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EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
This meeting is open to the Public and Press

Wednesday 3rd August 2022

To: All Members of Exmouth Town Council

Dear Councillors,

A Meeting of Exmouth Town Council, to which you are summoned, will be held in the Town Hall, First Floor, Exmouth, EX8 1AW on Monday 8th August at 6:30pm to consider the matters detailed on the agenda below.

Members of the press and public are welcome to observe the meeting and should register in advance by emailing townclerk@exmouth.gov.uk

By registering as an observer, members of the public will not automatically be permitted to speak; anybody wishing to address Members during the public speaking session will need to register separately with the Town Clerk.

Yours faithfully

Lisa Bowman
TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

The meeting will adjourn for the Public Forum.

Public Forum:

- Public speaking is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per person and to a total of 15 minutes
- Questions should be submitted one clear working day before the meeting to enable them to be answered more fully and precisely
- The Chairman will usually invite speakers in the order in which requests to speak were lodged. Only if time allows will further speaking from the floor be accepted

• Where several speakers wish to make similar points, the chairman has the right to request one spokesperson
• As the formal meeting stands adjourned for the Forum, questions or statements from the public are not recorded in the meeting minutes but in an appendix attached to those minutes. This will not be a verbatim report of the Forum, but will record the name of the speaker, brief synopsis of the topic or question and outline of any immediate response or copy of a written reply.

The meeting will reconvene.

2. **Council Meeting Minutes:**

   To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council meeting held on 13th June 2022 (circulated)

3. **Matters arising from the Council Meeting minutes (for information only)**

4. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and Dispensations:**

   Members to declare any interests they may have on the agenda and agree any dispensations to stay

5. **To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of item(s) in Part II of the agenda as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.**

6. **To receive and consider reports and minutes of Committees, Working Parties, other local bodies and the Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk, District and County Councillors as appropriate:**

- **Planning Committee:** minutes of meetings held on 6th June, 20th June, 4th July, 18th July 2022 (attached).
- **Finance Committee:** minutes of meeting held on 9th June 2022 (attached).
- **Town Clerk's Report** (attached)
- **Deputy Clerk's Report** (attached)
- **Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Party:** notes of the meeting held on 28th June 2022 (attached).
- **Community Organisations Liaison Panel:** notes of the meeting held on 27th June 2022 (attached).

- **Exmouth Transport Partnership:** notes of meeting held on 21st June 2022 (attached).
- **Festival and Events Working Party:** notes of the meetings held on 9th June & 21st July 2022 (attached).
- **Flooding and Land Drainage:** notes of the meeting held on 12th July 2022 (attached).
- **Town Maintenance Overview Working Party:** notes of the meetings held on 9th June & 7th July 2022 (attached)
- **Reports from members who represent the Council on Outside Bodies**
    - **Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront Group:** notes of the meeting held on 19th July 2022 (attached).
    - **WEB Health and Well-being Board:** notes of the meeting held on 7th July 2022 (attached).
    - **DALC Larger Councils Committee:** report from Councillor Tim Duper (attached).

- **District Councillors' Reports** (to be circulated separately)
- **County Councillors' Report** (to be circulated separately)

7. The Rising Threat of Fire and Heatwaves – motion proposed by Councillor Tim Dumper.

Recent heatwaves and very dry weather have brought outbreaks of fire in urban Britain reminiscent of conditions in hotter countries. Not only open land has been burnt, but houses and other buildings in urban areas. In the Exmouth area we are used to occasional fires on Woodbury Common but current experience suggests that Exmouth needs to be prepared.

We request that action is taken by Exmouth Town Council in the following ways:

1 That a review be undertaken of our Community Resilience Plan (where necessary in conjunction with other local Emergency Planners) to ensure it takes full account of likely issues in case of a fire emergency or for exceptional heatwaves.

2 That consideration be given to developing a booklet for general public distribution, publicising fire prevention and what to do in fires and heatwaves.

This could be similar to the one distributed about flood preparations several years ago, which was based on an existing national template.

3 That the Council's Town Maintenance Working Party consider urgently the issue of blocked and cluttered back lanes, service roads etc to ensure unimpeded access to emergency vehicles. It may be that similar joint operations with DCC Highways and EDDC Streetscene as occurred three years or so ago in the Colony could be arranged to address this issue.

4 That the Town Clerk write to DCC and the D&S Fire and Rescue Service to ask what the current state of preparedness for large fires in the Exmouth area is, and request that arrangements be looked at in the light of current likely climatic conditions.

5 That the Council urges DALC to consider a Devonwide response to extreme heat and fire preparations.

8. To consider a report and associated recommendations in respect of the recent public toilet review by East Devon District Council

Part B

9. To ratify three staff appointments (Supplementary Town Maintenance, Reception/ Administration, Climate and Ecological Emergency Officer)

Date of next meeting: 19th September 2022