

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON 1ST JUNE 2015 AT 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors: D Chapman (Chairman)
C Nicholas (Vice Chairman)
B Cole J Humphreys
T Dumper R Masding
L Elson B Nash
S Gazzard R Scott
C Gough P Stott
P Graham B Taylor
A Greenhalgh J Trail
M Williamson

Officers: Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk & Julie Gregory, Minute Taker.

F15/031 APOLOGIES
Councillor T Darville

F15/032 PUBLIC FORUM

Cllr Pat Graham left the room as her husband is President of the Sea Cadets.

Ian Stewart spoke on behalf of the Sea Cadets' application for funding. He stated that the current building used by the Sea Cadets is part of EDDC's regeneration area and a new building will cost £500k. EDDC have contributed £150k, the Sea Cadets have raised or have funds committed of £300k but are still looking for a further £50k. Community groups have approached them with a view to hiring the new building and it would be a good opportunity for the Town Council to invest in this organisation.

F15/033 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd MARCH, 2015

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March, 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

These minutes were ratified at Full Council on Monday 20th April 2015.

F15/034 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND DISPENSATION

Item	Councillor	Declaration type		Reason
		Pecuniary	Personal	
12	L Elson	x		EDCTP treasurer
12	S Gazzard		X	BAY FM supporter of organ

12	P Stott		X	donor sign up
13.1	C Nicholas		X	
13.2	C Nicholas		X	

F14/035 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items to be considered under urgent business.

F14/036 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

F15/037 REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

The Responsible Financial Officer had previously circulated a Financial Report which included a Year-To-Date Budget Report and Bank Reconciliation for the financial period ending 30th April 2015. Cllr Brian Cole checked the printed bank statements against the bank reconciliation and the Charity Statements on behalf of the Committee and confirmed they matched the funds reported. It was noted that the oldest unrepresented cheque was for £1k payable to Exmouth Musical Theatre. Cllr Tim Dumper was concerned that the total of unrepresented cheques were £12,725 and the Finance Administrator explained that a few of the cheques were for larger amounts relating to SLA's which had not yet been cashed and that she would report to Cllr Dumper with a breakdown.

The Town Clerk reported that she would be attending the next Exe Estuary Partnership meeting and one of the items to be discussed was looking into re-instating the Exe Patrol Boat.

Cllr Elson asked if there had been any news on whether we could change the restrictions on who could benefit from the Williams Adam Westwood Trust, to enable other care homes in Exmouth to apply for funding. The Finance Administrator explained that the will had been looked at, and in principal there were no reasons why the restrictions could not be changed, but it was complicated and needed to be clarified by the legal department first.

Cllr Williamson asked if we were anyway forward on changing our charity investments from dollar to sterling. The Finance Administrator explained that a letter of enquiry had been sent 6 months ago but the process was very slow, but would chase it up.

F15/038 REPORTS FROM OTHER LOCAL BODIES, COUNCILLORS AND THE TOWN CLERK AS APPROPRIATE

Cllr Alison Greenhalgh asked that a letter of thanks & congratulations be sent to Tim Bland for putting on a splendid Festival and for his support of the Kite Festival. Feedback from the public had been amazing and people had commented that it was the best Festival they had attended.

F15/039 TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR ADDITIONAL “gov.uk” EMAIL COUNCILLOR ADDRESSES @ £3.10 PER USER PER MONTH PLUS TWO TRAINING SESSIONS @ £60 PER TRAINING SESSION.

Resolved that the expenditure be approved.

Proposer: Cllr M Williamson Second: Cllr W Nash

F15/040 TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR THE RIFLES ADOPTION PARADE @ £2,500

Cllrs D Chapman & J Trail declared an interest.

Resolved that expenditure for the Rifles Adoption Parade be approved

Proposer: Cllr S Gazzard Second: Cllr M Williamson

F15/041 TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF EXMOUTH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT REPORT AND BAY FM ACCOUNTS

NOTED

F15/042 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

The committee discussed the three grant applications before them and made the recommendations shown in the table below.

Applicant	Description	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
1. Exmouth Unit 395 of the Sea Cadets	Contribution towards development costs of new training facility	£5000	£5,000
2. Exmouth & Budleigh Salterton Explorer Scouts	Contribution towards the Exmouth Brass Band Festival	£1,250	£1,250
3. Exmouth Players – Drama Club	Grant to cover full costs of installing new heating system & air conditioning at the Blackmore Theatre.	£7,506.72	£1,000

SEA Cadets Application

Proposer: Cllr J Humphreys

Second: Cllr L Elson

Exmouth & Budleigh Explorer Scouts Application

Proposer: Cllr S Gazzard

Second: Cllr P Stott

Exmouth Players Drama Club
Proposer: Cllr P Stott

Seconder: Cllr J Humphreys

F15/043 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 27th July 2015

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

SIGNED.....
Chairman

DATED.....