EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Exmouth Town Hall, St. Andrews Road, Exmouth on Monday 9th February , 2026 at 6.30pm.

Present: **Councillors**

G Deasy (Chair)
F Caygill
M Chapman
A Colman
T Dumper
S Gazzard
N Hookway
S Isaacs
N Nicholls
D Poor
A Sadiq
P Stott
L Venables
D Wilson
A Woodward

Officers:
Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk.

Apologies: Apologies were noted from Councillors Aurora Bailey, Brian Bailey, Dianne Conduit, Olly Davey, Matt Hall, Ian Kirvan, Cherry Nicholas, Mike Rosser, Joe Whibley, Mark Williamson and Jeff Trail.

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

C26/007. 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.

C26/008. Matters arising from previous minutes.
There were no matters arising.

C26/009. Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations.
In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and the Localism Act 2011, the Clerk considered the need for a dispensation to enable all councillors to participate in the debate and decision on agenda item C26/012. It was noted that all members held the same interest by virtue of their membership of Exmouth Town Council, and that without a dispensation the meeting would be inquorate.
The Town Clerk agreed that a dispensation be granted to all councillors to permit full participation in the discussion and vote on agenda item C26/012, on the grounds that granting the dispensation was necessary to ensure the transaction of Council business.

C26/010. Exclusion of the Press and public.

It was agreed under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from Part B of the meeting, on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

C26/011. 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 Andrew Woodward seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 5th January and 19th January 2026 be accepted as a true record.

The following were also received and noted:

Verbal update of the Climate and Ecological Emergency working party held on 3rd February 2026.

Notes of the Festival and Events working party held on 22nd January 2026.

Notes of the Flooding and Water Quality working party held on 27th January 2026.

Notes of the S106 & CIL working party held on 20th January 2026 and recommendation that Full Council approve the establishment of a Community Sports Initiatives Grant Scheme, funded from the Council's CIL reserves, to support local sports clubs and organisations with eligible feasibility and planning related project development costs, and to allocate an initial £100,000 to fund the scheme, subject to an approved grant policy/criteria and application process being developed. Councillor Pauline Stott proposed, seconded by Councillor Tim Dumper and it was **RESOLVED that the Council establishes a Community Sports Initiatives Grant Scheme, funded from the Council's CIL reserves, to support local sports clubs and organisations with eligible feasibility and planning related project development costs, and to allocate an initial £100,000 to fund the scheme, subject to an approved grant policy/criteria and application process being developed.**

Notes of the Town Maintenance Overview working party held on 8th January 2026 and a verbal update of the meeting held on 5th February 2026.

Notes of the Waterfront working party held on 13th January 2026.

Reports from members who represent the Council on Outside Bodies

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

- Devon Bus Enhanced Partnership:
- Exmouth in Bloom:
- Exmouth Water Users Group

- Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront Group:
- Fairtrade Steering Group:
- Exmouth Sea Cadets:

County Councillors' Reports: County Councillor Nick Hookway provided updates on the County Council's SEND provision in the context of the need for a local facility and/or provision for Exmouth families; safety concerns for Deaf Academy students at Carlton Hill roundabout; ongoing dialogue with Bloor Homes about cycle path improvements associated with the proposed development behind Capel Lane and status updates relating to the Dinan Way extension. He also reiterated concerns being voiced at Devon County Council about the potential outcomes of the Local Government Reorganisation, especially risk to the Devon Farm estate. Councillors asked about the ongoing library funding consultation, potholes and the delays to the Dinan Way extension.

C26/011. To note that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on 9th March 2026.

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C26/012. To consider submitting a nomination to the Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) for attendance at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Friday 8 May 2026. DALC has invited councils to put forward one nominee who meets the eligibility criteria, reflects the 2026 theme of diversity, and has demonstrated outstanding frontline, community, or voluntary service. The Council is asked to agree on a nominee and confirm that the individual has given consent for their personal data to be submitted.

Councillor Graham Deasy proposed, Councillor Steve Gazzard seconded and it was agreed by all to nominate Councillor Olly Davey and his wife for the ballot.

C26/012. Exmouth Town Hall

Councillor Fred Caygill proposed, Councillor Steve Gazzard seconded and it was agreed that the recommendations as set out in the accompanying report should be implemented.

RESOLVED: that the recommendations as set out in the report should be implemented.

C26/013. To ratify recommendations from the HR Group meeting held on 22nd January 2026.

Councillor Fred Caygill proposed, Councillor Steve Gazzard seconded and it was agreed that the staffing recommendations as set out in the report should be implemented.

RESOLVED: that the staffing recommendations as set out in the report should be implemented.

The meeting concluded at 8.08 pm.

Signed ……. (Chair)

Date ……..