

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 24th NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: P Stott (Chairman)
B Cole (Vice-Chairman)
D Chapman M Chapman
V Duval-Steer S Gazzard
P Graham B Nash
C Nicholas B Toye
M Williamson

Guest Speakers: Andy Lock, Transition Town Exmouth & Adrian Toole, representative on COLP

The chairman welcomed guest speaker Andy Lock to the meeting.

G14/098 Presentation by Andy Lock, Transition Town Exmouth

Andy Lock, a member of Transition Town Exmouth (TTE), gave members a power point presentation which focused on Exmouth becoming a beacon of excellence in sustainable practises. The strategy would be to create healthier businesses and environment for the community by creating a cleaner carbon neutral Exmouth through an architectural and planning blueprint.

The new Queens Drive development could demonstrate sustainability by designing BREEAM rated buildings known to reduce carbon emissions by 25-35% which would encourage 'Green Tourism' and help meet the large growth in tourism in the town over the years. Transition Town Exmouth had met with tourism businesses to promote green tourism and held workshops. Members requested TTE provide further information on green tourism.

Exmouth had many positive sustainable factors in that it had an excellent transport network, a good retail centre and a single secondary school. New proposed housing developments were to be green and energy efficient and BREEAM standard 3. Exmouth was also a contributor to the largest recycling council.

The chairman thanked Andy Lock for his informative presentation.

G14/099 Apologies

Councillors T Dumper, J Humphreys, S MacQueen, I Stewart, R Turner & S Wragg

G14/100 Public Forum

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

G14/101 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 13th October 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

G14/102 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2014

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

G14/103 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and Dispensations

Councillor S Gazzard declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 13 (minute G14/111) as he sat on EDDC's Recycling and Refuse Committee.

G14/104 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

G14/105 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.

G14/106 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** – Adrian Toole, TTE representative on COLP, gave an overview of items that had been discussed at the COLP meeting held on 13th November 2014.
 - Integrated transport interchange had been approved by DCC for the first stage and Exmouth Community Association, TTE and Exmouth Civic Society felt their suggestions had been incorporated although they were disappointed with the retention of the proposed zebra crossing.
 - Rev. James Hutchings, Churches Together, had been welcomed as a member of COLP.
 - Ian Cann had asked for action to enforce parking restrictions in Tower St and Bath Road.
 - The proposed Road Warden Scheme by Devon County Council would not be feasible as most of the roles would be ruled out from a safety aspect.
 - Confirmation had been given that the proposed new bus shelter in the Strand would have seats.
 - The Grove public house had pulled out of the community toilet scheme so there was no public toilet provision from the docks to the Pavilion. The Town Council had been advised that public toilets within the town were of a high ratio. The Community toilet scheme would be reinvestigated maybe with a cash incentive.
 - Reconsideration be given to Exmouth being a Blue Flag beach.
 - The provision of a Neighbourhood Plan for Exmouth to be explored.

Councillor P Graham hoped that Exmouth in Bloom could fund one cut next year of the mile long grass verge along Marine Way.

The notes from the recent LAG meeting would be circulated to members.

The Christmas lights scheduled for the Strand would not be erected as the lamp column fitments had not arrived in time.

G14/107 To Respond to the Devon Clinical Commissioning Group's Commissioning Proposals for Community Health Services in the Eastern Locality

Proposals had been previously circulated to members and some councillors had attended the meeting held on the 12th November at the Telfer Centre. Feedback responses had been given to the Town Clerk who would collate the information and feedback to the Clinical Commissioning Group.

G14/108 To discuss and agree registration for Devon County Council's Road Warden/ Community Self-Help scheme (deferred agenda item from Full Council meeting held on 10th November).

Devon County Council stated that they would provide insurance for volunteers of either scheme who had been trained by DCC. An approach to be made to all community groups. The Town Council would register with the Neighbourhood Highway Team in the first instance for both schemes.

G14/109 To respond to DCC'S proposals for budget savings for 2015/16 in Waste Management

Proposals had been previously circulated to members that focused on imposing charges for the disposal of non household waste items such as UPVC windows and doors, sanitary ware and roofing products. Members wished to discourage extra charges as it would encourage fly-tipping which was already a problem.

G14/110 To respond to DCC's proposals for budget savings in Highways Management Services

Proposals for Highways budget savings had been previously circulated to members and feedback responses had been given to the Town Clerk who would collate the information and feedback to Devon County Council Highways.

G14/111 To respond to EDDC's Recycling and Refuse Collection Questionnaire

Proposals for EDDC's Refuse and Recycling re-contracting of services had been previously circulated to members and feedback questionnaires had been given to the Town Clerk who would collate the information and feedback to EDDC Housing, Health and Environment Services.

G/112 Update on Events in Exmouth

- (i) **The Christmas Cracker** – The stalls to be sited on the Strand are at capacity. The Town Council and Streetscene were working together to clear litter and to clean during the event. The Christmas lights would be switched on during the course of the day and the Christmas tree lights at 5pm. The fireworks were scheduled to go off at 7pm.
- (ii) **Kite Festival** – the event would take place on the closing day of next year's Festival.

G14/113 Improving Exmouth

i. Supplementary Street Cleaner

Derek with the help of Stephen, who was on a 3 day work placement, was currently working in The Colony where EDDC Streetscene was proactive in tackling dog mess. Some of the road closure signs for the Cracker event had been erected. Sand bags were now available at the Town Hall for the public to collect. A regular weekly meeting between the Town Clerk and Vince of Streetscene was now in place. A request was made of members to provide information on what needed to be addressed in the town for Derek's attention and possible projects for consideration for use of the Community Pay Back Scheme.

ii. Refurbishment – Bus Shelters

Only three of the four bus shelters identified for repainting had been completed as the fourth was not within the Town Council's jurisdiction. Art work for the shelters would follow and replacement of the missing roof at the bottom of Pound Lane was in hand with EDDC. Two new bus shelters have been erected, one at Parkside Drive and the other at Roswell Court, Douglas Ave. Ownership of the bus shelters within the town had been clarified and members would be sent a list. A bus shelter had also been requested for the Exeter Road bus stop near Gypsy Lane.

G14/114 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was to be held on 26th January 2015 at 7pm.

The Meeting ended at 8.35pm.

Signed **Dated**
Chairman