# EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Exmouth Town Hall, St. Andrews Road, Exmouth on Monday 8th September , 2025 at 6.30pm.

**Present:** **Councillors**

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| G Deasy (Chair) | N Hookway (left 19:43) |
| A Bailey | N Nicholls |
| B Bailey | A Sadiq |
| M Chapman | P Stott |
| D Conduit | L Venables |
| O Davey | J Whibley (arrived 18.48) |
| T Dumper | M Williamson |
| S Gazzard | D Wilson |
| M Hall | A Woodward |

**Officers:**

Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk and Chetna Jones, Deputy Town Clerk.

**Apologies:** Apologies were noted from Councillors Ian Kirvan, David Poor, Fred Caygill, Cherry Nicholas, Andrew Colman, Jeff Trail and Helen Brown.

**Public Forum:**

At the start of the meeting, the Chair extended condolences to Councillor Ian Kirvan following the passing of his mother. Members also paid tribute to the late Councillor Andrew Toye, with words from Councillors Tim Dumper and Steve Gazzard, followed by a minute's silence in his memory. The Chair welcomed Councillor Nicky Nicholls to her first Council meeting.

**C25/077. Council meeting minutes**

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

**C25/078. Matters arising from previous minutes.**

Councillor Tim Dumper updated members that the appeal hearing referenced at the last meeting had taken place and the panel is preparing its response.

**C25/079. Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**C25/080. Exclusion of the Press and public.**

It was agreed that the press and public be excluded for Part B items of business.

**C25/081. 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 14th July, and 4th August and 18th August 2025 be accepted as a true record.

Councillor Alex Sadiq proposed, Councillor Pauline Stott seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 11th August 2025 be accepted as a true record.

The following were also received and noted:

Notes of the Climate and Ecological Emergency working party held on 12th August 2025.

Notes of the Flooding and Water Quality working party held on 5th August 2025. Councillor Steve Gazzard proposed, Councillor Pauline Stott seconded, and it was agreed by majority to ratify Councillor Graham Deasy as the Town Council's representative for phase two of the SWW Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan.

**RESOLVED: that Councillor Graham Deasy acts as the Town Council representative for the Flooding and Water Quality Working Party in relation to phase two of the SWW Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan.**

Notes of S106 & CIL Working Party held on 12th August 2025. Members debated recommendations relating to a proposed barrier on the footpath at John Hudson Way (Bidmead Close) and the scope to fund a feasibility study for a 3G football pitch in Exmouth. It was subsequently agreed to defer the barrier proposal pending further clarification from Devon County Council's Highways Team. In respect of the 3G pitch, Councillor Alex Sadiq proposed, seconded by Councillor Brian Bailey and it was agreed to allocate £12,000 from CIL funds towards a scoping/feasibility study for a new 3G pitch in Exmouth.

**RESOLVED: that the proposed barrier at John Hudson Way be deferred pending further clarification.**

**RESOLVED: that £12,000 from CIL funds be allocated to a feasibility study for a new 3G pitch in Exmouth.**

Notes of the Town Maintenance Overview Working Party held 17th July and 14th August 2025.

Notes of the Town Premises and Assets Working Party held on 21st August 2025.

**Reports from members who represent the Council on Outside Bodies**

- **Exmouth District Allotments Association:** Councillor Olly Davey provided an update.

- **Exmouth and District Community Transport**: Councillor Tim Dumper reported that long-serving Chair Jill Elson had stepped down, with Paul Hudson appointed as successor.

- **Exmouth in Bloom:** Councillor Steve Gazzard reported that displays remain in good condition, and the group awaits the results of the South West in Bloom judging.

- **Fairtrade Steering Group:** Councillor Tim Dumper reported that Fairtrade Fortnight activities include a Mad Hatter's Tea Party being held on 4th October at Glenorchy Hall.

- **OPCC Councillor Advocate Scheme:** Councillor Aurora Bailey confirmed that she was seeking clarification from the OPCC on the future of Exmouth Police Station.

- **Twinning Association:** Councillor Tim Dumper confirmed a German subcommittee has been re-established to prepare for a twining visit in September 2026.

**District Councillors' Reports:** Councillor Brian Bailey reported on the Strategic Planning Committee decision to support development at the St John's area and EXMO_17, noting his opposition on behalf of Exmouth residents.
Councillor Tim Dumper updated members on the implications of recent government changes for local government reorganisation.

