

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, ST ANDREWS ROAD, EXMOUTH, ON MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2019 AT 7.15PM

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

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

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

Apologies were also received from Councillor C Channon.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting with greetings for the New Year. He added that the Town Council had been busy with various tasks including maintaining the Town as well as councillors attending various events and promoting community activities.

C19/001. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 17th December 2018, which had previously been circulated, were noted as a true record.

C19/002. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

The matter regarding the table currently in the EDDC Members Area at the Knowle, Sidmouth was raised, and the Town Clerk confirmed that a meeting was being held at EDDC between East Devon District Councillors P Skinner, Ian Thomas and the CEO Mark Williams to discuss the future of the table.

C19/003. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Item	Councillor	Declaration type		Reason
		Pecuniary	Personal	
C19/005	Cllr J Trail		X	DCC involvement with Age concern
C19/005	Cllr L Elson		X	Clients at Hospice using Age Concern

C19/004. 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.

C19/005. PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVE FROM AGE CONCERN

Age Concern Exmouth & District, an independent charity, has been operating a well-being centre in 1 Rolle Street since October 2016, offering various activities, social events, information and advice. In addition, to raise funds to help cover on-going costs of the premises, Age Concern offered a Home Support Scheme employing approximately 55 staff to support clients needing help within their home environment.

Age Concern also worked with various partners including The Alzheimer Society promoting Dementia friendly training, Exeter University with research in Dementia prevention, Pete's Dragons as well as others to deal with loneliness, carer breakdown and crisis support.

It was agreed that a trustee for Age Concern will be added to the Council's list of Outside Bodies for which a councillor will be allocated in May 2019 following the elections.

The Chairman thanked Gill Smith, Chief Officer for Age Concern Exmouth & District for providing the informative presentation.

C19/006. 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 F Caygill, that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 10th December 2018 (as circulated) be accepted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held 10th December 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 had attended the Exmouth One Public Estate Review Meeting and reported on the Town Council's assets and aspirations to move out of the Town Hall if appropriate accommodation can be found.

- **Deputy Town Clerk's Report**

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

The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that a total of 11 applications had been received for the Exmouth Community Fund. These will be reviewed for eligibility and all successful applicants will be asked to give a short presentation on 21st February 2018 at the Telfer Centre, Exmouth Community College. Presentations including voting will take place between 4pm and 7pm. **All attendees** will have the opportunity to hear all the presentations as well as the "Dragon's Den style" Q&A session before voting on their preferences. The votes will then be used to determine which projects are awarded the funds.

- **NPSG**

Notes of the meetings held on 21st December 2018 which had previously been circulated were noted.

- **District Councillor Reports**

District Councillors gave brief reports in their areas of responsibility.

Councillor C Nicholas confirmed that she had been trying to establish the funds available from outstanding s106 agreements. Councillor C Nicholas had not yet received a response from the Chief Executive regarding her concerns that Exmouth could potentially have lost these funds due to staffing issues at EDDC. A meeting has been arranged between the s106 Officer and Exmouth Town Council's working party to discuss how the funds can be spent.

Councillor B Bailey confirmed that he was seeking funding on various community safety projects.

Councillor P Stott confirmed that preparatory investigative work had started on land at Warren View in preparation of installing a new 3G pitch.

Councillor D Nicholas was keen to get the community from Brixington and Withycombe Raleigh involved to identify projects that met the criteria as identified in the s106 agreements mentioned by Councillor C Nicholas.

- **County Councillor Reports**

Councillor R Scott confirmed that Devon County Council were setting up a new partnership committee to review social care in Devon.

Councillor J Trail confirmed that DCC will be clearing sand from the roads and pavements on the seafront this week.

C19/007. Schedule of meeting dates for Council meetings including Committees and Working Parties for 2019

The Schedule of meeting dates for Council meetings including Committees and Working Parties for 2019, which had previously been circulated, was amended to change the Rights of Way Working Party meeting to 27th March and noted.

C19/008. To receive the Independent Examiner's report on Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan and to note the policy modifications as highlighted in the report in order for the Plan to meet the Basic Conditions; and to approve delegated authority to NPSG to submit the modified Plan to East Devon District Council

The Independent Examiner's report on the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan, which had been previously circulated was noted.

Mr Roy Pryke, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group confirmed that the points raised by the Examiner were very positive and the net affect was that the Plan was strengthened.

If agreed by the Town Council, the NPSG will meet on 8th January 2019 to amend the Plan in accordance with the comments from the Examiner before sending the final submission document to EDDC.

All being well the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan will be approved by EDDC Cabinet on 6th February 2019, and a referendum will be arranged for early March 2019, prior to the Election Purdah period.

A newsletter and video will be available shortly promoting the Neighbourhood Plan to encourage as many members of the community to vote at the referendum.

Councillors raised various points including:

- Level of development within Exmouth and the impact of NPPF
- Reference to the Masterplan and any future revisions
- Ward Maps will use current boundaries and will require modifying in the future to include any changes to the boundaries
- Leaflet drop as well as use of social media to promote the referendum

NPSG will review these points when modifying the plan.

Councillor S Gazzard proposed, seconded by Councillor B Bailey to note the policy modifications as highlighted in the report in order for the Neighbourhood Plan to meet the Basic Conditions and to approve delegated authority to NPSG to submit the modified Plan to East Devon District Council.

RESOLVED that the Town Council notes the policy modifications as highlighted in the Examiner’s report in order for the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan to meet the Basic Conditions and to approve delegated authority to NPSG to submit the modified Plan to East Devon District Council.

C19/009. To ratify the 2019/20 budget and associated precept

The report on the 2019/2020 budget and precept calculation which had previously been circulated was reviewed. It was noted that the Precept Demand of £772,637 equated to £60.00 per annum per Band D household, an increase of 2.4% from the previous year.

It was noted that all councillors had been given the opportunity to attend several meetings where the budget proposals for 2019/2020 were discussed at length and that the process had been very inclusive with councillors collaboratively working for the benefit of the Town.

There was concern that the expenditure to date within the report was very low compared to the annual budget. The RFO confirmed that the reported year to date figures were produced in November when only 6 months of expenditure had been available. The RFO also confirmed that the Town Council had made provision to add funds to various earmarked reserves for 2018/2019 and these funds would not be transferred until the year end.

Councillor C Nicholas proposed, seconded by Councillor S Gazzard that the 2019/20 budget of £877,837 and 2019/2020 Precept Demand of £772,637 for Exmouth Town Council be ratified.

RESOLVED that the Town Council approves the 2019/20 budget of £877,837 and 2019/2020 Precept Demand of £772,637.

C19/010. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Monday 4th February 2019 at 7.15pm at the Town Hall Council Chamber.

The meeting concluded at 8.25pm.

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