

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 7.15 PM.

PRESENT: Councillors: M Chapman (Chairman)
B Cole (Deputy Chairman)
B Bailey F Caygill
D Chapman T Dumper
S Gazzard P Graham
A Greenhalgh T Hill
R Masding B Nash
C Nicholas R Scott
P Stott B Taylor
B Toye J Trail
M Williamson

Officers: Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk & Sue Cody, Minute Taker.

Guest Speaker: Alison Hill, Chair of Trustees for Pete's Dragons

C15/124. APOLOGIES

Councillors T Darville, P Dean, L Elson, E Gibbons, C Gough & J Humphreys

There were no members of the public present at the meeting that wished to speak.

The Chairman asked that agenda item 9 be brought forward and invited Alison Hill to speak.

C15/125. PRESENTATION BY ALISON HILL, CHAIR OF TRUSTEES, OF PETE'S DRAGONS

Pete's Dragons an Exmouth based recently registered charity (an added member of the Alliance of Suicide Charities) which hoped to pilot a service to support those bereaved by suicide. Alison Hill gave the background as to how the registered charity had evolved. In 2010 her brother sadly took his own life with no warning signs or involvement with health services. Search and Rescue played a big part in looking for him when he was missing for 5 days. To thank them for their efforts Alison cycled 400 miles to raise money for the cause. Since then, with support from others Alison has established fund raising which had resulted in provision of a Land Rover named 'The Dragon' for Search and Rescue operations. More fundraising had been achieved by climbing Kilimanjaro, bungee jumping from Falls Bridge, cycling across Spain and a sky dive which attracted a further 30 participants. Fundraising events had funded hampers which contained items to provide a support mechanism for bereaved members and pets. Comfort grants were also made available for memorial benches, days out, pet bills and help towards holiday breaks.

Having fundraised for 5 years the pilot service, Suicide Bereavement Support Service, was now launched to support family and friends of suicide victims and work alongside front line support services such as The Police. With an estimated running cost of £37,000 per annum the charity wished to apply for Parishes Together Funding (PTF). An explanation of the process to apply for PTF was given by the Town Clerk and other avenues for possible funding provision were put forward.

C15/126. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 2nd November 2015 were proposed by Councillor B Bailey seconded by Councillor C Nicholas with the addition of Councillor B Taylor on the attended list, and noted as a true record.

C15/127. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Matters arising from the minutes:-

- C15/117 Jurassic Coast Forum – Councillor A Greenhalgh advised members that there was a training session for anyone who wished to be an ambassador for the Jurassic Coast at Ocean on Friday 22nd January 2016, 9.30 – 12.30 am.
- C15/119 East Devon Local Plan – revised version. No comments had been submitted to EDDC.

C15/128. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests or dispensations.

C15/129. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items to be dealt with under urgent business.

C15/130. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

C15/131. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 10

There were no questions under Standing Order 10.

C15/132. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES, OTHER LOCAL BODIES, THE TOWN CLERK / TOWN MANAGER as appropriate (Standing Order 6.2)

- **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillor J Trail proposed, seconded by Councillor B Bailey that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 19th October & 2nd and 16th November 2015 (as previously circulated) be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19th October & 2nd and 16th November 2015 be accepted and adopted.

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillor D Chapman proposed, seconded by Councillor P Graham that the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 19th October 2015 be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 19th October 2015 be accepted and adopted.

- **REGENERATION AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Councillor P Stott proposed, seconded by Councillor T Dumper, that the minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 5th October 2015 be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee held on 5th October 2015 be accepted and adopted.

- **Local Action Group**

Councillor B Nash gave a verbal report from the LAG meeting held on 2nd December 2015. The Hush shop on the Strand had re-opened and was being monitored by the Police. Overall crime had decreased by 3.4%, violent crime without injury had risen within the area but theft and break-ins had decreased by 35%. Restriction on police funds meant that they were unable to fund the two sets of 'pissoires' to be sited within the town on New Year's Eve at a cost of £800 per set. The Town Council had asked EDDC if Manor Garden's toilets could be left unlocked that evening and were awaiting a response. The New Year's Eve firework display in the Town had not yet been confirmed.

C15/133. TO RATIFY THE ADOPTION OF A SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Members had before them a draft Safeguarding Policy – Children, Young People & Vulnerable Adults for discussion and ratification. Under Section 9 Recruitment and Selection councillors asked for clear guidance when visiting a property where a minor was present and whether DBS checks would be carried out for members and staff. Guidelines on visiting would be ascertained and the cost of DBS checks confirmed.

Note: The committee thanked the Town Clerk for overseeing the provision of Christmas lights within the Town.

C15/134. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council would be held on Monday 11th January 2016 at 7pm and there would be no meeting of Regeneration & General Purposes on 21st December 2015.

The meeting concluded at 8.08 pm.

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