

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL EXMOUTH TOWN MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 17TH MARCH 2008, AT 7.30PM

Present:

Approximately 60 electors including:

Councillors:	J Whipps (Mayor and Chairman)	D Nicholas (Deputy Mayor)
	T Cope	M Ackland
	D Chapman	M Chapman
	P Graham	M Mitchell
	J Mitchell	J Taylor
	B Taylor	R Turner
	V Duval-Steer	P Stott
	L Elson	S Gazzard
	K Harper	J Humphreys
	S Sutton	M Hardy
	M Williamson	I Stewart

Exmouth Electors

Appologies:

Councillors: E Wragg, B Walker and S Wragg

The meeting stood in silence at the request of an elector to remember Jim Shapter who died last year.

1. Opening and Welcome by the Mayor

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and spoke briefly of some of the events last year.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Town Meeting held on Monday 19th March 2007 were received and signed as a correct record.

3. Exmouth Regeneration

The meeting received a presentation from the Town Clerk about future regeneration proposals for Exmouth. The presentation included a description of Exmouth's strengths as a coastal town; current issues and hindrances to planned change were highlighted and Exmouth's needs were identified. Planned (and future) work was explained together with the role of local authorities and the Community in this work.

4. Annual Report of the Town Council

The annual report of the Town Council was presented to the meeting and received.

5. Questions and Comments

There followed an open session and matters were raised by electors as follows:

- Issues arising on the 'Citizen's Forum' petition.
- Request for full community involvement in the dialogue and debate on Exmouth regeneration
- Confirmation as to whether all Councillors were in favour of the ASDA/ASM supermarket proposal
- Consideration of a smaller sized supermarket unit (<25,000 sq. ft) on the Estuary site, or to accept the proposed 40,000 sq. ft. unit on another out-of-town site.
- A request for the Council to support future and existing Section 106 agreements, and to put pressure on East Devon District Council (EDDC) to ensure developers deliver their commitments (Reference made to Docks Development S106).
- Traffic survey on the A376 Exeter to Exmouth road to identify any potential traffic/access problems a new supermarket may introduce.
- Request for the regeneration scheme to include strategies for making the most of the increased number of tourists to Exmouth after the complete opening of the Exeter to Exmouth Cycle route.
- The new opportunity to use the 'Project Fund' for Community projects was explained, and the public were encouraged to put forward cases to their Ward Councillors when the scheme was advertised.
- The question of authority for taking forward Regeneration Plans was referred to the Local Plan.
- It was explained that the ASDA/ASM proposals would have to go before the various Planning Committees (where Councillors and the public would have the right to make representations) in the normal manner.

6. Other Matters

Other matters were raised as follows:

- A request to remove all car parking charges in Exmouth. It was suggested that the profit from car parking was small and that the removal of such charges would encourage more visitors to Exmouth to improve the economy.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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