

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ROLLE ROAD, EXMOUTH, EX8 1AB ON MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Councillors: J Trail (Acting Chairman)
J Humphreys (Acting Deputy Chairman)
B Bailey F Caygill
M Chapman T Dumper
L Elson S Gazzard
P Graham R Masding
B Nash C Nicholas
B de Saram P Stott
B Taylor B Toye

OFFICERS: Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk & Sue Cody, minute taker.

APOLOGIES: Councillors B Cole, T Darville, P Garbutt, C Gough, T Hill, D Nicholas, K Norton, R Scott & M Williamson

Councillor B Nash read out an email that he had received from Councillor M Williamson who wished to temporarily withdraw from his council duties due to his wife's declining health and his forthcoming hip replacement. Members asked that their support and best wishes were passed on to him.

Councillor J Trail asked members permission for Councillor J Humphreys to step in as Acting Deputy Chairman for the meeting that night.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

The Chairman congratulated all electoral candidates and all those who took part in the recent Brixington Ward Bi-Election.

C16/142. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councillor B Nash wished to make an amendment to the resolution of minute C16/129

“RESOLVED that: Exmouth Town Council welcomes the Exeter Deaf Academy and supports its coming to the former Rolle College site. The Council continues its support of Rolle Exmouth Limited and wishes to be part of any Stakeholder discussions with all parties concerned.” With the addition of the words **“to achieve the best outcome for the residents of Exmouth.**

The amended minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19th September 2016 were agreed and noted as a true record.

Proposer: Cllr. S Gazzard **Seconder:** Cllr. B de Saram

C16/143. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters that arose from the minutes.

C16/144. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There was one declaration of pecuniary interests. The following councillor declared an interest:

Item	Councillor	Declaration type		Reason
		Pecuniary	Personal	
C16/ 151	B de Saram		X	His partner attended the Ceramics Group

C16/145. URGENT BUSINESS

- **Exmouth Post Office** - a public consultation had been launched in order to gauge the town's reaction to the relocation of the Post Office to a section of the W H Smith store sited in the Magnolia Centre. Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk, had made contact with the Post Office to request a visit from a representative to attend the next Council meeting who would provide members with more detail. She had requested an extension of the closing date as the next Council meeting was scheduled to take place on the closing date, 7th November 2016.

C16/146. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items that would be discussed in Part II of the meeting.

C16/147. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 10

There were no questions under Standing Order 10.

C16/148. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES, OTHER LOCAL BODIES, 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 Planning Committee meetings held on 19th September 2016 (as previously circulated) be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 19th September 2016 be accepted and adopted.

Members to note that the recently appointed EDDC Licensing Manager, Steve Saunders, would provide a briefing to start at 8.15pm on 17th October 2016 after the Planning Committee for councillors who would like to understand what the licensing laws allowed and what the requirements are when a Council wishes to object to a new licence application.

- **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG)**
Notes from meeting held 21st September 2016 had been previously circulated and were noted.
- **Exmouth Regeneration Programme Board**
Notes from meeting held on 15th September 2016 had been previously circulated and were noted.
- **Local Action Group**
Notes from meeting held on 14th September 2016 had been previously circulated and were noted particularly Appendix A of those notes which contained a precis of the questions together with the Police responses of the points raised for the attention of the Police service at the Town Council Roadshow which took place in July. As a result of a monitoring device being set up in the Charlton Hill area only 3 out of 5,000 drivers were reported as travelling in excess of 45mph. There was noise still currently being experienced by residents in that area from motorbikes.

Councillor M Chapman raised the issue of drones which followed an incident experienced by her elderly neighbour when a drone had landed in her garden due to its breakdown. She also informed members that the Police had no power over the controlled use of drones and that it was the responsibility of the Civil Aviation Authority to oversee their use or miss-use. A request was made for the use of drones to be added to the agenda for the next Full Council meeting and for members of the LAG to be made aware of that legislation.

- **Waterfront Working Party**
Councillor B Nash gave a verbal report which followed the Working Party's seasonal waterfront inspection between Orcombe Point and Ocean on 19th September. Points raised as below:-
 - Public toilets were locked and a request would be made for them to remain open throughout the winter.
 - Excessive seaweed had blown in from the East.
 - The groyne had been exposed by sand movement as a result of the East wind and were a trip hazard. A large hole had also appeared in the sand behind the ice cream parlour and had filled with water so was a safety issue for small children. All sand would be relocated back to its original location by staff from Camperdown Terrace as part of its winter clearance work.
 - Sand movement around the lifeboat slipway has exposed the concrete pillars and engineers were currently investigating the impact this might have, specifically with regard to the undermining of the slipway.

