

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Exmouth Town Hall, St. Andrews Road, Exmouth on Monday 24 June, 2024 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillors

J Whibley (Chairman)	C Nicholas
A Bailey	A Sadiq
B Bailey	P Stott
F Caygill	A Toye
M Chapman	L Venables
G Deasy	M Williamson
T Dumper	A Woodward

Officers:

Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk

Apologies: Apologies were noted from Councillors Andrew Colman, Olly Davey, Steve Gazzard, Matt Hall, Nick Hookway, Ian Kirvan, David Poor, Michael Rosser, Joy Whipps and Dan Wilson

The Chairman then welcomed all to the meeting.

Public Forum:

No members of the public had registered to speak.

C24/049. Council meeting minutes

Councillor Pauline Stott proposed, Councillor Maddy Chapman seconded, and it was agreed by all that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record.

C24/050. Matters arising from previous minutes.

None

C24/051. Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations

There were no declarations of pecuniary or personal interest.

C24/052. Exclusion of the Press and public

There were no items on the agenda which necessitated the exclusion of the press or public and would be considered in Part ii of the meeting.

C24/053. Reports and minutes from Committees, Working Parties, other local bodies, the Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk, District and County Councillors as appropriate (Standing Order 6.2)

Councillor Joe Whibley proposed, Councillor Tim Dumper seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 7th May 2024, 20th May 2024 and 3rd June 2024 be accepted as a true record.

The following were also noted:

Verbal update of the Community Organisation Liaison Panel Working Party held on 17th June 2024.

Notes of the Festival and Events Working Party held on 13th June 2024.

Notes of the Flooding and Water Quality Working Party held on 16th April 2024.

Notes of the Town Maintenance Overview Working Party held on 18th April 2024, 16th May 2024 and 13th June 2024.

Notes of the Town Premises and Assets Working Party held on 6th March 2024.

Notes of the Tree Forum held on 27th February 2024.

Notes of the Waterfront Working Party held on 11th June 2024. Councillor Stott also highlighted that the Bristol Schools Camp at Orcombe Point is now re-open.

Reports from members who represent the Council on Outside Bodies

- **Fairtrade:** Councillor Tim Dumper provided a verbal update on the recent activities of the Exmouth Steering Group, including attendance at the Active Travel Day. The Steering Group is busy preparing for Fairtrade fortnight in September 2024.
- **Woodbury, Exmouth & Budleigh (WEB) Community Health & Wellbeing Board:** notes of the meeting held on 6th March 2024 were circulated with the agenda. Several members cited concerns relating to problems arising from the merger of Claremont and Rolle medical practices and also irregular opening hours of the minor injuries unit. Councillor Dumper agreed to raise these matters at the next meeting.
- **Exmouth and District Allotment Association:** the notes of the meeting held on 17th April 2024 were circulated with the agenda.
- **Twining Association:** Councillor Tim Dumper provided a verbal update on the success of the recent twinning trip to Dinan and explained that the Twining Committee was busy preparing for the impending visit from Langerwehe twinningers who arrive in Exmouth on the 10th July.
- **OPCC Police Advocate:** Councillor Aurora Bailey provided a verbal update on progress with the planning application for the proposed new police station and reminded members to complete the Future Policing consultation.

- **Devon Bus Enhanced Partnership:** Councillor Tim Dumper provided a verbal update from the meeting and confirmed that he had raised concerns about the recent Stagecoach timetable and service changes.
- **Exmouth in Bloom:** It was noted that the judging day for Southwest in Bloom will be held on the 18th July, 2024

District Councillors' Reports: Councillor Brian Bailey confirmed that a series of workshops are being held at EDDC to review the proposed development sites which have been put forward as part of the emerging local plan. Concerns have been raised by members of the public regarding the proposed changes to the Exmouth settlement boundary and Councillor Bailey is looking for support from the Town Council to challenge the proposed changes. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Town Clerk will arrange a series of meetings for Town Councillors to discuss the matter and feed into the Strategic Planning Committee at EDDC.

County Councillors' Reports:

Councillor Jeff Trail and Councillor Richard Scott were in attendance and answered questions relating to potholes and various utility work programmes throughout the town.

Councillor Scott also highlighted the work of the Audit Committee at Devon County Council in relation to the SEND and Childrens Services budget and priorities.

C24/054. To review and adopt the Annual Accounts for 2023/2024

The Annual Accounts for 2023/24 were presented to Members. Councillor Alex Sadiq proposed, seconded by Councillor Brian Bailey and it was unanimously agreed to approve the Annual Accounts for 2023/2024.

C24/055. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/2024

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2023/2024 was presented to Members for review and adoption.

Councillor Maddy Chapman subsequently proposed, seconded by Councillor Cherry Nicholas and it was unanimously agreed to accept the Annual Internal Audit Report for 2023/24.

Councillor Maddy Chapman proposed, seconded by Councillor Cherry Nicholas and it was unanimously agreed to approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2023/2024.

Councillor Maddy Chapman proposed, seconded by Councillor Cherry Nicholas and it was unanimously agreed to approve the Annual Accounting Statements for 2023/2024.

C24/056. Mayor's Charity

It was noted that the Mayor's Charity for 2024/25 will be Esteem Team CIC.

C24/057. To consider and respond to East Devon District Council's Local Plan Consultation (eight new specific topic areas only)

The Town Clerk sought feedback from Members on the eight new consultation topics to feed into the Local Plan Consultation process and was given delegated authority to respond on behalf of the Council.

The meeting concluded at 7.56pm.

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

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