

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ROLLE ROAD, EXMOUTH, EX8 1AB ON MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.15 PM.

PRESENT: Councillors: B Cole (Chairman)
L Elson (Acting Deputy Chairman)
B Bailey F Caygill
M Chapman T Dumper
S Gazzard C Gough
P Graham T Hill
R Masding B Nash
C Nicholas D Nicholas
P Stott B Taylor
M Williamson

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

GUESTS: Dr Ian Greenhalgh & Tom Chapman

APOLOGIES: Councillors T Darville, B de Saram, P Garbutt, J Humphreys, K Norton, R Scott, B Toye & J Trail

The chairman welcomed members and announced that Councillor S Gazzard would participate in the Exmouth Christmas swim to raise funds for the British Lung Foundation in memory of his daughter. Sponsors would be welcomed.

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Forum. Please see Appendix for details. The meeting was then reconvened.

C16/173. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7th November 2016 were agreed and noted as a true record.

C16/174. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters that arose from the minutes.

C16/175. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests or dispensations.

C16/176. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

C16/177. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

C16/178. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 10

There were no questions under Standing Order 10.

C16/179. 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 Hill that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 31st October & 14th November 2016 (as previously circulated) be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 31st October & 14th November 2016 be accepted and adopted.

- **Town Clerk's Report** – was noted.
- **Exe Estuary Management Partnership Officer Working Group** - minutes of meeting held on Friday 2 September 2016 were noted.
- **Local Action Group** – notes from meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2016 were noted.
- **NPSG** - notes of meeting held on 16th November 2016 were noted.
- **DALC Larger Councils Sub Committee** - minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2016 were noted.
- **COLP** - notes from meeting held on 23rd November, 2016 were noted.
- **Flooding and Land Drainage** – Councillor P Graham gave a verbal update from the meeting held on 12th December 2016 where a recommendation had been put forward for the formation of an Exmouth Town Council Flood Resilience Plan that would be put into place should Exmouth experience a flood. Exeter St Thomas and Braunton had recently produced a plan and members wished to know whether the resilience plan had been effective in the Braunton flood last month. East Devon District Council and Devon County Council had a higher level emergency plan. The flooding leaflet produced by the Town Council in 2015 would be revisited and a press release for snow, rain, flood or road warden volunteers for the community roles would be actioned. The premise of a resilience plan was that volunteer wardens would work together to identify vulnerable people and offer practical support in the event of an emergency. e.g. registering as key holders to community buildings which could be used as a refuge. On a separate matter, Withycombe Brook (Bold Brook culvert), had been highlighted as a potential flood risk and Councillors were pressing for an inspection of the culvert.

- **Waterfront Working Party** – the Town Clerk gave a verbal update of the meeting held on 12th December 2016 during which a Streetscene representative had responded to issues raised during the prior waterfront inspection walk. This included community toilets, fingerposts, lamp posts, Mamhead slipway and campervan discharge on the highway. A request was made for a member of the Environment Agency to accompany the Waterfront Working Party in March to provide an update on the proposed sea defences by the lorry park walk.

C16/180. PRESENTATION OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL SHIELDS IN MEMORY OF COUNCILLOR ALISON GREENHALGH AND COUNCILLOR DAVID CHAPMAN

The Mayor presented an Exmouth Town Council commemorative shield to Dr Ian Greenhalgh in memory of his late wife Councillor Alison Greenhalgh who passed away on 15th May, 2016. She was an active Town and District Councillor for Littleham Ward and was very involved in the local community, worked with young people, enjoyed music and left the legacy of the dinosaur trail in the town.

The Mayor also presented an Exmouth Town Council commemorative shield to Tom Chapman, grandson of the late Councillor David Chapman, who passed away on 26th June, 2016. He was an active Town and District Councillor for Brixington, Chair of the Brixington Improvement Group, Chair of Finance on behalf of the Town Council, involved in Rugby and Champion of Sport for EDDC. He was paramount in the organisation of the Rugby World Cup Trophy Tour presence in Exmouth on 8th July 2015.

C16/181. TO RESPOND TO DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL’S COMMUNITY COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING CENTRES CONSULTATION

Members were requested to email the Town Clerk with their responses to the questions put forward. Councillor T Dumper wished to know what feedback residents had towards existing private community composting companies.

C16/182. TO REVIEW THE TRIAL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND RATIFY MEETING DATES FOR 2017

Discussion on the two items were deferred until the Full Council meeting of the 16th January 2017.

C16/183. BUDGETARY CONTROL AND AUTHORITY TO SPEND

The 6 items of listed expenditure were approved.

Authorisation is being sought for the following payment(s):

02.11.16	BOYCES OF MANSTREE	2,800.00	SUPPLY/PLANT WINTER FLOWERS IN FLOWER TOWERS
02.11.16	WPS INSURANCE BROKERS	6,153.47	INSURANCE 16/17
02.11.16	EDDC	22,182.18	SALARY RECHARGE OCT 16
02.11.16	EDDC	3,373.10	FINAL MAINTENANCE CHARGE TOWN HALL APR-SEPT 16

15.11.16	GB PROMOTIONS	2,000.00	ENTERTAINMENT AT XMAS CRACKER
15.11.16	SOUND EVENTS	7,242.00	INSTALLATION OF XMAS LIGHTS

Councillor M Williamson proposed, seconded by Councillor B Bailey that the expenditure listed above be approved.

RESOLVED that the above payments be approved.

C16/184. TO RATIFY EXPENDITURE FOR AN ADDITIONAL PRINT RUN-ON OF 50,000 COPIES OF THE 2017 TOWN GUIDE

The item above was deferred until the next meeting to enable further information to be gathered in respect of the proposed distribution of the guide.

C16/185. TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID HINCHLIFFE AS INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2016/17

Councillor S Gazzard proposed, seconded by Councillor P Stott, that David Hinchliffe be appointed as an internal auditor for 2016/2017.

C16/186. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council would be held on Monday 16th January 2017 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.10 pm.

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

Appendix

Mr Geoff Morris gave an overview of the proposed flood prevention scheme for Dawlish Warren which would involve the installation of an inflatable sausage like structure that would be pumped full of sand to create a barrier for the river water from the Exe Estuary which would prevent the break-through of the land at the end of Dawlish Warren. He felt that the diversion would push the river water away from its natural course and flood Exmouth's beaches. Members responded with a request for a representative of the Environment Agency to feedback on the issue raised.