

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ROLLE ROAD, EXMOUTH, EX8 1AB ON MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2017 AT 7.00 PM.

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

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

GUESTS: Gareth Bourton, EDDC Recycling Waste Manager & Alison Stoneman.,
EDDC Recycling Communications Manager.

APOLOGIES: Councillors T Darville, C Gough, P Stott & B Toye

Councillor S Gazzard reported that Councillor B Toye had made good progress after his operation and hoped to return to council business within a month.

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

C17/001. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th December 2016 were agreed and noted as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor S Gazzard **Seconded:** Councillor T Hill

C17/002. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There was one matter that arose from those minutes:-

- **TO REVIEW THE TRIAL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND RATIFY MEETING DATES FOR 2017** - Councillor B Nash informed members that that item was to have been scheduled for discussion that evening but would now be considered at the Full Council meeting to be held on the 20th February 2017.

C17/003. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were five declarations of pecuniary interests or dispensations.

Item	Councillor	Declaration type		Reason
		Pecuniary	Personal	
C17/ 10	L Elson		X	Her sister was the Chair of Governors
	B Nash		X	He knew the Deputy Head and had a grandchild at ECC
	P Graham		X	
	M Williamson		X	They had grandchildren at ECC
	S Gazzard		X	

C17/004. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

C17/005. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was agreed that Agenda item 18 would be discussed in Part II of the meeting as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

C17/006. TO RATIFY THE 2017/18 BUDGET AND ASSOCIATED PRECEPT

Members had been briefed the previous Friday by the Town Clerk on the proposed budget for 2017/18. Councillor C Nicholas proposed acceptance of the budget and gave the reasons for the increase in the precept to £58.59p at Band D which equated to a rise of approximately 28p per week which would protect and maintain assets, such as CCTV, and service provision, such as street cleaning, grass cutting, support to community groups and major events, in light of the impending cuts to the Town Council from other local authorities. Councillor B Nash seconded the proposal and 19 councillors were in support, one against and one abstention. Councillor S Gazzard thanked the Town Clerk for her time spent in attendance at the briefing meetings.

RESOLVED that Exmouth Town Council increase the precept per Band D rate payer to 58.59p.

C17/007. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE NEW, IMPROVED RECYCLING SERVICE WHICH STARTS IN EXMOUTH ON 16th FEBRUARY 2017

The chairman welcomed Gareth Bourton, EDDC Recycling Waste Manager & Alison Stoneman, EDDC Recycling Communications Manager, who gave an overview of the new scheme which would commence in Exmouth on 16th February 2017. There had been a trial carried out in The Colony and Feniton which had been introduced in September 2016 in which residents had fed back their thoughts on the new scheme. The scheme had been introduced to assist in the achievement of 50% recycled material which was the government target by 2020. Members were given a 'members briefing pack' which contained sample copies of information given to Exmouth residents on how the scheme would be implemented, types of recyclable materials acceptable for the 75ltr. reusable sturdy sack which would be collected on

a weekly basis. New Romaquip vans had been provided to assist with the larger range of items that would be recycled. EDDC had put on roadshows at various locations within Exmouth and the last one would be held at Brixington on 30th January. Bubblewrap, film food wrappers and polystyrene were currently exempt but progress in time may encompass those items in the future. Congratulations were given to the recycling team on their communication with Exmouth residents to date.

C17/008. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 10

There were no questions under Standing Order 10.

C17/009. 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 J Trail that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 28th November & 12th December 2016 (as previously circulated) be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 28th November & 12th December 2016 be accepted and adopted.

- **Town Clerk’s Report** – was noted.
- **Local Action Group** – notes from meeting held on Wednesday 21st December 2016 were noted.
- **NPSG** - notes of meeting held on 14th December 2016 were noted.
- **COLP** - notes from meeting held on 21st December, 2016 were noted.
- **Exmouth Regeneration Programme Board** - notes from meeting held on 1st December, 2016 were noted.

C17/010. GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant	Description	Amount Requested	Decision
Exmouth Community College	Contribution towards cost of transport to London Heathrow Airport for an overseas trip to Vietnam and Cambodia	£500 Supporting documentation and application is attached.	Declined

Councillor B Bailey proposed, seconded by Councillor C Nicholas did not support the grant request to subsidise a school holiday trip as grant support for a small group would not be of overall benefit to the people of Exmouth. The majority of members were in support of the proposal with the abstention of 4 members.

C17/011. REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

Councillor S Gazzard moved the report.

C17/012. TO RECEIVE THE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST BUDGET AND REVIEW THE RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS AGAINST BANK STATEMENTS

Councillor M Williamson reconciled and signed the statements in the meeting. Reconciliation of accounts and statements would be carried out in the Town Council office in the future.

C17/013. BUDGETARY CONTROL AND AUTHORITY TO SPEND

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

06.12.16	Milleniumquest	£13,511.00	(Supply Xmas Lights)
06.12.16	Stratton Creber Commercial	£ 3,750.00	(Rent Rolle St. Jan – Mar 17)
06.12.16	EDDC	£21,060.02	(Salary Recharge Nov 16)
15.12.16	Slightly Fat Features	£ 3,000.00	(Circus Street Entertainment – (Xmas Cracker)

Councillor S Gazzard proposed, seconded by Councillor J Humphreys that the expenditure listed above be approved.

The 4 items of listed expenditure were approved.

RESOLVED that the above payments be approved.

C17/014. TO RATIFY EXPENDITURE FOR AN ADDITIONAL PRINT RUN-ON OF 50,000 COPIES OF THE 2017 TOWN GUIDE

Councillor B Nash gave the background to the request for additional copies of the town guide. Devon Cliffs holiday park had approximately 1,600 lettings per week over the 7 month holiday season and had offered to supply visitors with a copy of the town guide so as to encourage visitors into the town. The cost of each guide was currently 0.27p and the total outlay would be £13,531 for 50,000 copies. Councillor B Nash proposed, seconded by Councillor S Gazzard to purchase 50,000 town guides which would be given to Devon Cliffs for distribution to visitors.

RESOLVED that 50,000 town guides be purchased this year at a total cost of £13,531 which would be given to Devon Cliffs for distribution to visitors.

Note: Vote - 11 for, 7 against and 3 abstentions.

C17/015. TO NOTE THE OUTCOME OF THE POST OFFICE RELOCATION CONSULTATION

Stuart Taylor, Head of External Relations for the Post Office, had written to the Town Clerk to confirm that the Post Office would relocate into the W H Smith store in the Magnolia Centre on 16th February 2017. No decision had been made by the Royal Mail who owned the Post Office building as to the future of the building once vacated.

C17/016. TO RESPOND TO EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ON NEW PUBLIC SPACE

The proposal included that dogs must be kept on a lead on the highway and on footpaths adjacent to the highway, some minor changes to seasonal dog exclusions on beaches and a prohibition on feeding seagulls on or near East Devon beaches. Members would respond individually to the Town Clerk. The question was asked as to how EDDC would implement and enforce the new legislation and it was noted that recently a member of the EDDC Streetscene team had been seen patrolling the beach and seafront in response to problems encountered with dog fouling on the beach and seafront pavements.

C17/017. TO RECEIVE THE HR GROUP MEETING NOTES

The minute for the item above would be held by the Town Clerk.

C17/018. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council would be held on Monday 20th February 2017 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm.

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