

## 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 13th OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.00pm

**Present:**

Councillors: P Stott (Chairman)  
B Cole (Vice-Chairman)  
D Chapman                      M Chapman  
T Dumper                        V Duval-Steer  
J Humphreys                    B Nash  
C Nicholas

**G14/083 Apologies**

Councillors S Gazzard, P Graham, S MacQueen, I Stewart, J Taylor, B Toye, R Turner, M Williamson and S Wragg

**G14/084 Public Forum**

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

**G14/085 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**G14/086 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

In respect of minute G14/081(b):-

- A TAFF would meet the next day at 2pm at the Town Hall as a result of EDDC's Overview and Scrutiny Committee being asked to intervene on the Exmouth Beach Management Programme.
- The TIS group would meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 6pm.

**G14/087 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and Dispensations**

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

**G14/088 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.

**G14/089 Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

**G14/090 To agree a response to Devon Clinical Commissioning Group's Commissioning Proposals for Community Health Services in the Eastern Locality**

An open public meeting had been held the previous week at The Rugby Club which had given details of future plans for hospitals sited within the Eastern locality. Doctors were trying to retain hospitals in the move forward. The North Devon Healthcare Trust contract would end in October 2015. A councillors

briefing on the proposals for Community Health Services was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Telfer Centre, Exmouth Community College from 6pm – 8pm when all were invited and encouraged to attend. The Town Council would need to submit a response to the proposals by 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

#### **G14/091 Update by the Town Clerk on the Community Payback Scheme**

The Community Payback Team would provide a group of appropriate offenders who would be supervised at a cost to the Council of £160 per day. The alternative would be to have one offender to work alongside a member of staff which would incur no charges. The Probation Service would risk access either scenario and request offenders with appropriate skills and feedback of how the scheme had worked in the past was available particularly of previous work undertaken on behalf of Devon County Council such as weed clearance, growth cutback and path clearance. The one to one scheme may hinder the placement of a Bicton College student that had been recently sourced to train alongside Derek until July next year. A group approach would enable specific one off projects to be undertaken within the town and funding would have to be identified to support the supervision of that scheme particularly in the light of Devon County Council anticipation of further budget cuts in respect of road verges and repairs.

#### **G14/092 To note the response from Devon Sheltered Homes in respect of the proposed closure of Bystock Court**

Members noted the response from Devon Sheltered Homes. Hugo Swire, MP, had met with the Trust earlier in the summer.

#### **G14/093 COLP Report**

Members of COLP had met the previous week and discussion had taken place on the Devon Libraries proposals. Roy Pryke had attended a Neighbourhood Plan meeting which had identified that Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments would pay an extra 10% to Councils that had an adopted Neighbourhood Plan. EDDC Planning Department had recently promoted the adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan to sit as an underlying tier of legislation under the East Devon Local Plan. East Devon had 26 Neighbourhood Plans in progress and EDDC had recently appointed an Inspector to look at Lympstone Parish Council's plan. The Town Clerk explained that a plan would take approximately 18 months to put together and would necessitate public consultations and a referendum (cost met by EDDC) and would have to be supported by 51% of the constituency. Some funding could be available to support the process and public consultations could be undertaken by community organisations.

**Recommendation be put forward before the Full Council that the provision of a Neighbourhood Plan for Exmouth be reconsidered and that the Town Clerk gave an overview on what would be needed to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan.**

Sullina Tallack, EDDC Section 106 Officer, had confirmed that no more than 5 or 6 current Section 106 agreements could be amalgamated into any single project once the CIL scheme come into force in 2015.

A meeting had been requested with regards to Section 106 funding gained as a result of the Docks development with Exeter City Council, as the harbour authority,

Teignmouth and Exmouth to investigate the provision of funding to support a Police patrol boat in the Exe Estuary and repairs to the sea wall. Reverend John Hutchings had asked to join COLP as a representative of parish churches within the Town.

**Note:** Councillor V Duval-Steer wished to declare an interest as a member of EDDC Development Management Committee.

#### **G14/094 Update on Events in Exmouth**

- (i) **Exmouth Carnival** - had taken place at the weekend attended by thousands and was a huge success. A thank you was given to the Carnival committee for their hard work. A request was made for the provision of more litter bins for the event as the streets were piled high with rubbish.
- (ii) **The Christmas Cracker** – The 25 foot Christmas tree had been sourced. The Exmouth Christmas Lights fund raising group had been struggling but had raised £2,400 towards the provision of lights in 2014 and, through the engagement of the local school community, had so far raised an additional £1500 for 2015. Councillors Bernard Hughes and John Hone had pledged £500 each from their Locality Budgets to top up this year’s funding and £1250 each from their Invest in Devon Funds to cover the cost of upgrading the lamp columns in The Strand to accommodate extra motifs. Councillors Bernard Hughes and John Hone to be thanked by letter and in a Town Council press release.
- (iii) **Kite Festival** – Keith Steel , EDDC Officer, had assured the Town Council that work would be carried out to ensure that the ground was safe for the event.

#### **G14/095 Improving Exmouth**

##### **i. Supplementary Street Cleaner**

Derek was currently working in the Waverley Road service lane area at the Exeter Road end. Footpath 14 behind Lyndhurst road had been scheduled to be cleared to enable residents who had previously been sent a Town Council removal of overhanging vegetation letter to access the footpath to clear their own vegetation that had overgrown.

Councillor T Dumper had requested provision of double bins (rubbish/recycling) along the seafront and seven had been made available at Camperdown depot for siting within the town.

##### **ii. Refurbishment – Bus Shelters**

Pressure washing of the bus shelters had taken place last week which would enable the repainting programme to start. Artwork posters would be added once the renovations had taken place. A request was made for some of the open ended bus shelters to be made weather proof.

**G14/096 Reports from other Local Bodies and the Town Clerk as appropriate**

**a) Reports from Councillors**

- The notes from the Flooding and Land Drainage Working Party had been distributed.
- Concern that pressure washing of boats in the dock area was polluting the sea.
- Car racing was taking place in and around Foxholes and in the Maer car park. Councillor Mark Williamson had approached some of the drivers.
- Vince Williams, of EDDC Streetscene to be thanked for his support in the relocation of the TIS hut.
- Extra funding may be obtainable through the P3 footpaths scheme when the grant form is submitted in February.
- Good wishes to be sent to Terry Knights, P3 Co-ordinator, to thank him for his hard work in looking after Exmouth's public footpaths and to wish his wife a speedy recovery after her recent fall.

**G14/097 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting was to be held on 24th November 2014 at 7pm.

The Meeting ended at 8.15pm.

**Signed** ..... **Dated** .....  
**Chairman**