

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 5th OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: P Stott (Chairman)

B Bailey

M Chapman

T Dumper

J Humphreys

B Nash (Observers.)

R Scott

F Caygill

P Dean

P Graham

R Masding

C Nicholas (Observers.)

M Williamson

Guest Speakers: Alison Stoneman - Acting Communications and Public Affairs Manager, EDDC & David Feltham - Senior Waste Management Officer, EDDC in respect of item G15/081

G15/074 Apologies

Councillors D Chapman, B Cole, E Gibbons, A Greenhalgh, C Gough, T Hill & B Toye.

G15/075 Public Forum

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

G15/076 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 7th September 2015 were proposed by Councillor M Williamson seconded by Councillor T Dumper and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

G15/077 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2015

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:-

Minute G15/056 EDDC Playing Pitch Strategy 2015 – a meeting would be held on 19th October with Graham Thompson.

Minute G15/067 Clinical Commissioning Group – a response to the Town Clerk's letter had been received and was circulated to members at the meeting.

Minute G15/048 Graffiti Wall – some members of the committee had attended the official opening of the graffiti wall in Phear Park and added their own graffiti.

G15/078 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and Dispensations

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

G15/079 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

G15/080 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.

Note: The Chairman asked members if agenda item 8 could be brought forward and welcomed the two guest speakers.

G15/081 To receive an update on the Exmouth recycling trials (Alison Stoneman - Acting Communications and Public Affairs Manager, EDDC & David Feltham - Senior Waste Management Officer, EDDC)

David Feltham, EDDC's Senior Waste Management Officer, gave an overview on the current situation in respect of recycling and residual waste collection within East Devon. The recycling contract would be under review next year and government targets would need to be met in the future. The cost to EDDC of recycling and refuse collection and disposal was £4.6 million and equated to one quarter of EDDC's revenue budget. The committee had been given an EDDC handout which had been produced as a briefing for members prior to the start of the trials. Two trials were currently being carried out, one in the Colony which had been identified as it had operational transport difficulties and lack of bin storage space and one in Feniton where there were young families and larger properties. The first 3 weeks had resulted in an increase of recycling material by 1.3 tons each week and an increase in food waste. Alison Stoneman feedback that residents who had taken part had initially been resistant but on revisits had communicated a real keenness to make the trial work. Residents with a need to dispose of nappy or clinical waste could request a collection on a fortnightly basis. Other areas with potential problems such as flats and multi-occupancy homes could be trialled before the revised system was considered for all of East Devon.

The chairman thanked them both for attending.

G15/082 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** – Councillor R Masding on behalf of Transition Town Exmouth gave a verbal report on topics discussed at the COLP meeting held on the 24th September. The newly formed Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee would meet for the first time on Wednesday 7th October at 10.00am. John Petty had offered to supply a map of cycle paths within the town as part of the access strategy within the Neighbourhood Plan.
- **Exmouth Flag and War Memorial Committee** – the notes of the meeting held on 24th September 2015 had been previously circulated to members.
- **Christmas Lights Working Party** – a verbal update was given by the Town Clerk. A sum of £1,500 had been set aside to install sockets on the lamp posts in Rolle St so as to provide a more consistent supply. A similar request had been made for the lamp posts within the Strand but a restricted loading weight applied to the lamp posts had made the provision of suitable Christmas light arrangements difficult. The Exmouth Christmas Lights Voluntary Organisation which had been involved in raising money to offset the Town Council's

Christmas lights expenditure had folded and provision was to be made for the transfer of the residue of funds that were still held by them. The current contract had a further year to run at £12,000 per year at which point a review would need to take place. A request was made for the provision of future Christmas lights to be placed as an agenda item for discussion by the Finance Committee.

- **Waterfront/Regeneration Cross Party Working Group** – Councillors P Graham, R Scott and B Nash gave members an overview of their visit with Alison Hayward of EDDC to Swindon and Trowbridge to look at projects that had been undertaken by the developer who had been engaged in the regeneration of Exmouth's seafront.
- **Marks and Spencer Presentation**
The recent presentation by Marks and Spencer's agent had been well received and supported by members of the Town Council. Reports of the Town Council's presentation and views had been reported inaccurately in the Exmouth Journal and concern was shown by the Town Council members as to where the information had been generated from as the presentation had taken place in Part 2 of the recent Full Council meeting.

EDDC's Advisory Panel, led by Darren Roberts, EDDC's Planning Team Leader, had also received the presentation but did not support the development or feel the site was suitable and showed a preference for the Exmouth Rugby Club or Imperial Ground. No member of the Exmouth Town Council was present at the Advisory Panel meeting.

Councillor M Williamson proposed a motion:

'Exmouth Town Council supports the proposal for a Marks and Spencer food store on the bus depot site and welcomes opportunities to be involved with its development. It remains committed to an integrated transport hub on the station site and believes that with careful planning these developments can complement each other'.

Councillor P Graham seconded the motion which would be sent to EDDC and Advisory Panel members. It should also be noted that should future discussions which involved proposed developments in Exmouth District Town Ward members and one member for each of the other Exmouth wards should be invited to attend.

- **Rolle College**
Town Council members had attended the Rolle College presentation and Councillor P Stott seconded by Councillor T Dumper wished to lodge a preference for proposal 2 which would release more buildings for community use. An AGM for Rolle Exmouth Ltd would take place in the near future.

G15/083 To respond to a consultation by East Devon District Council in respect of the Licensing Act 2003 & Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Licensing Policy

The Town Clerk gave an overview on the proposed changes to the Licensing Policy (shown in red on the draft copy) which would comply with new statutory legislation. The committee requested that the Town Council's Planning Committee

consider the changes and respond to the consultation on the Town Council's behalf.

G15/084 To receive an update on a new bus shelter for The Strand

Tom Vaughan, DCC Highways Management Officer, had advised the Town Clerk that installation of the bus shelter on the Strand would commence week beginning Monday 12th October.

G15/085 To receive an update on the purchase of a new vehicle for the Supplementary Street Cleaning Team

An order had been placed with Pollitts to supply a DFSK flat bedded pick up type vehicle which would arrive in the next week at a cost of approximately £10,000. It would display Town Council livery plus Chapter 8 signage and have a tow bar. The current van was on a short term lease as the previous one had been recalled at short notice.

G15/086 To receive an update on the progress of the Exe Estuary Trail Solar Lighting Project

The Town Clerk had met with the Clearview traffic representative for a site visit and permission had been given to install the lights on the cycleway behind donkey field Marine Way and the Exe Estuary Trail from Lower Halsdon Farm to Lypmstone. Permission was sought from the National Trust for the pathway up to the entrance of the farm. Installation would commence on 16th October.

G15/087 To Receive an update on the Art Trail signage and the new Town maps

Suzanne Birkett, Town Management Project Officer, had commissioned new town maps that were up to date and clear to read. They had been installed at various locations around the town. The port hole art trail signs would be installed in the Strand, Manor Gardens and along Madeira Walk by EDDC Streetscene Services to depict the route to the seafront. The town's finger posts would also need to be realigned due to movement over the summer.

G15/088 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 16th November, 2015 at 7pm.

Note: The chairman asked members to remind residents that the TAG Rugby event would take place on Saturday 10th October from 10.00am until 3pm.

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm.

Signed **Dated**

Chairman