

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 7th NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.10pm

Present:

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

Apologies: None received

Guest Speaker: Hilary Higgins

G39 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 26th September 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

G40 Urgent Business

There was one item of urgent business. Councillor B Taylor had attended a meeting with DCC Highways Engineers who had offered a supply of grit and salt subject to storage being available at the local Highways Depot for usage should the weather turn wintery as it had done last year. There would be a need to identify snow wardens within the community and it was thought that volunteers could be sought via COLP to reach the local community groups.

RESOLVED that the offer of grit and salt from DCC be accepted subject to confirmation that storage facilities could be made available.

G41 Exclusion of the Public and Press

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

G42 Olympics Collage

The chairman welcomed Hilary Higgins who gave an update on the progress of the Olympics Collage which had been started in August 2008. There were 17 different groups working together to produce the collage which was in the shape of a sail and would encompass the Olympic rings, the Olympic mascot, many spectators and the competitors. A request was made for the Town Council Coat of Arms to be incorporated within the collage.

G43 Policy – Public Speaking

The Committee had before it a report (already received) which considered the recommendation at the Council meeting held on 4th July 2011 that 15 minutes be allowed for public speaking at the beginning of Finance Committee and Regeneration and General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED that 15 minutes be allowed for public speaking at the beginning of Regeneration and General Purposes Committee from the next meeting subject to the following conditions:-

- **Public speaking be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes and to a total of 15 minutes;**
- **Prior notice of intention to speak at the meeting be lodged on a form with the Town Council office no later than 3.00pm on the day of the meeting to enable the Chairman to manage requests;**
- **Public speaking to be at the beginning of the meeting;**
- **Where several speakers wish to make similar points the Chairman has the right to request one spokesperson.**

G44 Exmouth Town Council – Car Park Review Task and Finish Forum

The Car Park Review Task and Finish Forum met on 20th October 2011 in order to respond to the East Devon District Council Car Parking Survey 2011. The Committee received the notes of the meeting (previously circulated).

G45 The Strand Exmouth

A letter had been received (previously circulated) from EDDC which advised the Town Council of the resolution made by EDDC Cabinet on 5th October 2011 in respect of remaining issues in relation to the Strand and sought the Council's endorsement.

RESOLVED that the resolution of the Cabinet as contained in the letter be endorsed.

Note: Councillors S Gazzard and S Wragg asked for their votes against the resolution to be recorded and Councillor S Gazzard for his vote against resolution 4 to be recorded also.

G46 Open Space Recreation and Sport Questionnaire

A letter had been received (previously circulated) from Jamie Buckley, EDDC Engagement and Funding Officer which requested the Town Council nominate one person to complete the questionnaire. It was suggested that a one off Task and Finish Forum would meet to complete the questionnaire.

RESOLVED that a TAFF be set up to fill in the questionnaire with a representative from each ward, Councillors Jean Mitchell – Withycombe, Pauline Stott – Halsdon, David Chapman – Brixington, Alison Greenhalgh – Littleham and Pat Graham – Town

G47 Enterprising Coastal Transport – Conference Report

Councillors S Gazzard, J and M Mitchell, J Taylor and the Town Clerk had attended a meeting on Enterprising Coastal Transport. A post conference report (previously circulated) written by Councillor Bob Buxton, Chairman of the Devon Towns Forum was received. It was suggested that coastal towns should get together to identify where landing stages would be located to ensure the protection of those sites from future development.

G48 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England

Consultation documents had been received with consultation ending on 5th December 2011. The proposals for Devon and Cornwall would reduce constituencies down from 18 to 17 and East Devon would be increased in size by the inclusion of Exe Valley Wards. The changes were supported. Consideration was given to requesting renaming of the ‘East Devon’ constituency to that of ‘Exmouth and East Devon’ due to the proposed geographical shift in constituencies.

RESOLVED that a renaming of the Constituency be requested.

G49 Section 106 Tesco Salterton Road

A percentage of the Section 106 funding, £150,000 had been pledged to support employment land within the Town. A request had been made for that funding to be earmarked for the Rolle project. This would give a huge vote of confidence to the project which could be directed to young people in particular. The Rolle College documents had not been signed as yet but a proposal was made to ask EDDC what was the potential to align the £150,000 Section 106 funding identified for employment land to the Rolle Project.

RESOLVED that a request be made to EDDC to ask if the £150,000 Section 106 funding identified for employment land could be aligned to the Rolle Project.

Notes:-

- (i) Councillor R Turner wished it to be noted that he did not support this request.
- (ii) The Town Clerk declared a personal interest as a Director of Rolle Ltd and left the room during consideration of the matter.

G50 Other Bodies - Updates

(i) Exmouth Regeneration Board

The next meeting would be held on 17th November 2011

(ii) Community Organisations Liaison Panel

Tenders had been received for the Community Planning professional support for consideration at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

(iii) Exmouth Action Group

Councillor S Gazzard had not attended the last meeting as he was away on holiday.

(iv) Rolle Ltd

Nothing to report at this moment in time.

The Meeting ended at 8.00 pm

Signed Dated

Chairman