

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 6th JUNE 2011 AT 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: P Stott (Chairman)
M Chapman (Vice-Chairman)
D Chapman B Cole
T Dumper V Duval-Steer
S Gazzard P Graham
J Humphreys W Mcconnell
J Mitchell C Nicholas
S Sutton R Turner
M Williamson E Wragg

Apologies: Councillor S Wragg

Guest Speakers: Roger Taylor and David Blackwall from Otter Rotters

G1 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 4th April 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

G2 Urgent Business

Exmouth Festival and Rotary Kite Festival

Much appreciation was expressed for these successful events.

RESOLVED that Chris Woods be thanked for delivering an excellent festival.

G3 Exclusion of the Public and Press

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

G4 Otter Rotters

Roger Taylor and David Blackwall from Otter Rotters explained how the community composting scheme worked and how they wished to invite expressions of interest from Exmouth residents and local community groups. Otter Rotters was a self sufficient non profit making company which had started small in Feniton 11 years ago and had grown to encompass Ottery St Mary, Sidmouth and the Axe Valley. An agreement had been signed for 6 years with EDDC to supply and service other areas within East Devon. Members offered suggestions as to where to promote the service and thanked them for their informative talk.

G5 Bay fm

Discussion on Bay fm's request for permission to record meetings of the Council and its Committees which were open to the public had been deferred from the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee (Min G89) meeting held on 4th April 2011 to allow for the new Council to determine the outcome. Discussion took place which raised several issues

but on a vote a decision was made that recording of Council meetings would not provide best way of communicating with the public.

RESOLVED that no recording of Council meetings be permitted at the present time.

G6 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – East Devon District Council – Draft Sex Establishment Licensing Policy – Consultation

Councillor V Duval-Steer took the chair. An overview of the contents of the Sex Establishment Licensing Policy was considered. Particular attention was paid to sections of the Policy that would affect Exmouth and it was noted that each application would be dealt with on its merits.

Note: Councillor P Stott, Chairman, and Councillor M Chapman, Vice Chairman, declared an interest in leading the item of discussion as they were members of EDDC's Licensing Committee.

RESOLVED that the policy be welcomed with a request that larger Town Councils be included as consultees.

G7 Dog Waste Bin Sponsorship

EDDC had written to ask if the Council wished to administer requests for private sponsorship of dog bins. Whilst EDDC administered dog bins the Committee did not feel it was the Town Councils place to intervene and create unnecessary complications in service delivery.

RESOLVED that any request for sponsorship of new dog waste bins received through the Town Council be directed to East Devon District Council's Customer Services Centre.

G8 Cardboard Recycling

The Waste and Recycling Manager had requested information on identifiable sites for the placement of Cardboard Recycling Banks within the Town for the introduction of a cardboard recycling service. Sites that might be a possibility subject to hazard assessment were suggested: Estuary car park, Tesco's car park, The Green at Littleham, new Lidl's site, Brixington shops, Brixington playing fields and Pound Lane. Some discussion on plastic recycling took place.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to Paul Deakin, Waste and Recycling Manager, to say that EDDC's initiative on cardboard recycling was welcomed suggesting possible sites as above.

G9 National Association of Local councils (NALC) – Legal Briefing – Consultation on Regulations under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007

The Town Clerk gave an overview on the content of the paper 'Consultation on Regulations under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007' received from NALC. Members requested that Town and Parish Councils be considered as consultees in the future.

RESOLVED that Exmouth Town Council support NALC and that Town and Parish Councils be included as consultees within regulations under the act.

G10 BT Adopt a Telephone Kiosk Scheme

A request had been received from British Telecom for the adoption of a telephone kiosk for the sum of £1 that was to be decommissioned and was sited at 16 Hulham Road. Reference was made to uses for old telephone kiosks in different parts of the country.

RESOLVED that there would be no requirement for the Town Council to adopt this telephone kiosk.

G11 Devon County Show Stand

A selection of emails (previously received) reflected the success of the Exmouth Stand at the 2011 Devon County Show. Exmouth’s stand at Devon County Show had been on a good site and had been visited by many attending the show. A special thank you was extended to Suzanne Birkett, Town Project Manager, for her hard work in putting on the event.

Feedback was also very positive in respect of the recent Exmouth Festival and a special thank you was extended to Chris Woods, Festival Organiser and the volunteers. The Town Clerk announced that Chris Woods had that day resigned from his post so that he could pursue his creative career.

G12 Plaques

A proposal was put forward that retired Councillors Ken Harper and May Hardy be presented with plaques at the next Council meeting in recognition of their service to the Town. The proposal was fully supported.

G13 Other Bodies – Updates

(1) Regeneration Board

The LDA study would now go before EDDC Development Management Committee then to members before a further public consultation of ten weeks. Cllrs. E Wragg and S Gazzard wished it to be noted that their apologies and written responses to agenda items had not been conveyed to fellow members who attended the Exmouth Regeneration Project Management Board.

(2) Colp

It was proposed that membership of Colp should comprise of those organisations with an overall interest in Exmouth and with a membership of at least 50 residents. The proposal did not win the support of the Committee. Colp would soon be consulted on the Community Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan.

(3) Exmouth Action Group

Councillor S Gazzard had previously submitted a report.

(4) Rolle College

Progress was being made.

The Meeting ended at 9.08 pm

Signed Dated

Chairman