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

Wednesday 8th November 2023

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 13th November 2023 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 held on 18th September 2023 (attached).

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 Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk, District and County Councillors as appropriate:**
   - **Planning Committee:** minutes of meeting held on 11th September, 25th September, 9th October and 23rd October 2023. (attached).
   - **Campervan Task And Finish Forum:** notes of the meetings held on 18th September and 1st November 2023 (attached) **and to ratify a recommendation to EDDC Cabinet that:**

     1. **Funding for proposed improvements to the Estuaryside carpark is reallocated to fund improvements at Maer Road carpark**
     2. **Improvements are taken forward as a two phased plan.**

     The proposal for Phase one will capture three elements:

     – the provision of fresh water and grey waste disposal

- provision of some offset car parking on the Estuaryside carpark to mitigate the loss of car parking spaces in the Maer Road car park
- introduction of a new policy relating to charges and management

Phase two will need to include:

- the provision for accessible toilets facilities
- designated parking bays for motorhomes with electrical hook ups

- **Climate and Ecological emergency Working Party:** notes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2023 (attached) and verbal update of meeting held on 7th November 2023.
- **Community Organisation Liaison Panel:** notes of the meeting held on 25th September 2023 (attached).
- **Community Resilience Working Party:** notes of the meeting held on 20th September 2023 (attached with memorandum of understanding).
- **Exmouth Transport Partnership Working Party:** notes of the meeting held on 19th September 2023 (attached)
- **Festival and Events Working Party:** notes of the meeting held on12th October 2023 (attached) and a verbal update from the meeting held on 9th November 2023.
- **Flooding and Land Drainage Working Party:** to receive a verbal update from the meeting held on 17th October 2023.
- **Gorfin Hall Management Committee Meeting:** to receive a verbal update from the meeting held on 30th October 2023.
- **Town Maintenance Overview Working Party:** notes of the meeting held on 5th October 2023 (attached).
- **Waterfront Working Party:** notes of the meeting held on 26th September 2023 (attached).

- **Reports from members who represent the Council on Outside Bodies**
    i. **Fairtrade Exmouth:** Councillor Tim Dumper to prove an update.
    ii. **Exe Estuary Management Partnership Committee**: Councillor Graham Deasy to provide an update (notes of the meeting held on 26th September 2023 are attached).
    iii. **Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront Group:** Councillor Graham Deasy to provide an update (notes of the meeting held on 7th November 2023 are attached).
    iv. **Twinning Association:** Councillor Tim Dumper to provide an update.
    v. Exmouth & District Allotment Association Committee Meeting: Councillor Olly Davey to provide an update (notes of the meeting held on 20th September 2023 are attached).
- **District Councillors' Reports** (to be circulated separately)

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

7. **To receive an introductory presentation from Susannah Ford of the Exeter Food Action (EFA) Group.**

8. **To note the outcome of the limited assurance review (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) by PFK Littlejohn LLP for 2022/23**

9. **To appoint a Councillor(s) to the following committees and working parties in place of Councillor A Bailey and Councillor A Boatwright.**

- **Trust Fund Working Party**
- **Planning committee:** Littleham ward representative
- **WEB Community Health & Wellbeing Board**
- **Exmouth Welfare Trust**

10. **To receive and discuss a motion from Councillor Mike Rosser.**

On 13th June 2022 Exmouth Town Council agreed by majority to contribute £400,000 from its CIL budget (the largest payment made from this budget) towards the cost of extending the Dinan Way and creating the Gateway project. During this meeting concerns were raised about the Gateway Project – specifically about filling in the underpass by the station. Assurances were sought and made that the views of the Town Council would be considered when developing this project.

The Town Council considers that any possible benefits from this project do not justify the cost of £4.5 million, the loss of an underpass and carbon emissions resulting from this work. The Town Council is disappointed that Devon County Council has not explored the possibility of using land owned by EDDC, next to the leisure centre, to create more space for pedestrians and cyclists without incurring the expense of filling in the underpass.

The Town Council believes that the town is served best when all levels of local government co-operate and work together. As such:

- The Town Council will write to the leader of DCC and EDDC and ask for a commitment to work in partnership with ETC to ensure that the benefits, both globally and to the town, of projects within the town are of best financial and environmental value
- The Town Council has acknowledged the climate crisis and will ask that projects that will most effectively reduce the carbon emissions are prioritised for funding by all levels of local government.
- The Town Council will ask that all levels of local authorities commit to regular ward meetings of councillors to facilitate communication and working together.
- The Town Council will issue a press statement concerning its position regarding the Gateway project.

11. **To agree the 2024 meeting calendar dates** (attached).

Date of next meeting: Town Council Meeting to be held on 11th December 2023 at Exmouth Town Hall.