

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 21ST SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: P Stott (Chairman)
M Chapman (Deputy Chairman)
D Chapman T Cope
V Duval-Steer S Gazzard
P Graham J Humphries
J Mitchell S Sutton
R Turner B Walker
M Williamson S Wragg

Apologies: Councillors M Hardy, D Nicholas, I Stewart, J Whipps & E Wragg

Speakers: EDDC Environmental Health Officer, Jill Wheller, and DCC Urban Design Officer, Hayley Stokes.

G26 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 13th July 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

G27 Urgent Business

The Chairman brought forward three items of Urgent Business:-

(i) University of Plymouth – Rolle College Campus

Mr Roy Pryke from Exmouth Community Association had, prior to the meeting, presented the Town Clerk with copies of previous reports to Devon County Council Executive Committee and one for the Cabinet to be considered on Tuesday 22nd September 2009. This recommended that DCC should withdraw from negotiations to purchase the Rolle College Site for Educational purposes. Various details in the original report about inviting the Town Council to make a business case for community use had not been implemented.

It was proposed that as a matter of urgency a letter be sent to the Chief Executive of Devon County Council and the Portfolio holder for Education seeking deferment of the matter.

RESOLVED accordingly.

(ii) Britain in Bloom

The Chairman gave congratulations to Cllr. P Graham, Exmouth in Bloom, and all involved in the current success in the south west in bloom competition.

Note: Cllr. P Graham wished to thank all involved in the project.

(iii) Red Arrows Display for Exmouth

It was suggested that a letter be sent to enquire about the possibility of bringing the Red Arrows to display over Exmouth when the team are in the area.

RESOLVED that enquiries be made.

G28 Exclusion of the Public and Press

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

G29 Environmental Health

East Devon District Council Environmental Officer, Jill Wheller, gave the Committee an overview of her role. Her area of work was from Sidmouth to the West of East Devon Area and her responsibility was for air pollution and noise. Investigation into the Victoria Way workshops had identified that none of the current businesses needed a Permitted Premises Consent due to their small size. Inspections did take place on a regular basis. Jill gave an insight into her involvement in judging the environmental and noise pollution issues that arose as part of planning applications. Guidance to atmospheric pollution issues could be found on the Defra website and action which could be taken under the Environmental Protection Act.

G30 Strand Presentation

Hayley Stokes, Urban Design Officer for Devon County Council, presented to the Committee details of the Strand Scheme which would be put to tender following extensive consultation.

G31 Community Organisations Liaison Panel

The Committee received the notes of the meeting held on the 30th July 2009.

G32 Exmouth Transport Partnership

The Committee received the notes of the meeting held on 6th August 2009. Attention was given to Item 5 contained in the notes on the provision of old double decker buses on route 57 being provided in narrow residential roads which appeared to run half empty. Exmouth in Bloom members and Brownie groups wished to become involved in the Station Adoption Scheme.

G33 Exmouth Tidy Group

Cllr. J Humphries presented the members with a large plastic bag that contained the litter he had gathered at 4pm that afternoon from the train station car park. Litter had also been present on the track and outside the front of the building. A special group of Councillors to be formed to deal with this issue. Councillors P Graham, M Williamson, V Duval-Steer and J Humphries were nominated.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk would bring together the group and stakeholders concerned in order to work out an ongoing programme for litter removal that would be acceptable at the gateway to the Town.

G34 Meeting Dates

The Committee approved the meeting dates for 2010.

G35 Pebblebeds Conservation Trust

The Committee had before them a report by the Town Clerk on feedback from his attendance at the East Devon Pebblebeds Heaths Conservation Trust meeting held on the 27th August.

G36 Gambling Act 2005

The Committee had before them for discussion the EDDC consultation document on the Gambling Act 2005. Item 8.2.b. states ‘Interested Parties can be persons who are democratically represented and a Ward Councillor can make a representation when not elected. The Town Council could act as an Interested Party’.

RESOLVED that the Town Council write to EDDC and the Government Secretary of State stating that Exmouth Town Council welcomes the opportunity to act as an Interested Party.

G37 Litter Arising from Refuse

A copy of the reply from the Waste and Recycling Manager was received by the Committee. The Committee felt that the reply was unsatisfactory and did not address current concerns.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to EDDC inviting attendance from EDDC at the next meeting.

G38 Car Park Review

The Town Clerk and Town Manager had attended a meeting to which they had been invited with Cllr. Ann Liverton and Mr Len Wright on the 14th September 2009 as part of the Car Parks Review. Discussion took place around Park & Ride, Decked Car Park and Bus Station Transport Hub. The Committee agreed that Car Parking in Exmouth needed to be explored in further detail.

RESOLVED that EDDC that an item be included on the Council agenda for more discussion on car parking in Exmouth.

G39 Sustainable Communities Act Exmouth Rowing Club

The Committee received a copy email from ‘Unlock Democracy’ requesting support for Early Day Motion No. 1545.

RESOLVED that the Committee supports the Early Day Motion No. 1545 and takes the appropriate action to do that.

G40 Exmouth Regeneration Programme Board

Feedback on the meeting of the Exmouth Regeneration Programme Board meeting held on the 11th September 2009 was given. A private sector firm would be appointed to draw up Development Briefs for the London Inn and Royal Avenue sites with extensive public consultation. The Director of Environment had sought funding through the Joint Investment Framework for funding for a Local Plan Development Worker.

The Meeting ended at 9.25 pm

Signed Dated

Chairman