

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL REGENERATION & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 30th MARCH 2009 AT 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: P Stott (Chairman)
M Chapman (Deputy Chairman)
D Chapman D Nicholas
V Duval-Steer J Taylor
P Graham J Whipps
M Hardy M Williamson
J Mitchell E Wragg
M Mitchell S Wragg

Apologies: Councillor R Turner

Guest Speaker: Philippe Planel, AONB Parishscapes Officer

G66 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman. Reference was made to minute G60 Road Safety Compliance and the safety of the seafront cycle path and if a response had been received.

It was NOTED that the cycle path was a shared path and had a dual use and met minimum National Standards.

G67 Urgent Business

Graffiti – There had been a spate of graffiti around the Town, Seafront and as far as Featherbed Lane. Ted Breeze would be asked to deal with accessible graffiti and Streetscene would be approached to deal with the residue. It was noted that any graffiti on post boxes would be dealt with directly by Royal Mail.

G68 Exclusion of the Public and Press

There were no items to be dealt with necessitating exclusion of the Public and the Press.

G69 East Devon AONB – Parishscapes Project

Philippe Planel, AONB Parishscapes Officer, gave a presentation on how countryside maps produced between 1838 and 1844 to provide fiscal information were currently being

digitally recorded onto Excel and would be available to the public via the AONB website from mid April. It would be beneficial to create a link from the Town Council website.

G70 Sustainable Communities Act 2007 – A Guide Devon Association of Parish Councils

DAPC had sent the guide for discussion and the Town Clerk gave an overview of the document. The guide would be an opportunity to amplify the Town Council's voice. The guide did not encompass Town and Parish Councils just the Principal Local Authorities such as Devon County Council and East Devon District. Section 2 of the Schedule was distributed to the Committee to discuss what changes the Council would like to see by using the act as a tool in terms of natural policies which would be of benefit to Exmouth.

An example would be to request that retailers clearly label food to depict where the product was produced and that information on the content of fats and salts percentage wise be prominently labelled in a traffic light system to assist health awareness.

If the Unitary proposal was accepted a formal request would be made for licensing to be devolved to Town Council and for funding to be provided for training in this area.

RECOMMENDED

- (a) that a group of 3 members of the Committee and a member of Transition Towns Exmouth explore what changes to National Legislation might benefit Exmouth;**
- (b) that the members of the group be Cllrs. V Duval-Steer, J Mitchell and M Williamson.**

G71 Annual Town Meeting

The minutes of the annual town Meeting were received. Future meetings to be advertised via the Community Organisation Liaison Panel.

NOTED that the minutes would be put forward for adoption at next year's meeting of the Annual Town meeting.

G72 Community Organisations Liaison Panel

The members had before them the draft Terms of Reference for the Community Liaison Panel. Following discussion it was confirmed to add 'at least' at the end of "The Panel shall meet 4 times a year". Working parties that result as an off shoot of the Panel would be constructed as necessary. Membership - the Mayor and Deputy Mayor would attend as 'ex officio' so would be added to the 5 Councillors, one drawn from each ward and a representative of Transition Towns Exmouth and any other recognized Exmouth wide Community Groups. A Councillor to Chair for the first year. Members of the Panel would be able to provide a substitute person to represent them in their absence. Links to Schools and Youth Organisations would need to be formalized. Meetings would be open to observers.

RECOMMENDATION that the draft paper be sent for consultation with the four Exmouth wide Community Organisations and to include Transition Town Exmouth.

G73 Local Government Review – Committee

Confirmation had been received from the Boundary Committee that there would be two proposals for consideration; Devon as Unitary or a two tier unitary proposal of Exmouth/Exeter and the rest of Devon not including Torbay and Plymouth. The status quo would not be an option. An opportunity was available to submit a further response by the 14th May 2009.

NOTED that the Committee did not wish to make a submission and that members would respond on an individual basis should they wish to do so.

G74 Exmouth Journal

The Committee had before it a letter from Archant in response to a letter sent by the Town Clerk that highlighted the Town's disappointment that the local Exmouth Journal office had closed.

NOTED that the economic downturn had played a major factor in the decision to close the Exmouth office.

G75 Table Tennis Proposal

A letter had been received from Brian Worts, ETTA Development Officer, which requested support from the Town Council to locate a room for the Exmouth Table Tennis Association.

Noted that members would contact Brian Worts direct should they become aware of a facility that may be suitable.

G76 Exmouth Regeneration Programme Board

Feedback was given from the recent meeting of the Exmouth Regeneration Programme Board. Exmouth would join a new East Devon Town and Coastal Towns Framework. A new development brief would be prepared for the Royal Avenues site and the London Inn site that would focus on the integration of retail units alongside a multi storey car park. Section 106 funding, generated by the Hazeldene development, would be used to develop part of the Maer. A new Stuart Line ticket office would add to the current enhancement of the seafront. Members of the public would be consulted on each development brief.

G77 Standing Orders

Members considered the draft Standing Orders previously received and made recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION that

- (i) **Page 3, Section 8.2 delete “There is no requirement the chair.”
Add at the end of the first bullet point after Town Clerk “when there are matters specifically the responsibility of the Town Council.”
Add at the end of 8.2 “When the matter affects Principal Councils this will be followed up with the appropriate Council”.**
- (ii) **Page 12, Section 16.14 second sentence substitute “may be” with “are” and delete “or included within it.” Section 16.15 Regeneration and General Purposes and Finance Committee membership numbers to be 16 not 21. Renumber as appropriate.**
- (iii) **Page 27, Section 21.4 add this section concerning review of Standing Orders.**

The draft Standing Orders would be considered by Council on 18th May and any amendments would be referred to the Full Council on 2nd June for adoption.

The meeting closed at 9.31 p.m.

Signed..... Dated.....