

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ROLLE ROAD, EXMOUTH, EX8 1AB ON MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Councillors: B Cole (Chairman)
J Trail (Vice-Chairman)
B Bailey F Caygill
M Chapman B De Saram
T Dumper P Garbutt
S Gazzard C Gough
P Graham R Masding
C Nicholas K Norton
R Scott P Stott
B Taylor M Williamson

DCC Councillor: C Channon

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors T Darville, L Elson, T Hill, J Humphreys, B Nash, D Nicholas & B Toye

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

C17/124. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4th September 2017 were agreed and noted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr. M Williamson

Seconded: Cllr. B de Saram

C17/125. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There was one item that arose from those minutes.

C17/111 – Guidance on ‘Urgent Business’ – The Town Clerk had spoken to Lesley Smith, County Secretary at DALC, who had confirmed that there was no such thing as ‘urgent business’ within the Local Government Act as it pertains to Town and Parish Councils, unless it was an urgent matter *for information only* and no decision could be taken by members. An extraordinary meeting would be called if an urgent decision was needed or the item would be placed on the next Council.

C17/126. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest or dispensation.

C17/127. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

C17/128. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items to be dealt with that necessitated the exclusion of the press and public.

C17/129. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES, OTHER LOCAL BODIES, THE TOWN CLERK / TOWN MANAGER as appropriate (Standing Order 6.2)

- **Planning Committee**

Councillor J Trail proposed, seconded by Councillor M Chapman that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 29th August & 11th September 2017 (as previously circulated) be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 29th August & 11th September 2017 be accepted and adopted.

- **Town Clerk's Report**

The Town Clerk gave an update on her report.

- **Town Team and Tourism Forum**

The notes from the meeting held on 6th September 2017 were noted.

- **Local Action Group**

The notes from the meeting held on the 13th September 2017 were noted. Councillor S Gazzard highlighted the current problem with undesirables bullying Exmouth Community College students in Phear Park with some instances of personal property being stolen from them. He had requested the presence of a PCSO to attend at the end of the college day. Liverton Business Park traffic situation was on the agenda for discussion.

- **Flooding and Land Drainage Working Party**

The notes from the meeting held on the 18th September 2017 were noted. Councillor P Graham gave an update on the meeting which had been held at the Fire Station at Liverton Business Park. The Exmouth Fire & Rescue Service crew were one of 4 trained teams within the country that were a specialist flood response unit and had been in attendance when the Somerset levels were badly flooded. Members of the working party were shown the specialist equipment and could now relate to the facility when the Town's resilience plan was updated.

- **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

The notes from the meetings held on 19th July and 29th August 2017 were noted. Councillor P Stott reported that the Neighbourhood Plan consultation day held at Ocean had had 370 attendees and feedback had been very positive. The video had had over 35,000 hits and the social media was well viewed. The comment forms were currently being analysed. She thanked all those who had

volunteered on the day and in particular Roy Pryke, Ian Cann, Keith Bungay and David Radford. DCC Councillor C Channon congratulated the Town and Neighbourhood Steering Group for the work to date.

- **County Councillors' Reports**

Councillor R Scott stated that there would be a further £30 million cut in Devon County Council's budget next year. He had recently visited Lympstone Youth Club which was run by volunteers. He had also attended an ANOB meeting where praise had been given to the late Councillor A Greenhalgh for her inspiration in the creation of the Jurassic mural at the rear of the Ocean building. Woodbury Orchards had won the Apple award. The Exmouth traffic management review had now closed and the long-awaited Traffic Orders would be implemented by the end of 2017.

Councillor J Trail stated that repairs to pavements on the South side of the Parade would start soon and that damaged cobbles near the cinema and opposite on Rolle St. would be rectified. He had recently chaired two Exe Estuary meetings where signage along the estuary had been discussed. Exeter City Council would be approached about the hub.

Councillor C Channon confirmed that there were only two of the Exmouth traffic orders to be finalised and that Councillor B Nash had requested that Trefusis Terrace be considered as a one-way street. She had made Devon County Council members aware of the Fairtrade motion that had been put forward at the Town Council's last Council meeting. The issue had already been raised and sent to Parliament for their awareness. Fairtrade groups had been encouraged to carry on their campaigns. The Town Clerk had written to the LGA as instructed.

- **Councillors update**

Councillor P Stott had attended the 'Working together' conference at the Knowle which was very successful. EDDC had purchased 25 houses for their housing stock and there were currently 607 people on the housing waiting list for Exmouth.

Councillor T Dumper informed members that Exeter City Council's re-development of Exeter Bus Station had been withdrawn by the development company and it would now be on hold for 12 months. The intended closure of the bus station was still scheduled for later in the month so a letter was to be sent on behalf of Exmouth's Transport Partnership to request that it remained open for longer.

