

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 25th JANUARY 2016 AT 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: P Stott (Chairman)
B Bailey (Acting Vice) F Caygill
D Chapman M Chapman
P Dean T Dumper
P Graham R Masding
C Nicholas (Observer) R Scott
B Toye M Williamson

Guest Speakers: Reverend James Hutchings & Mr Nigel Candelent: Chill Youth Club and related work.

Note: The chairman invited Councillor B Bailey to act as Vice Chairman in the absence of Councillor J Humphreys

G16/001 Apologies

Councillors A Greenhalgh, T Hill & J Humphreys.

There were no members of the public present who had registered to speak.

Note: The Chairman asked members if agenda item 8 in respect of Chill Youth Club could be brought forward to be discussed as agenda item 7.

G16/002 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 16th November 2016 were proposed by Councillor M Williamson seconded by Councillor B Bailey and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

G16/003 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2016

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:-

Minute G15/096 Starcross Ferry – The meeting that was to be convened with Devon County Council, (DCC) and interested parties in respect of the steps and possible funding streams had not taken place. DCC were in touch with the owners of the Starcross Ferry with funding suggestions. At a recent Exe Estuary Partnership meeting Teignbridge District Council had announced that the viability of landing stages was to be investigated at the Dawlish side of the beach.

G16/004 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and Dispensations

No declarations were made and no requests for dispensation had been received.

G16/005 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

G16/006 Exclusion of the Public and Press

There were no items to be dealt with which necessitated exclusion of the Public and the Press under Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960.

The Chairman welcomed Reverend James Hutchings and Mr Nigel Candelent, guest speakers.

G16/007 Presentation by James Hutchings & Nigel Candelent: Chill Youth Club and related work

Reverend James Hutchings gave the background to the visual presentation of work that was currently being delivered to young people on behalf of the Church and Christians. He introduced Nigel Candelent, Youth and Family Worker for Littleham, Holy Trinity and Lymptstone churches since June 2007 who was involved in Sunday clubs and family worship details of which could be found on www.exmouthcoastalchurch.org.uk. They were both involved, with team support, in religious lessons, assemblies, residential breaks, clubs and groups, reading and classroom assistant support for Littleham, Beacon and Lymptstone schools and linked with parents on the needs of the community. Littleham School had a group named 'Chatterbox' with 25 members. Communication with Tony Alexander, Principal of Exmouth Community College, to aid the transition of Yr6 pupils to secondary education had resulted in Yr6 & Yr7 pupils gaining the opportunity of spending time together at the local Bristol School summer camp.

The focus of the presentation was that of the Chill Club which was open to all 10 – 14 year olds, not just those of Christian faith. Chill had been originally formed as a drop in centre for 11 – 17 year olds and had over 100 drop-ins over the first six months. Dynamics did not prove manageable and the club was relaunched in 2008 as a youth club where members needed parental consent and support with an age band of 10 – 14 year old. A code of conduct was drawn up with 4 areas which stated, no bullying, no swearing, no alcohol, energy drinks, smoking or drugs and respect for all members, leaders and property. Parents were asked to sign the club's mission statement and were encouraged to work in partnership with other important community figures. Membership consisted of around 40 young people who wished to be there. Existing members were encouraged to introduce new members when spaces were created and encouraged to take some responsibility for the new member.

For young people who were to leave due to age a new club which meets after Chill was formed and named 'Chilling'. A young helper programme was also created and members from 'Chilling' at the age of 15 were encouraged to become a 'Chill Helper' and were valued by the younger Chill group members.

A further group had been formed, Halfways Community Project, that worked alongside parents and children of pre Chill age from Littleham School and with other agencies and the Headteacher, Duncan Helmes.

A short question and answer session followed. The chairman thanked the guest speakers for their excellent work and the informative presentation.

G16/008 To receive and consider reports and minutes of Committees, Working Parties, other local bodies and the Town Clerk / Town Manager as appropriate
(Standing Order 6.2).

- **COLP** – members had previously received the notes from the meeting held on 24th January 2016.
- **Exe Estuary Management Partnership** – a verbal update was given by the Town Clerk. The officers meeting had looked at the objectives of all partners and what the Town Council wished to gain from being a member of the partnership. A members meeting would take place on Thursday 28th January. An action plan would need to be updated.
- **Coastal Community Team** – a verbal update was given by Councillor P Stott. Exmouth Coastal Community Team had facilitated workshops for organisations, businesses and key stakeholders with an interest in Exmouth's economy. These had been led by Nigel Jump, an independent economic consultant, who had gathered information for EDDC in order to submit an economic plan to the Department for Communities and Local Government for consideration.
- **Regeneration Board** - notes from the meeting held on 15th September, 2015 had been previously distributed. Notes from Regen meeting held on the 24th November 2015 were currently not released but would be accessible on the EDDC website once available.
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NSPC) had released a timescale of events/engagements that were scheduled for the forthcoming year which would be distributed to members by the Town Clerk. The chairman thanked Councillor R Masding for his valuable work in plotting the maps.
- **Update from Councillors**
 - Exmouth Transport Partnership would meet on Thursday 28th January 2016 and Phase 2 of the railway station upgrade would form part of discussions.
 - The Exmouth Highways traffic assessment had been carried out around the Town.
 - A presentation of a proposed development at Rolle Playing fields was to take place on Tuesday 25th January at 6.30pm.
 - The Town Hall Working Party would meet on Wednesday 26th January at 3pm followed by a visit to Rolle College.
 - Sandbags were available at the Town Hall and Ward Councillors had a stock as flood warnings had been received.
 - One of the newly planted trees near the subway had been snapped off last Friday evening.

G16/009 To receive an update on the Dinan Way Extension

Devon County Council had produced a report that was considered by DCC Cabinet on 13th January 2016 with a decision to progress on a 3rd route as a preferred solution. Councillor D Chapman proposed seconded by Councillor R Scott that Standing Orders be suspended and Devon County Councillor Bernard Hughes, who represented Exmouth Halsdon, Lympstone and Exton wards was invited to speak.

Councillor B Hughes read out his report that he had presented to DCC Cabinet on the 13th January. Opposition had been received from Lympstone councillors but assurance was given that DCC officers would consult with them prior to the start of the scheme. Councillor B Hughes would be meeting with Lympstone councillors the next day.

Note: The meeting went back into Standing Orders.

G16/010 To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk on grass cutting

Councillor T Dumper, on behalf of the Town Clerk, reported to the committee on the outcome of a recent meeting with Nick Christo, manager of EDDC Streetscene that grass cutting services within Exmouth may be able to be incorporated within the grass cutting programme that they delivered. He would look at capacity and cost and report back to the Town Clerk.

G16/011 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 7th March, 2016 at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 8.47 pm.

Signed **Dated**

Chairman