

## EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ROLLE ROAD, EXMOUTH, EX8 1AB ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.00 PM.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: B Cole (Chairman)  
J Trail (Deputy Chairman)  
B Bailey F Caygill  
M Chapman T Dumper  
L Elson S Gazzard  
T Hill J Humphreys  
R Masding B Nash  
C Nicholas D Nicholas  
K Norton B de Saram  
R Scott P Stott  
B Taylor M Williamson

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

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Devon County Councillor E Wragg (item 9) & Rebecca Harriot and Rob Sainsbury of CCG (item 10).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors T Darville, P Garbutt, C Gough, P Graham & B Toye

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

The chairman welcomed Devon County Councillor, Eileen Wragg, as a member of the South West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and Rebecca Harriot and Rob Sainsbury on behalf of CCG. He asked if agenda items 9 & 10 could be considered after item 7 which would allow guest speakers to present their items.

#### **C16/157. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were agreed and noted as a true record.

**Proposer:** Cllr. S Gazzard

**Seconder:** Cllr. B Nash

#### **C16/158. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

There were no matters that arose from the minutes.

#### **C16/159. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were two declarations of pecuniary interests. The following councillors declared an interest:

Item	Councillor	Declaration type		Reason
		Pecuniary	Personal	
C16/ 164	P Stott		X	Her daughter works for the NHS
	D Nicholas	X		He had recently started work for the CCG and would withdraw from the meeting when discussed.

#### **C16/160. URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

#### **C16/161. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was agreed that Agenda item 16 would be discussed in Part II of the meeting as they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

#### **C16/162. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 10**

There were no questions under Standing Order 10.

#### **C16/163. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR EILEEN WRAGG ON PROGRESS AND FUNDING OF EXMOUTH'S TIDAL DEFENCE SCHEME**

Devon County Councillor E Wragg gave the background to a meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October where it was announced that Exmouth's Tidal and Flood Relief Grant had escalated in cost from 4.3million to 16 million. Councillor E Wragg had recently accompanied some members of South West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to walk along the seafront and estuary to point out areas of concern. A meeting followed that walk where support of the viability of a government funded grant was pledged with an estimated further increase in cost to 18.9 million. If the grant was agreed in February 2017 the work would commence in 2018. Sir James Bevan and Hugo Swire, MP, had given their support. Discussion took place on whether movement of sand from Pole Sands would have any effect on Exmouth, the current disrepair of the groynes at Orcombe Point end, displacement of water at the dock end, silting up of the channel and erosion of the sand at Harbour View Café. Recognition was given to all those who had been involved in supporting the scheme so far and their local knowledge. A request was made for the Town Council to write to the Environment Agency and local MP, Hugo Swire, for their support of the scheme.

The Chairman thanked Councillor E Wragg for her attendance at the meeting and the up to date information on the flood risk scheme.

**Note:** Councillor D Nicholas left the room for the agenda item below.

#### **C16/164. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE CCG'S YOUR FUTURE CARE CONSULTATION**

Rob Sainsbury, Chief Operating Officer for CCG, North, Eastern & Western areas in Devon gave a presentation on the CCG's future care proposals and proposed changes to community inpatient beds in Eastern Devon.

Councillor L Elson put forward a motion:

“This Council recognises the challenges the new Devon CCG is facing particularly in our area with an above average population of elderly people. We also recognise the fact that people prefer to be cared for in their own home but community services are already overstretched and packages of care are very often not available and this is not always possible because of their special medical needs. In view of Exmouth being the largest town in Devon and the population including the surrounding area is in excess of 50,000 we cannot support any reduction of beds in Exmouth Community hospital. However, we would welcome to see more clinical services and consultations transferred to the community hospital so that it is fully utilised.”

