EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Exmouth Town Hall, St. Andrews Road, Exmouth on Monday 15th June , 2026 at 6.30pm.

Present: **Councillors**

G Deasy (Chair)
A Bailey
B Bailey
M Chapman
D Conduit
O Davey
T Dumper
S Gazzard (left at 19:49)
M Hall
N Hookway (arrived 19.00)
S Isaacs
I Kirvan
C Nicholas
A Sadiq (left at 19:49)
P Stott
L Venables
M Williamson

Officers:

Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk.
Mark Devin, Deputy Town Clerk.

Apologies: Apologies were noted from Councillors Fred Caygill, Andrew Colman, Nicky Nicholls, David Poor, Mike Rosser, Joe Whibley, Dan Wilson and Andrew Woodward.

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

C26/055. Council meeting minutes

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

C26/056. Matters arising from previous minutes.

There were no matters arising.

C26/057. Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations.

C26/058. Exclusion of the Press and public.

There were no items which necessitated the exclusion of the press and public.

C26/059. 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 Olly Davey seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 11th May and 26th May 2026 be accepted as a true record.

Councillor Alex Sadiq proposed, Councillor Matt Hall seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 9th June 2026 be accepted as a true record.

The following were also received and noted:

Notes of the Climate and Ecological Emergency working party held on the 14th April 2026 and a verbal update from the meeting held on the 19th May 2026.

Notes of the Exmouth Transport Partnership working party held on the 21st April 2026.

Notes of the Festival and Events working party held on the 23rd April and the 21st May 2026.

Notes of the Flooding and Water Quality working party held on the 28th April 2026.

Notes of the Town Council Premises and Assets working party held on the 14th May 2026.

Notes of the Town Maintenance Overview working party held on the 7th May and a verbal update from the meeting held on 4th June 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 District Allotments Association:
- East Devon Arts and Culture Forum:
- Citizens Advice Bureau:
- Exe Estuary Management Partnership:
- Exmouth Beach Management Plan Steering Group:
- Exmouth and District Community Transport:
- Exmouth in Bloom:
- Exmouth Water Users Group:
- Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront Group:
- OPCC Councillor Advocate Scheme:
- Exmouth Sea Cadets:
- Devon Wildlife Trust:
- WEB Community Health and Wellbeing Board:

District Councillors' Reports: There were no additional reports from District Councillors.

County Councillors' Reports: County Councillor Nick Hookway provided a verbal update on a meeting that had been recently held with the Devon County Council

highways planning officers regarding concerns about the impacts on the local highway network in respect of cumulative planning pressures. He also highlighted the potential for boundary changes under impending Local Government Reorganisation and associated implications for election cycles. Members raised questions about construction delays to the Dinan Way extension and concerns about the finished width of the road.

C26/060. To review and adopt an updated IT Policy.

Councillor Matt Hall proposed, Councillor Ian Kirvan seconded and it was agreed by all to adopt the proposed IT policy.

RESOLVED: to adopt the IT policy.

C26/061. To review and adopt the Annual Accounts for 2025/2026

- Income and Expenditure Accounts for year ending March 31st, 2026
- Balance Sheet for year ending March 31st, 2026
- Earmarked Reserves as at March 31st, 2026
- Asset Register as at March 31st, 2026

Councillor Alex Sadiq proposed, Councillor Matt Hall seconded and it was agreed by all to approve and adopt the annual accounts for 2025/26, including the Income and Expenditure Report, Balance Sheet, Earmarked Reserves and Asset Register.

RESOLVED: to approve and adopt the annual accounts, the balance sheet, earmarked reserves and asset register for 2025/26.

C26/062. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/2026

I. To review and receive the Annual Internal Audit Report
II. To consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement
III. To consider and approve the Annual Accounting Statements

The Annual Internal Audit Report was noted and acknowledged by all. Councillor Steve Gazzard subsequently proposed, Councillor Olly Davey seconded and it was agreed to approve the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Accounting Statements for the year ending March 31st 2026.

RESOLVED: to approve the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Accounting Statements for the year ending March 31st 2026.

C26/063. To note the Mayor's chosen charity for 2026/27.
It was noted that Councillor Graham Deasy would be fund raising for the Exmouth Projects Trust during his tenure as Mayor with a view to supporting local musicians

C26/064. To ratify the appointment of Mark Devin to the post of Deputy Clerk and Stephen Blaker to the post of Caretaker.

Councillor Maddy Chapman proposed, Councillor Tim Dumper seconded and it was agreed by all that the appointment of Mark Devin to the post of Deputy Clerk and Stephen Blaker to the post of Caretaker be formally approved.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Mark Devin to the post of Deputy Clerk and Stephen Blaker to the post of Caretaker.

The meeting concluded at 8.00 pm.

Signed ……. (Chair)

Date ……..