# EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Exmouth Town Hall, St. Andrews Road, Exmouth on Monday 12th January , 2026 at 6.30pm.

**Present:** **Councillors**

G Deasy (Chair)
F Caygill
M Chapman
A Colman (arrived 19:08)
D Conduit (arrived 18:39)
O Davey
T Dumper
M Hall
N Hookway
S Isaacs
I Kirvan
N Nicholls
A Sadiq
P Stott
L Venables
J Whibley
M Williamson
D Wilson
A Woodward

**Officers:**
Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk.

**Apologies:** Apologies were noted from Councillors Aurora Bailey, Brian Bailey, Steve Gazzard, Cherry Nicholas, David Poor and Mike Rosser.

**Public Forum:** There were no questions from members of the public.

**C26/001. Council meeting minutes**
Councillor Maddy Chapman proposed, Councillor Pauline Stott seconded, and it was agreed by all that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record.

**C26/002. Matters arising from previous minutes.**
There were no matters arising.

**C26/003. Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations.**

**C26/004. Exclusion of the Press and public.**
There were no items requiring the exclusion of the press and public.

**C26/005. 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 Andrew Woodward seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 8th December 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 16th December 2025.

Notes of the Exmouth Transport Partnership held on 9th December 2025.

Verbal update of the Town Maintenance Overview working party held on 8th January 2026.

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

Verbal updates were noted, where available, in respect of the following:

- **Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront Group: Councillor Deasy reported that a** meeting of the Group is scheduled for January 21st 2026 to discuss the Exmouth Placemaking Plan;

- **Fairtrade Steering Group:** a pancake day tea celebration has been organised for February 17th 2026 at All Saints Church from 4.45-6pm.

- **Exmouth Sea Cadets:** Councillor Caygill reported that the current committee chairman is standing down and that there is a vacancy for a new Chair.

- **Twinning Association:** Councillor Dumper reported that a separate committee has been set up for the German twinning visits.

- **WEB Community Health and Wellbeing Board:** Councillor Conduit confirmed that the next meeting is scheduled for January 13th at which there will be a focus session on homelessness and housing.

**District Councillors' Reports: no updates available.**

**County Councillors' Reports:** Councillor Hookway reported that discussions are ongoing with the Exmouth Neighbourhood Policing Team and Devon County Council Highways about the scope to add a new speed bump along the seafront to deter speeding. He also reminded Members to respond to the consultation on SEND provision in the County and answered questions about the disabled bays on Queens Drive, roadworks on Salterton Road and the salting / gritting regime. It was noted that the Town Council had completed a survey of the grit bins across town and that many are currently compacted.

**C26/006. To ratify the 2026/27 budget and associated precept.**
A draft budget for 2026/27 had been circulated to Councillors for consideration with an associated precept requirement of £1,337,783. Councillor Fred Caygill proposed, Councillor Joe Whibley seconded and it was agreed by all to accept the proposed budget and agree the precept of £1,337,783.

**RESOLVED: that the budget be approved and a precept request for £1,337,783 should be submitted to the District Council.**

The meeting concluded at 7.45 pm.

Signed …….. (Chair)

Date ……..