

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PLANNING COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2010 AT 6.15 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors: Lynne Elson (Chairman)
M Chapman T Cope
P Graham K Harper
J Humphries M Mitchell
I Stewart R Turner
J Whipps

APOLOGIES: Councillors S Gazzard, J Mitchell, D Nicholas, P Stott, S Sutton, B & J Taylor, B Walker & M Williamson

57. LICENSING ACT 2003 – EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT LICENCING POLICY (2010) - CONSULTATION

Members of the Special Planning Committee gave consideration to the Draft Licensing Policy (2010), previously received, and their responses were noted. The main concerns raised were that Town Councils should be consulted as of right on licensing applications and as a body that can request Cumulative Impact Zones.

RESOLVED that a response be sent to EDDC with requests for amendments and additions to the Draft Licensing Policy as identified.

Note: The meeting was adjourned at 6.40pm until 7pm as the next part of the meeting had been timed to start at 7.00pm.

58. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

A period of 15 minutes public question time was allowed for. The following points were raised by members of the public.

- Why did Exmouth have to take a disproportionate number of houses compared to other towns in the District?
- Where would employment land be provided?
- How had St. John's Bystock Wood been included when it was of high landscape value and important for biodiversity?
- Better housing sites were available in the rest of the District;
- No notification of the LDF Core Strategy Proposal had been made to Exmouth residents directly affected, considering the importance of the document to those areas identified for development;
- The proposal presented a massive challenge for Exmouth to change perceptions at EDDC of what Exmouth is as a Town;

- COLP had identified the need for balanced population, enhancement of the built and natural environment and clarity of focus on infrastructure before housing is allowed to enter a further period of growth;
- Establish infrastructure commitments before further housing development including Dinan Way link and the re-routeing of Sandy Bay traffic away from Littleham Cross;
- Create the Transport Interchange;
- Complete the Strand;
- A review of local Health Services – medical centres and new hospital;
- Primary schools capacity needs to be addressed;
- Exmouth Community College has attained excellent standards and is not too big;
- Economic Development is needed for training opportunities in Exmouth – Liverton 3, Rolle College and its playing fields, workshops and offices. Young people felt that no opportunities were available in Exmouth;
- A request for more factual information on commuting for work and define the age range of people who work in Exmouth;
- EDDC's suggested housing targets are grossly excessive. How can employment opportunities be balanced with housing provision - one new house to equal one new job?
- Could the numbers quoted for Affordable Housing be quantified? EDDC's record for provision in the past had been poor;
- Demography has changed over 30 years out of balance;
- East Devon towns be brought together to consider the LDF issues jointly.

59. LDF DISCUSSION

Discussion took place that focused on the Town Clerk's report dated 30th September 2010 which had been previously circulated. The concerns in the report were largely supported and comments made were reflected in an amended copy of the report (copy attached to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that

- a) EDDC be requested to supply a clearer larger map of the map on Page 67 of the proposal;**
- b) Elect the Working Party for the meeting to be held on 8th November 2010 at the next Planning Committee meeting to consist of two members each party plus the Independent member;**
- c) answers be sought from EDDC to the questions raised at the meeting and added to the end of the draft report.**

Note – Report as amended attached to the signed minutes.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

SIGNED:..... DATED:.....