EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Exmouth Town Hall, St. Andrews Road, Exmouth on Monday 7th April , 2025 at 6.30pm.

Present: **Councillors**

J Whibley (chair)	N Hookway
A Bailey	C Nicholas
B Bailey	D Poor
F Caygill	A Sadiq
M Chapman	A Toye
G Deasy	L Venables
T Dumper	M Williamson(left at 1845)
S Gazzard	D Wilson
M Hall	A Woodward

Officers:
Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk
Zoey Cooper, Climate and Ecological Emergency Officer

Apologies: Apologies were noted from Councillors Andrew Colman, Dianne Conduit, Olly Davey, Ian Kirvan, Mike Rosser, Pauline Stott and Joy Whipps.

Public Forum:

No members of the public had registered to speak.

C25/021. Council meeting minutes

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

C25/022. Matters arising from previous minutes.

There were no matters arising.

C25/023. Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations.

There were no declarations of interest.

C25/024. Exclusion of the Press and public.

C25/025. 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 3rd February, 17th February, 3rd March and 17th March 2025 be accepted as a true record.

Councillor Alex Sadiq proposed, Councillor Steve Gazzard seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 19th February 2025 be accepted as a true record.

The following were also noted:

Notes of the Campervan Task and Finish Forum held on 31st March 2025. In respect of the associated recommendation, Councillor Mark Williamson proposed, Councillor Fred Caygill seconded and it was agreed by majority to endorse the results of the recent public consultation and support the recommended improvements to the current overnight parking arrangements based on the feedback received.

Notes of the Climate and Ecological Emergency working party held on 4th March 2025.

Notes of the Community Organisation Liaison Panel working party held on 24th February 2025.

Notes of the Festival and Events Working Party held on 27th February and 19th March 2025.

Notes of the Public Rights of Way Working Party held on 12th February 2025.

Verbal update of the Quality Council Working Party held on 3rd April 2025. Councillor Tim Dumper proposed, seconded by Councillor Joe Whibley and it was subsequently confirmed by resolution that all the required documents, information and conditions are in place to support the Council's application for renewal of the Silver award, and that these are published on the council's website, where applicable.

Notes of the Town Council Premises and Assets Working Party held on 3rd March 2025.

Notes of the Town Maintenance Overview Working Party held on 13th February 2025 and a verbal update from the meeting held on 13th March 2025.

Verbal update from the walkabout inspection of the Waterfront Working Party held on 18th March 2025.

Reports from members who represent the Council on Outside Bodies

- **Bus Users and Stake Holders Forum:** Councillor Tim Dumper did not attend but provided a verbal update based on the notes received.
- **Exe Estuary Management Partnership:** The meeting notes from the recent partnership meeting held at Starcross Yacht Club were circulated

with the agenda. Councillor Graham Deasy provided expanded on several matters which had been discussed at the meeting.

- **Exmouth and District Community Transport:** Councillor Tim Dumper provided a verbal update.

- **Fairtrade Steering Group:** Councillor Steve Gazzard reported that he and Councillor Tim Dumper had attended the Fairtrade schools event, which had been heart warming.

- **OPCC Councillor Advocate Scheme:** Councillor Aurora Bailey provided a verbal update on improvements to the 101 non-emergency call line and Exmouth's ranking in terms of crime statistics.

- **Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront:** the minutes from the recent meeting had been circulated with the agenda.. Councillor Graham Deasy Reported additionally that the concept designs for Queens Drive are coming to fruition.

- **Twinning Association:** Councillor Tim Dumper confirmed that the French Twinners from Dinan and are due to visit Exmouth at the end of May. Exmouth Twinners will visit Germany in July and that arrangements are being put in place for their visit.

- **Otter to Exe Clerks and Chairs meeting:** notes of the meeting held in February had been circulated with the agenda. Lisa Bowman provided a verbal update off the meeting held in March where the focus of discussions had been on the emerging Local Plan and ongoing issues with water quality.

- **DALC Larger Councils Forum:** Lisa Bowman provided a verbal update. The focus of recent meetings has been on the impending local government reorganisation and the associated impact on larger councils. DALC has been collecting evidence to support its conversations with Team Devon but there is much uncertainty at this stage due to the diverse nature of the proposals which are coming forward.

District Councillors' Reports:. Councillor Joe Whibley provided a brief update on the recent licencing meeting which had been held at the District Council.

County Councillors' Reports: There were no county councillors present at the meeting.

C25/026.To respond to East Devon District Council's Public Consultation on the renewal and variation of East Devon Public Spaces Protection Orders by East Devon District Council, open from 3rd March to 28th April 2025. Councillors discussed the impending changes to the PSPO as it pertains to Exmouth, and it was noted that the Waterfront Working Party had been consulted informally earlier in the year. Due to the diverse opinions expressed, it was decided that Councillors will respond on an individual basis to the consultation.

C25/027. To note that East Devon District Council's Public Consultation of the National Landscape Management Plan 2025 – 2030 closes on 18th April 2025. It was agreed that the Town Clerk will circulate the link to the consultation for Councillors to respond individually.

C25/028. To note the response from Richard Price, MD of Waste Water Services at SWW Ltd, to the letter sent on behalf of Exmouth Town Council regarding the concerns to upgrade work and sewage discharge. The response was noted. Councillor Graham Deasy reiterated the Council's serious concerns about a potential second outfall at Maer rocks and commented that these concerns will be raised again with Southwest Water at the meeting which is being organised by David Reed MP on April 10th, 2025.

C25/029. **To note that the Annual Town Council meeting will be held on the 13th May 2025.** The date of the Annual Town Council meeting was noted.

PART B

C25/30. To ratify the appointment of Joe Hutchings as Town Maintenance Supplementary Street Operative. Councillor Steve Gazzard proposed, Councillor Joe Whibley seconded, and it was agreed by all to ratify the appointment of Joe Hutchings as Town Maintenance Supplementary Street Operative.

The meeting concluded at 8.04 pm.

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