

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 8th DECEMBER 2008 AT 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: P Stott (Chairman)
M Chapman J Mitchell
D Chapman R Turner
V Duval-Steer J Whipps
P Graham M Williamson
M Hardy S Wragg
J Humphries

Apologies: Councillors D Nicholas & E Wragg

G43 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

G44 Urgent Business

(i) Quality Council – Reaccreditation

The Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the committee members to Sue Cody for her successful submission achieving Quality Council Reaccreditation for the next four years.

(ii) Christmas Cracker Event

The Chairman also thanked all who had been involved in the organisation of the very successful Christmas Cracker event.

(iii) Regeneration – Communications

Members requested that following the current Strand Exhibition that all Councillors be advised which design would go forward as the final recommendation and a presentation be given to them prior to the public being informed.

RESOLVED that Town Clerk be requested to seek clearer lines of communication between Regeneration Board and the Town Council.

G45 Exclusion of the Public and Press

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

G46 Communities in Control

The Committee had before it a consultation document entitled 'Communities in Control'. The document gave an opportunity to respond to the review of the Code of Conduct for Local Government. Significantly this was proposed to be extended to include appropriate officers.

RESOLVED that the review be noted.

G47 Adoption of 'The Rifles'

The Rifles had confirmed that they accepted the Town Council's invitation for adoption by the Town to be held on 25th April 2009. The Town Clerk requested two Councillors to be nominated to help with arrangements.

RESOLVED that the Mayor, Cllrs. D Chapman & P Stott be appointed to work with the Town Clerk on arrangements.

G48 Bus Service Changes – Stagecoach 57

One letter of support had been received in respect of the revised route of Stagecoach bus 57. However as a result of points raised by members of the public Cllr. S Gazzard had written to Stagecoach on two occasions asking for adequate signage to be provided on bus stops no longer in operation and to redirect bus users to active bus stops. In addition to this he requested a relocation of a bus shelter from the unused bus stop in Gypsy Lane to the new stop in Exeter Road. He had received no reply to date. An email from Derek Fishpool of Stagecoach had been received to advise the Town Council that route 57 would revert to some of its old route in January 2009 in response to complaints from the public. Advance information on changes was sort in future.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be requested to write to Stagecoach on the outstanding points.

G49 Tourism – Tourist Information Centre

Cllr. M Williamson report that £30,000 had been earmarked in EDDC's draft budget for Tourist Information Offices in East Devon. On the 14th January 2009 Cllr. Peter Halse would propose acceptance of this growth item. It was also stated that five University of Plymouth students had been identified to work with Exmouth TIC and how it could better respond to tourist needs.

G50 Energy Management

Following a letter written by the Town Clerk on the 30th September 2008 which enquired if EDDC would carry out an energy audit on the Town Hall the committee had before it a letter of response dated 14th November 2008 from EDDC stating that they would undertake an energy audit in due course.

G51 The ‘Skills Pledge’

Train to Gain on behalf of the Learning Skills Council had asked the Town Council to consider signing up to the ‘Skills Pledge’ which was a commitment by the Town Council to support the training and development of members and employees. There was no cost to do so.

RESOLVED that the ‘Skills Pledge’ be signed on behalf of the Council.

The meeting closed at 7.53 p.m.

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