule attached to the signed minutes.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm

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