- The temporary steps to the beach were in need of repairing and the railings and fingerposts needed repainting.
- The EDDC noticeboard had information that was out of date.

C16/149. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE JUBILEE CLOCK TOWER

Councillor Jeff Trail reported that work had commenced by West Country Stonemasons on the Jubilee Clock Tower at a cost of approximately £24,000 after consideration of the 4 submitted quotes. Thanks were noted to Ann Howard, Town Council Administrator, who had worked hard to gain Listed Building approval. Appreciation was given to the Flagpole and War Memorial Committee, DMB Scaffolding (free scaffolding), The Imperial Hotel (welfare supplies) and Wilson's paints (supply of painting materials). It was estimated that the work would take approximately 6 weeks and confirmed that the top stone carvings would be reinstated.

C16/150. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO BT'S PUBLIC PAYPHONE REMOVAL

An email had been received from Ed Freeman, EDDC Service Lead Officer for Planning, which provided detail from British Telecom on their intention to remove 48 public pay phones throughout East Devon, 5 of which were located in Exmouth. Councillor Bill Nash proposed seconded by Councillor B Bailey that the 3 public telephone kiosks at Phear Ave, Phear Park and Capel Lane be retained and the 2 kiosks at Hulham Road and Exeter Road be removed. The suggestion of the retention of one kiosk for use along an art trail was unsupported due to the possible repair costs should the kiosk be vandalised.

RESOLVED that the 3 public telephone kiosks situated at Phear Ave, Phear Park and Capel Lane be retained and the 2 kiosks at Hulham Road and Exeter Road be removed.

C16/151. GRANT APPLICATION

The Exmouth Ceramic Group had applied for a grant to fund a new clay storage shed which was at a cost of £1,068. The group had itself raised £300 and Councillor S Gazzard proposed seconded by Councillor B Nash that a grant for the residue of £768 be agreed by the Town Council.

RESOLVED that a grant of £768 be given to the Exmouth Ceramic Group as a contribution to the cost of a new clay storage shed.

C16/152. TO RECEIVE THE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST BUDGET AND REVIEW THE RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS AGAINST BANK STATEMENTS

Councillor R Masding reconciled the bank statements on behalf of the Town Clerk. It was noted that election costs for the year were very high and exceeded the allocated

budget. This was due to the Town Poll and recent bi-elections. The shortfall would need to be taken from Reserves. Councillor B Nash proposed seconded by Councillor P Stott that the accounts be accepted.

C16/153. BUDGETARY CONTROL AND AUTHORITY TO SPEND

The 4 items of listed expenditure and an extra item of salary recharge were noted.

22/9/16	Queensbury Shelters	£4252.00
7/9/16	EDDC Wages Recharge	£20871.93
2/9/16	Stratton Creber Commerical	£3750.00
2/9/16	Cockman Builders	£4560.00

There had been no movement of monies held on behalf of others. There was one unrepresented cheque dated 14th July 2016. There would be some extraordinary costs for the recent office move which would need to be paid in October. Councillor C Nicholas proposed seconded by Councillor S Gazzard the approval of the payments.

RESOLVED that the above payments be approved.

C16/154. TO AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE DCLG COUNCIL TAX CAP CONSULTATION ENDS 28TH OCTOBER 2016

NALC had produced a document in response to the DCLG proposal in respect of Town and Parish precepts and DCLG's suggestion to cap future precept increase at 2%. Members felt that a 2% restriction on the increase of the precept would hinder the possible devolvement of assets to Town and Parish Councils and the future servicing and maintenance of those assets would not be feasible. Councillor S Gazzard proposed seconded by Councillor B Nash that the Town Clerk write to MP Hugo Swire to highlight the key points raised within the NALC document. It was also noted that a summary of DCLG's proposals was also on NALC's website.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to MP Hugo Swire to highlight the key points raised within the NALC document.

C16/155. TO NOTE THE OUTCOME OF THE BRIXINGTON WARD ELECTION HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER, 2016

Councillor Darryl Nicholas, the Conservative and Unionist Party Candidate, was elected as the Town Councillor and District Councillor for Brixington Ward on Thursday 6th October 2016.

C16/156. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council would be held on Monday 7th November 2016 at 7.00pm.

Note: Councillor B Bailey informed members that representatives from The Exmouth Transport Partnership had met with representatives from DCC, EDDC and the Regeneration Programme Board in respect of Exmouth Transport Interchange

with particular attention being around the current safety issues with the siting of the bus stops.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.

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