

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors: J Whipps (Chairman)
D Chapman J Mitchell
V Duval-Steer M Mitchell
L Elson I Stewart
S Gazzard S Sutton
P Graham E Wragg
J Humphries S Wragg

APOLOGIES: Councillors M Williamson, K Harper, B Taylor & P Stott

F37 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH JANUARY 2011

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.

F38 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 the public and press be excluded in respect of Minute F45 below, because it is not in the public interest to discuss in public as it relates to confidential information. Concerning information which would be commercially sensitive if further negotiations were required.

F39 Annual Salaries Review

The Committee received the report of the Town Clerk showing annual incremental progression of salaries for staff.

RESOLVED that the annual increments and cost of living pay increases in accordance with the National Conditions of Service be approved for all staff as from 1st April 2011 including nationally agreed allowances.

F40 Fees and Charges

The Committee received the report of the Town Clerk to review the fees and charges for the year 2011/12. The fees and charges were agreed subject to the amendment of the notes on the use of the Council Suite by Exmouth Town Councillors

RESOLVED that

- a) The annual increase for fees and charges from 1st April 2011 be applied as recommended.
- b) Any Group of Exmouth Town Councillors which shall be a group of a political party or a group of non-aligned Councillors which shall have

not less than 5 members shall be allowed to use the Council suite at no cost as deemed necessary.

F41 ALLOTMENTS PATHS ON EMBANKMENT – POUND LANE

The Committee had before it a report concerning the need to improve the three access paths on the Pound Lane Allotments embankment. The current paths presented a safety issue. The land was owned by Exmouth Town Council and was outside of the Allotments boundary

RESOLVED that the three access paths on the Pound Lane Allotments be upgraded and the works be awarded to Garden Wearne in the sum of £4,600 funded from General Reserves.

Note:- Cllrs Pat Graham & Steve Wragg declared personal interests as allotment holders at Hamilton Lane.

F42 MADEIRA WALK FOOTPATH

The Committee received the report of the Rights of Way Working Party seeking adoption of Madeira Walk. It was suggested that the whole walkway from the Water Wheel to the Maer should be included.

RESOLVED that an order under section S30 of the Highway Act 1980 by agreement with EDDC to adopt the whole path.

F43 FUNDING CUTS IMPLICATIONS

(1) Home Start

Information received from Home Start Exeter which provides service in Exmouth and East Devon, this is likely to close as a result of funding from Devon County Council being withdrawn.

(2) Town Management

Letter received from Devon County Council reducing Town Management contribution from £10,000 to £5,000 and withdrawing from the Town Maintenance Partnership to which it contributes £2,000.00

F44 URGENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

(1) Fair Trade Grant – Urgent Application

A grant of £150 to Fairtrade Exmouth had been approved urgently by the Mayor and Chairman of this Committee to assist the organisation with its activities during Fairtrade Fortnight.

RESOLVED that the £150 grant to Fair Trade Exmouth be confirmed.

(2) South West Brass Band Association

A request for a grant of £350 was considered.

RESOLVED that £350 be awarded to South West Brass Band .

(3) Rotary Club of Exmouth – Kite Festival

A grant application for £500 to support the costs of arranging the annual Kite Festival was considered

RESOLVED that £500 be awarded to Rotary Club of Exmouth as above

NOTE:- The Town Clerk declared a personal interest as a member of Rotary Club of Exmouth.

(4) AVOCET 150 – A request for a grant of £300 for funding to help with the cost of printing programme leaflets for the anniversary celebration of the branch railway line Exeter to Exmouth

RESOLVED that £300 be awarded to Avocet 150.

NOTE:- The Town Clerk declared a personal interest as a friend of the applicant.

F45 URGENT BUSINESS

Landscape Working Party.

The Committee had before it a report from the Landscape Working Party on the quotations received for Ground Maintenance 2011/12.

No Tenders had been submitted during the formal tender process. Following that however some quotations had been submitted from businesses who had seen our article in the Journal. Quotations were as follows:-

- Ground and Property Maintenance UK £140,400 (exc. Vat)
- T Denham £35,520 (exc. vat)
- East Devon District Council, street Scene
Verbal quote from M Pollard £24,000 plus plants
- St Loyes Enterprises Withdrew offer to Tender

East Devon District Council had decided to quote now that the staffing selection for the year had been agreed removing uncertainty for the Grounds Maintenance Service.

RESOLVED that the EDDC quotation as above be accepted subject to price of plants being reasonably close to budgeted figure and letter of contract in writing.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm

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