**County Councillors' Reports:** Councillor Nick Hookway reported on highways matters, including antisocial driving along the seafront and possible traffic calming measures, ongoing issues at Regents Gate car park, and the Strategic Planning Committee's approval of development at EXMO_17 (410 homes). A highways officer has been appointed to progress associated discussions.

**C25/082. To note that the Exmouth Town Council Chairman's Civic Service will take place on Saturday 25 October 2025 at 11:00 at Holy Trinity Church. As part of the service, commemorative badges will be presented to past Mayor's and Councillors.**
It was noted that the Chairman's Civic Service will take place on Saturday 25th October 2025 at 11:00 at Holy Trinity Church, during which commemorative badges will be presented to past Mayors and Councillors.

**C25/83. To consider the Parish Remuneration Panel's recommendations and determine whether Exmouth Town Council will adopt the Parish Scheme of Allowances with effect from 1st October 2025.**
Councillor Tim Dumper proposed, Councillor Joe Whibley seconded, and it was agreed that Exmouth Town Council adopts the Parish Scheme of Allowances with effect from 1st October 2025.

**RESOLVED: that Exmouth Town Council adopts the Parish Scheme of Allowances with effect from 1st October 2025**

**C25/84. To consider and agree a dispensation for Non-Attendance due to ill health for Councillor Cherry Nicholas.**
Councillor Pauline Stott proposed, Councillor Steve Gazzard seconded, and it was agreed that a dispensation for non-attendance due to ill health be granted to Councillor Cherry Nicholas until 31st March 2026, subject to review.

**RESOLVED: that Exmouth Town Council grants a dispensation for non-attendance due to ill health be granted to Councillor Cherry Nicholas until 31st March 2026, subject to review.**

**C25/85. To formally confirm the appointment of Nicky Nicholls to the following working parties and task & finish groups:**

- Climate and Ecological Emergency working party
- Community Engagement Task and Finish Group (in lieu of Cllr Dan Wilson)
- Local Council Awards Scheme working party
- Section 106 and CIL working party
- Town Council Premises and Assets working party
- Festival and Events working party
- Public Rights of Way working party

Councillor Steve Gazzard proposed, Councillor Brian Bailey seconded, and it was agreed that Councillor Nicky Nicholls be appointed to the above working parties and groups.

**RESOLVED: that Councillor Nicky Nicholls be appointed to the above working parties and groups.**

**C25/86. To ratify the appointment of a substitute member to the Planning Committee (Brixington Ward) for the duration of Councillor Cherry Nicholas's leave of absence, and to receive nominations and confirm the long-term appointment of a member to the Planning Committee (Halsdon Ward).**
It was noted that the appointment of a substitute member for Brixington Ward during Councillor Nicholas's absence will be pursued with Ward Councillors outside of the meeting. The long-term appointment of a member for Halsdon Ward was also deferred to a future meeting.

**C25/87. To receive nominations for additional members to join the Public Rights of Way working party.**
Councillor Steve Gazzard proposed, Councillor Pauline Stott seconded, and it was agreed that Councillors David Poor and Tim Dumper be appointed as additional members of the Public Rights of Way Working Party in addition to Nicky Nicholls' appointment under minute reference C25/085.

**RESOLVED: that Councillors David Poor and Tim Dumper be appointed as additional members of the Public Rights of Way Working Party in addition to Councillor Nicky Nicholls' appointment under minute reference C25/085.**

**C25/88. To appoint a Councillor representative to the Citizens Advice Bureau.**
Councillor Steve Gazzard proposed, Councillor Pauline Stott seconded, and it was RESOLVED that Councillor David Poor be appointed as the Town Council's representative to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

**RESOLVED: that Councillor David Poor be appointed as the Town Council's representative to the Citizens Advice Bureau.**

**Part B**

**C25/89. To receive and discuss a potential Littleham Valley project.**
Councillors received a high-level update on the feasibility of potential improvements to the public rights of way network in the Littleham Valley.

**C25/90. To discuss a mitigation proposal for the Littleham Valley.**
Discussions were held on a potential mitigation proposal for Littleham Valley.

The meeting concluded at 21:30 pm.

Signed ……. (Chair)

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