

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 18TH APRIL 2011 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors: V Duval-Steer (Chairman)
D Chapman M Mitchell
L Eslon D Nicholas
S Gazzard P Stott
P Graham S Sutton
J Humphries E Wragg
J Mitchell M Williamson

APOLOGIES: Councillors J Whipps, I Stewart, S Wragg & B Taylor

F46 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2011

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.

F47 URGENT BUSINESS

None

F48 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

F49 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk on the annual review of financial risk arrangements.

RESOLVED that the report be adopted .

F50 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The Committee received and NOTED a letter from the Audit Commission dated 28th February 2011 in respect of a new District Auditor to be appointed to carry out the role of District Auditor for this Council.

F51 TOWN HALL LEASE

The Committee had before them the renewal of the lease of the town Hall from East Devon District Council on the existing terms with no increase in rent. The renewal would be from 1st October 2011 for five years. The inventory of furniture to be updated.

RESOLVED that authority be given to the Town Clerk and the Mayor to sign the lease.

F52 EXMOUTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Committee received a letter from Exmouth Community College on their academy status, and asked that a letter of congratulations and success for the future be sent to Exmouth Community College.

Note: Cllrs Vivien Duval-Steer and Pat Graham declared an interest as governors.

F53 BUS SERVICE SUBSIDY – EVENING SERVICE 99

The Committee received a request from DCC public transport section to increase its contribution from £8,436 to £9,215. The Committee was minded to approve the request but asked that the Town Clerk contact DCC for statistics and breakdown of usage and report at the next Finance meeting.

RESOLVED that the request be approved but a breakdown of usage be reported to the next Finance meeting.

F54 GRANT – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

The Committee received a report on the Service Level Agreements. With the exception of Ring and Ride and Exmouth in Bloom it was agreed that no decisions should be made until after the elections.

RESOLVED that a decision on the SLA's be deferred until the new Finance Committee is in place, with the exception of

(i) Ring and Ride SLA approved for £4,500.00 for 3 years with allowance for inflation annually;

(ii) Exmouth Bloom approved for £3,220.00 with allowance for inflation annually.

Note: Cllr Lynne Elson declared a prejudicial interest as committee member for Ring & Ride and left the room

Cllr Pat Graham declared a prejudicial interest as Chairman of Exmouth in Bloom and left the room.

F55 GRANT

The Committee approved the following financial applications.

a) Love Withycombe Project - £250.00

b) People of Exmouth Awards - £300.00

Note: John Wokersien declared a personal interest in People of Exmouth Awards as a friend of the organiser.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

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