C17/130. BUDGETARY CONTROL AND AUTHORITY TO SPEND

Authorisation was sought for the following payment(s):

31.08.17	A Plus Building	£2,502.00	Supply & fit fence @ G Hall
11.09.17	Stratton Creber	£3,750.00	Rent Sept – Dec 17

Councillor S Gazzard proposed, seconded by Councillor R Masding that the expenditure listed above be approved.

RESOLVED that the above payments be approved.

C17/131. MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 9: PARKING EXEMPTIONS FOR CARE WORKERS

Proposer: Councillor Mark Williamson

Seconder: Councillor Pauline Stott

“Exmouth Town Council requests that Devon County Council reviews its parking exemption permits as a matter of urgency to allow community Carers to park on double and single yellow lines for the duration of their visits, subject to the same road safety regulations that apply to Blue Badge holders, in view of the fact that the current exemptions are not applicable in Exmouth and many other Devon towns. The Town Council has regard to the Government’s support of greater care at home and the consequential recruitment of many more Carers”.

Councillor M Williamson gave the background to his request for consideration of the motion above. Exemption permits for social carers and nurses were restricted to 3 categories; areas of limited waiting, residents’ parking and Pay and Display, all of which did not exist in the areas where many residents needing care lived. Councillor P Stott asked that an amendment to the motion be considered in the addition of MacMillan, Marie Curie and Hospiscare nurses after community Carers and nurses after Carers. Councillor R Scott gave out a handout which gave the detail of the criteria for exemption parking permits and how important it was for all service providers to work together as there was a need to recruit 30,000 more care workers nationally.

RESOLVED that the motion be accepted. “Exmouth Town Council requests that Devon County Council reviews its parking exemption permits as a matter of urgency to allow community carers, MacMillan, Marie Curie and Hospiscare nurses to park on double and single yellow lines for the duration of their visits, subject to the same road safety regulations that apply to Blue Badge holders, in view of the fact that the current exemptions are not applicable in Exmouth and many other Devon towns. The Town Council has regard to the Government’s support of greater care at home and the consequential recruitment of many more carers and nurses”.

C17/132. MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 10: LIVERTON BUSINESS PARK TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES

Proposer: Councillor Steve Gazzard

Seconder: Councillor Brian Bailey

“Exmouth Town Council requests that Devon County Council (Highways) urgently looks at installing a traffic light system at the junction of Liverton Business Park and Salterton Road, Exmouth. At present, emergency vehicles (i.e. fire and ambulance services) are struggling to get out of their stations due to the heavy volume of traffic at the junction and precious minutes are being lost in response to 999 calls. This could put lives in danger”.

The emergency services require the type of system that can be triggered by staff when they leave their station, similar to those in use at Middlemoor, Exeter and Dorchester. Councillor S Gazzard gave the background to the request for the motion. The traffic situation at the junction was having an adverse effect on the ability of the Fire and Ambulance vehicles leaving swiftly from their site at Liverton when responding to an emergency. The motion had been supported at a recent LAG meeting. Councillors R Scott and J Trail had spoken to DCC Highways about the situation who had responded that they felt that the installation of a traffic light system should fall to the landowner, Clinton Devon Estates, and DCC, EDDC and ETC should work alongside the landowner in preparation for Liverton 3. An enquiry would be made via EDDC Planning West as to whether a condition was attached to planning permission for Liverton 2 in respect of the provision of traffic lights on the main entrance to the business park. Councillor F Caygill suggested the 40mph limit on the Salterton Road junction be reduced to slow down traffic approaching and leaving the junction and that vehicles be stopped from parking on the bend near the entrance to McDonalds. Councillor C Channon had previously spoken to DCC Highways Officer, Tom Vaughan, who had confirmed there was a need for a traffic light system on the junction. The Town Clerk would ask the Fire and Rescue Service to collaborate the motion and copy the motion to EDDC Planning and Clinton Devon Estates.

RESOLVED that “Exmouth Town Council requests that Devon County Council (Highways) urgently looks at installing a traffic light system at the junction of Liverton Business Park and Salterton Road, Exmouth. At present, emergency vehicles (i.e. fire and ambulance services) are struggling to get out of their stations due to the heavy volume of traffic at the junction and precious minutes are being lost in response to 999 calls. This could put lives in danger”.

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Note: Councillor S Gazzard declared an interest in the above item as he had been an ambulance man in the past.

C17/133. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council would be held on 30th October 2017 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.15 pm.

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

Appendix

Mr Peter Cowper, a volunteer at Exmouth's Museum, informed the Town Council that the building currently owned by SWWA had been offered to the museum for purchase for a period of 12 months before being placed on the open market. The museum held lots of local memories and local knowledge and was visited by coach parties, holiday maker, foreign visitors, school children and locals. Old local plans had recently been lent to Thomas Tuckers development team to verify the original layout of the building. Money would need to be raised via many sources and ideas for those sources was requested from members who were asked to visit and support the museum.