There would be a full consultation in Exmouth the next day. A question and answer session followed where the points below were raised:

- Concern at the length of time rapid response was put in place sometimes 2-4 days.
- No beds in residential care home and elderly packages of care reduced due to DCC home care services cut backs. Social care assessments not immediate.
- Recruitment of carers was difficult and there was a general scarcity of carers that had the skills for post operation care.
- CCG stated that projected savings of £2million as a result of proposed bed closures but the £2million would support 82 people in the community as opposed to 21 people in community hospital beds and that hospital beds in the community were not the best value for money and sometimes not the best provision for patients.
- EDDC had passed a motion recently which did not support closure of community beds in East Devon.
- Service provision would need to be established within the community before community beds were reduced.

Councillor P Stott wished an amendment to be considered to the motion which would encompass all community hospitals within Eastern Devon:

“..... community hospitals so that they are fully utilised.”

Councillor L Elson proposed, seconded by Councillor F Caygill that the motion be amended and accepted. The motion was carried on a vote.

**RESOLVED that the motion:**

**“This Council recognises the challenges the new Devon CCG is facing particularly in our area with an above average population of elderly people. We also recognise the fact that people prefer to be cared for in their own home but community services are already overstretched and packages of care are very often not available and this is not always possible because of their special**

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**C16/165. 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 T Dumper that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (as previously circulated) be received.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 be accepted and adopted.**

- **Exmouth Transport Partnership**

Notes from the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 had been previously circulated and were noted.

- **COLP**

Notes from the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 had been previously circulated and were noted.

- **Arts Manager and Town Clerk's Reports**

Both reports were noted.

**C16/166. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION'S REVIEW OF EAST DEVON**

A Task and Finish Forum was formed to respond to the Boundary Commission's Review of East Devon which consisted of Councillors L Elson, T Dumper, T Hill, M Chapman, R Scott, S Gazzard, J Humphreys and R Masding.

**C16/167. TO RATIFY THE ADOPTION OF REVISED STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (ATTACHED)**

Councillor L Elson proposed seconded by Councillor S Gazzard that the revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be adopted. All members were in support.

**RESOLVED that the revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be adopted.**

**C16/168. TO REGISTER THE TOWN COUNCIL'S CONCERN OVER THE UNSAFE USE OF DRONES IN THE BUILT-UP URBAN AREA**

After discussion with the local police it had been agreed that should a drone be the immediate cause of danger then the public would phone 999 and that otherwise 101

would be used. Once notified the Police could redirect to the appropriate service. It was not known how many incidents that involved drones had been reported to the Police.

**C16/169. GRANT APPLICATION**

Devon UK Mega 2017 had applied for a grant to fund a geo-coaching event at Bicton College. Members felt that the event would not attract many of Exmouth's residents and that the application did not meet the grant criteria.

**C16/170. BUDGETARY CONTROL AND AUTHORITY TO SPEND**

The 6 items of listed expenditure were approved.

10.10.16	ACS SOLUTIONS	£ 9,088.24	ICT SUPPORT SEPT 16 & MOVE TO ROLLE STREET
10.10.16	COMPUTAFORM	£ 2,137.05	NEW FURNITURE (TO BE REIMBURSED VIA CLLR B HUGHES' INVEST IN DEVON GRANT)
10.10.16	DEVON SIGNS	£3,025.00	SUPPLY & FIT NEW SIGNS TO ROLLE STREET
10.10.16	EDDC	£22,068.02	SALARY RECHARGE SEPT 16
20.10.16	EDDC	£3,142.16	ELECTION COSTS
10.10.16	SOUND EVENTS	£2,535.90	STAGING/EQUIP MUSSEL FESTIVAL

Councillor L Elson proposed, seconded by Councillor S Gazzard that the expenditure listed above be approved.

**RESOLVED that the above payments be approved.**

**C16/171. TO RECEIVE THE HR GROUP MEETING NOTES AND RATIFY ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

The minute from that agenda item was discussed under Part ii of the meeting and was held by the Town Clerk.

**C16/172. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Town Council would be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.15 pm.

**The meeting concluded at 9.05 pm.**

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