EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Exmouth Town Hall, St. Andrews Road, Exmouth on Monday 11 November, 2024 at 6.30pm.

Present: **Councillors**

S Gazzard (deputy chair)
A Bailey
B Bailey
F Caygill
M Chapman
A Colman
D Conduit
O Davey
G Deasy
T Dumper
M Hall
C Nicholas
D Poor
M Rosser
A Sadiq
P Stott
A Toye
L Venables
M Williamson
A Woodward

Officers:
Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk
Chetna Jones, Deputy Town Clerk

Apologies: Apologies were noted from Councillors N Hookway, I Kirvan, J Whibley, J Whipps and D Wilson.

Public Forum:

No members of the public had registered to speak.

C24/080. Council meeting minutes

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

C24/081. Matters arising from previous minutes. There were no matters arising.

C24/082. Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations. There were no declarations of pecuniary interests.

C24/083. Exclusion of the Press and public. Councillor Mark Williamson proposed, seconded by Councillor Maddy Chapman and it was agreed by all that two items would be discussed during the closed part of the meeting on account of them

being exempt information as defined in in Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

C24/084. 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 Tim Dumper proposed, Councillor Mike Rosser seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 7th October and 21st October 2024 be accepted as a true record.

The following were also noted:

Notes of the Climate and Ecological Emergency working party held on 23rd October 2024.

Notes of the Community Organisation Liaison Panel held on 28th October 2024.

Notes of the Exmouth Transport Partnership working party held on 15th October 2024.

Notes of the Festival and Events Working Party held on 24th October 2024.

Notes of the Flooding and Water Quality working party held on 1st October 2024. Councillor Graham Deasy presented and formally proposed acceptance of a recommendation from the Working Party that a budget be allocated to develop a survey to gather comprehensive and meaningful data to assess visitor losses and the broader impact of the sewage incidents on the community. Councillor Pauline Stott seconded the recommendation, and it was **RESOLVED that up to £5000 should be allocated from the earmarked reserves held on account for professional services and that delegated authority be given to the Deputy Clerk and Councillor Graham Deasy to progress the matter as appropriate.**

Notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Continuity Committee held on 30th September 2024.

Notes of the Town Maintenance Overview working party held on 10th October 2024.

Notes of the Tree Forum working party held on 24th October 2024.

Reports from members who represent the Council on Outside Bodies

- **Exmouth Beach Management Plan Steering Group:** Councillor Pauline Stott provided a verbal update.
- **Exmouth and District Community Transport:** Councillor Tim Dumper provided a verbal update. It was noted that the Local transport Plan is out for consultation but is disappointingly sparse on any plans for Exmouth. Concerns were also raised about the impact on public bus services 98 and 99E arising from the closure of the bridge at the bottom of Moorfield Road. Councillor Gazzard agreed to pursue the matter with the County Council.

- **Exmouth District Allotment Association:** Councillor Olly Davey provided a verbal update and confirmed that the AGM had been held on October 26th, 2024.
- **OPCC Councillor Advocates/Police Advocates meeting:** Councillor Aurora Bailey provided an update on the 101 service.

District Councillors' Reports:

County Councillors' Reports: Councillor Scott was present at the beginning of the meeting and answered questions pertaining to the ongoing works and the associated impact on the highway at Warren View and the operating conditions relating to the deployment of traffic lights at Lympstone Hill.

C24/085. To ratify the signature of an Engrossment Licence to Occupy in respect of Gorfin Hall by Sunshine Nursery. Councillor Maddy Chapman proposed, Councillor Alex Sadiq seconded, and it was agreed by all that the Engrossment Licence should be signed and ratified.

C24/086. To note that Councillor Tim Dumper intends to resign from being the Council Representative for WEB Community Health & Wellbeing Board and nominate a new Councillor Representative. Councillor Dumper's resignation was noted, and nominations sought by the Chairman for a replacement representative. Councillor Fred Caygill (proposed by Pauline Stott, seconded by Maddy Chapman) and Dianne Conduit (proposed by David Poor and seconded by Alex Sadiq) were both put forward as nominees. The matter was put to the vote and Councillor Conduit won by a majority of 9 votes to 7. **RESOLVED that Councillor Dianne Conduit will represent the Council on the WEB Community Health & Wellbeing Board.**

C24/087. To note that a budget briefing meeting will be held on 28th November at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall. This was duly noted.

Part B

C24/088. To discuss the framework which would enable South West Water to work with Exmouth Town Council and associated regulatory bodies to mitigate the environmental impact from the pollution offences associated with the Phear Park rising mains issues earlier this year.

Representatives from South West Water were in attendance to explain and discuss the options available to mitigate the impact from the pollution offences in January 2024. Members were asked to consider an option to support an enforcement undertaking. Councillor Pauline Stott proposed, and Councillor Maddy Chapman seconded, a proposal to explore the matter further and this was caried by majority when put to the vote.

C24/089. To ratify the permanent appointment of the Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency Officer on existing terms (due to imminent expiry of a two-year fixed contract).

Councillor Steve Gazzard proposed, and Councillor Tim Dumper seconded the permanent appointment of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Officer and this was carried when put to a vote.

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm

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