

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, ST ANDREWS ROAD, EXMOUTH, ON MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.15PM.

PRESENT: Councillors: B De Saram (Acting Chairman)
M Chapman C Nicholas
K Norton F Caygill
B Cole R Masding
T Dumper B Toye
B Bailey S Gazzard
B Taylor A Sadiq
P Garbutt P Stott
L Elson R Scott

OFFICERS: Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk & Chetna Jones, Deputy Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Councillors J Humphreys, M Williamson, J Trail, D Nicholas, T Hill, C Gough, & T Darville.

Apologies were also received from C Channon (DCC).

In Councillor Jeff Trail's absence, it was agreed that Councillor B De Saram act as the Acting Chairman and Councillor R Scott act as the Acting Deputy Chairman.

A minute's silence was observed in memory of the late Councillor B Nash.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He informed members that he had attended many events around the town and that councillors had been at the Strand promoting how the community can prepare for an emergency.

C18/136. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 1st October 2018, which had previously been circulated, were noted as a true record.

C18/137. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

No matters were discussed.

C18/138. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Item	Councillor	Declaration type		Reason
		Pecuniary	Personal	
C18/140	Cllr P Stott		X	Director of proposed Water Sports Centre
C18/140	Cllr S Gazzard		X	Hirer of the Strand

C18/139. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items on the agenda that would be discussed in Part II of the meeting that involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

C18/140. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES, OTHER LOCAL BODIES, THE TOWN CLERK / DEPUTY TOWN CLERK 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 17th September 2018 and 1st October 2018 (as circulated) be accepted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held 17th September 2018 and 1st October 2018 be accepted and adopted.

- **Finance Committee**

Councillor C Nicholas proposed, seconded by Councillor B Bailey, that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 20th August 2018 be accepted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 20th August 2018 be accepted and adopted.

- **Town Clerk's Report**

The Town Clerk's report, which had previously been circulated was noted.

The Town Clerk confirmed that she, Councillor J Trail and the Deputy Town Clerk had attended the Devon Association of Local Councils' conference, which included workshops in encouraging election engagement, strategic conversations – working together, social media and working with Devon and Cornwall Police.

The Town Clerk provided a brief update on the District Council's intent with reference to its CCTV installation in Exmouth. A follow up meeting will be arranged when appropriate.

- **Deputy Clerk's Report**

The Deputy Clerk's report, which had previously been circulated was noted.

Details were provided on the recent event organised for community resilience as well as future events prior to the Christmas period.

Town Maintenance work continued in the Brixington area.

- **LAG**

Notes of meetings held on 5th September 2018 and 17th October 2018 were received.

It was noted that these meetings had focused around drug abuse, needles and homelessness. Work was being carried out behind the scenes, but with limited police resources there was a suggestion to set up a multi-agency group to tackle these concerns.

Fly tipping in particular in the Colony area had been raised in the meeting and it was agreed that Streetscene and EDDC Environmental Health will review the matter.

- **Rights of Way**

Notes of the meeting held on 18th September 2018 were noted. It was acknowledged that the financial help and support from Devon County Council's P3 scheme was good news for Exmouth.

- **Exmouth Regeneration Board**

The notes of the meeting held on 20th September 2018 were noted. It was noted that the Hemingway Design Survey had closed on 8th October but there was no further update.

- **Gorfin Hall Management Committee**

The notes of meeting held on 11th October 2018 were noted.

The newly-established, covered outside space had been well-received. The group were reviewing ways to promote the facilities. The amended Terms and Conditions were reviewed and Councillor A Sadiq proposed, seconded by Councillor M Chapman, that the wording be changed to "The Hirer will be liable for costs" and this was agreed. Councillor A Sadiq will provide the amended wording for the next Gorfin Hall meeting.

- **Community Organisation Liaison Panel**

The notes of the COLP meeting held on 15th October 2018 were noted.

The Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan had been presented to EDDC Full Council, where the quality and detail of work had been commended.

- **Town Team**

The notes of the Town Team meeting held on 6th September 2018 were noted.

It was anticipated that the dinosaur trail will be re-instated in Spring 2019.

Cllr Gazzard asked if the Strand will still be available for public hire and it was confirmed that the current intention is that the trail will only be sited on the grassed areas.

Councillor B Bailey confirmed he was speaking with EDDC regarding planning permission for the Dinosaur Trail as well as a new dinosaur project around the train station area.

- **District Councillor Reports**

District Councillors gave brief reports in their areas of responsibility.

Councillor B De Saram confirmed that a Neighbourhood Plan newsletter for November was available. Councillor De Saram also attended the Arts and Culture Forum, where it was said that Exmouth was a model for other parts of the district following a short presentation by Exmouth Town Council's Arts Manager.

Councillor M Chapman was working with Democratic Services to devise training for new councillors.

Councillor T Dumper contributed to the Neighbourhood Plan consultation regarding matters already in the Local Plan.

Councillor B Bailey had been attending many LAG meetings across the district and noted that drugs had been seized in Axminster. In addition, a new 'Together Hub' was being trialled to help young people seek employment.

Councillor Gazzard confirmed he was awaiting a response from EDDC regarding plans for removing graffiti from private properties. He also noted that EDDC endorsed DBS checks for councillors. The Town Clerk confirmed that she had sought advice on this and that DBS checks were not necessary for councillors at this level unless pursued for their own individual purpose.

Councillor P Stott confirmed that she had attended the Littleham Orchard Cider pressing event as well as the opening of the new Skate Park in Exmouth. She confirmed that EDDC had started reviewing its budget.

Councillor M Chapman proposed, seconded by Councillor F Caygill, that the Town Clerk contact EDDC, Environment Agency and any other relevant parties to request that they attend a meeting to clarify various concerns, including those raised by the Town Council and Sea Cadets regarding work around Imperial Recreation Ground.

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- **County Councillor Reports**

Councillor R Scott confirmed views were being sought for the impact on changes to the social care teams.

Members were reminded of the Mayor's Charity Dinner on 16th November 2018.

C18/141. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Monday 26th November 2018 at 7.15pm at the Town Hall Council Chamber.

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm.

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