

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 23RD MAY 2015 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors: M Chapman (Mayor)
B Cole (Deputy Mayor)
B Bailey F Caygill
T Darville T Dumper
L Elson S Gazzard
P Garbutt P Graham
J Humphreys R Masding
B Nash C Nicholas
B De Sarem R Scott
P Stott B Taylor
B Toye J Trail
M Williamson

OFFICERS: Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk, Sue Cody, Office Manager & Julie Gregory, minute taker.

APOLOGIES: Councillors D Chapman, T Hill & C Gough

GUESTS: Reverend Benedict Cambridge & the Town Crier of Exmouth, Roger Bourgein.

A minute's silence was held prior to the commencement of the meeting in memory of Councillor Alison Greenhalgh

The Mayor welcomed fellow Councillors, invited guests, family and members of the public to the meeting.

C16/058. ELECTION OF MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

Councillor Cherry Nicholas proposed and Councillor Bill Nash seconded that Councillor Brian Cole be elected as Chairman (Town Mayor) of Exmouth for the ensuing municipal year.

RESOLVED that Councillor Brian Cole be elected Mayor and Chairman of Exmouth Town Council.

C16/059. PASSING OF THE CHAIN OF OFFICE

Councillor Maddy Chapman passed the Chain of Office to Councillor Brian Cole and a round of applause ensued.

Adjournment

A short adjournment followed which allowed for the robing of the new Mayor.

The new Mayor invited the Reverend Benedict Cambridge to lead prayers to start the new council year.

C16/060. LEADER OF THE RULING PARTY'S WELCOME TO THE NEW MAYOR

Councillor Bill Nash congratulated and welcomed the new Mayor on behalf of the Conservative Group and wished him well.

C16/061. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION'S WELCOME TO THE NEW MAYOR

Councillor Steve Gazzard, on behalf of the Liberal Democrats, congratulated and welcomed the new Mayor.

C16/062. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – MAYOR

Councillor B Cole read out his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which he then duly signed as Mayor. He made a short acceptance speech during which he announced that the Mayor's nominated charity for 2016/17 would be The Alzheimer's Society.

C16/063. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

The Mayor gave a vote of thanks to the out-going Mayor, Councillor M Chapman, who had worked admirably for the Town. The new Mayor presented Councillor M Chapman with a past mayoral badge and a bouquet of flowers.

C16/064. RETIRING MAYOR'S RESPONSE

Councillor M Chapman thanked the Town Council staff and fellow councillors for their love and support during her husband's recent ill health.

C16/065. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Cherry Nicholas proposed and Councillor Brian Bailey seconded that Councillor Jeff Trail be elected as Deputy Town Mayor of Exmouth for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Brenda Taylor proposed and Councillor Brian Toye seconded that Councillor Steve Gazzard be elected as Deputy Town Mayor of Exmouth for the ensuing municipal year.

A vote was taken by show of hands and Councillor Jeff Trail was duly elected as Deputy Mayor / Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor Jeff Trail be elected Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman of Exmouth Town Council.

C16/066. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Jeff Trail read out his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which he then duly signed as Deputy Mayor. Councillor Trail was then presented with his chain of office from the Mayor, Councillor Brian Cole.

Councillor S Gazzard congratulated and welcomed the new Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Trail to office.

C16/067. APOLOGIES

The above apologies were noted.

C16/068. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS

There were no declarations of interest from members.

C16/069. COUNCIL MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 3rd May 2016 were received and signed as a correct record.

C16/070. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

The nominations put forward for committees of the Council (previously circulated) were taken en-bloc.

RESOLVED that the membership of Committees for the coming year be as submitted on the list circulated prior to the meeting.

Note: - List of Committees attached to the signed minutes.

C16/071. APPOINTMENT TO WORKING PARTIES, OUTSIDE BODIES AND VOLUNTARY OFFICER'S POSITIONS

The nominations put forward for appointment to working parties, outside bodies and voluntary officer's positions (previously circulated) were taken en-bloc.

RESOLVED that the list of proposed members and representatives, plus the amendment noted, be appointed in accordance with the list attached to these minutes.

Note: - List attached to the signed minutes.

C16/072. TO REAFFIRM ELIGIBILITY FOR THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE AND TO GIVE THE TOWN CLERK DELEGATED AUTHORITY UNDER THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE TO ENDORSE CERTIFICATES FOR USE BY RECIPIENTS OF FOREIGN PENSIONS

Members agreed unanimously to support the proposal to reaffirm eligibility for the general power of competence. The proposal to levy a small charge for the endorsement of certificates presented by recipients of foreign pensions would be discussed as an agenda item at the next Sub Accounts Committee Meeting.

RESOLVED that eligibility be reaffirmed for the General Power of Competence and for the Town Clerk to assume delegated authority under the General Power of Competence to endorse certificates for use by recipients of foreign pensions.

C16/073. APPROVAL OF COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES

Members agreed unanimously that the allowances listed below should be ratified:

- a. Chairman's Allowance for 2015/16 be £436, unchanged.
- b. Members' Allowance for 2015/16 be £305, unchanged.

- c. Mileage Rate for 2015/16 of 45p per mile up to 10,000 miles and 25p per mile for 10,001 miles and over, unchanged.

RESOLVED that the chairman's and members allowance and mileage rate for 2016/17 be approved.

C16/074. INSPECTION OF DEEDS AND TRUST INSTRUMENTS

It was confirmed that the following documents and trust instruments held in the custody of the Council had been inspected and that any newly elected member of the Council was invited to inspect them: -

- Exmouth Projects Trust
- William Adams Westwood Trust
- Deeds for Pound Lane and Hamilton Lane Allotment Sites
- Deeds for Jubilee Clock

All documents were kept in the safe and were available for inspection by members of the public by appointment.

C16/075. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

C16/076. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items to be dealt with necessitating exclusion of the press and public.

C16/077. 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).

- **Planning Committee** – Councillor L Elson proposed, seconded by Councillor F Caygill, that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th April and 3rd May, 2016, and any recommendations therein (circulated separately with Planning agenda) be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 18th April and 3rd May 2016 be accepted and adopted.

C16/078. TO NOTE THAT EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HAS BEEN AWARDED FOUNDATION LEVEL STATUS UNDER THE LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME.

The Town Clerk reported that Exmouth Town Council has been awarded Foundation Level status, and that the Council would now be working towards achieving Silver or Gold. The Committee thanked the Town Clerk and staff for their hard work in connection with the award.

C16/079. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be held on 27th June 2015.

The Mayor thanked guests, members of the public and members for their attendance and invited them to join him in the Committee Room for informal drinks.

The meeting concluded at 7.45 pm.

Signed..... Date.....
(Chairman)