EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Exmouth Town Hall, St. Andrews Road, Exmouth on Monday 13th July , 2026 at 6.30pm.

Present: **Councillors**

G Deasy (Chair)
B Bailey
F Caygill (left 19:23)
D Conduit
O Davey
T Dumper
S Gazzard
M Hall
N Hookway (arrived 18.38)
S Isaacs
I Kirvan
A Sadiq
P Stott
L Venables
D Wilson

Devon County Councillor Jeff Trail (left 19:23)
Devon County Council Highways Officer Stephen Pool (left 19:23)

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

Apologies: Apologies were noted from Councillors Aurora Bailey, Maddy Chapman, Andrew Colman, Cherry Nicholas, Nicky Nicholls, David Poor, Mike Rosser, Joe Whibley, Mark Williamson and Andrew Woodward.

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

C26/065. Council meeting minutes
Councillor Pauline Stott proposed, Councillor Tim Dumper seconded, and it was agreed by all that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record.

C26/066. Matters arising from previous minutes.
There were no matters arising.

C26/067. Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations.

C26/068. Exclusion of the Press and public.
There were no items which necessitated the exclusion of the press and public.

C26/069. 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 Brian Bailey seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 8th June and 22nd June 2026 be accepted as a true record.

The following were also received and noted:

Notes of the Exmouth Transport Partnership working party held on the 23rd June 2026.

Notes of the Festival and Events working party held on the 18th June 2026.

A verbal update of the S106 and CIL working party held on 7th July 2026. In respect of an associated recommendation from the working party, Councillor Pauline Stott proposed, Councillor Brian Bailey seconded and it was agreed by all that the Council should award a grant of £10,000 to Exmouth Gig Club under the Community Sports Initiatives Grant Scheme towards eligible pre-development costs associated with their proposed clubhouse development, with payment to be made upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of expenditure in accordance with the Community Initiatives Grant Scheme.

RESOLVED: That the Council should award a grant of £10,000 to Exmouth Gig Club under the Community Sports Initiatives Grant Scheme towards eligible pre-development costs associated with their proposed clubhouse development, with payment to be made upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of expenditure in accordance with the Community Initiatives Grant Scheme.

Notes of the Town Maintenance Overview working party held on the 4th June and a verbal update from the meeting held on 9th July 2026.

A verbal update of the Waterfront working party meeting held on 30th 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
- WEB Community Health and Wellbeing Board

District Councillors' Reports: Councillor Nick Hookway reported that East Devon District Council had written to Whitbread Group about the poor state of the Premier Inn building on the sea front. A response had been received from the Whitbread Group with confirmation that works to the frontage will be complete in October 2026.

County Councillors' Reports: There were no further updates available.

C26/070. To receive a presentation from Councillor Jeff Trail BEM and Devon County Council highways officer, Stephen Pool, on the closure of the A376 Dinan Way link Road.

Councillor Jeff Trail and Devon County Council Highways Officer Stephen Pool provided an update on the impact of proposed works associated with the new Dinan Way Link Road.

Members were advised that, in Autumn 2026, road closures would be required in connection with the installation of the new roundabout. Planned utility works were being reprogrammed to enable upgrades to be undertaken whilst diversion routes were in place.

An HGV diversion route would operate via the A3052 and would be supported by the use of permanent electronic signs on the approach roads to Clyst St Mary from the M5.

It was reported that road closures and diversions would affect the southbound section of the A376 from 7 September 2026 until 4 December 2026. All affected retail premises would be consulted regarding the implications of the works.

Members raised questions regarding the likely impact on Featherbed Lane, the practicalities of the proposed one-way diversion system, and whether any penalties would be applied in relation to delays to the construction programme.

Members also highlighted the potential implications for bus services and taxi operators and stressed the importance of ensuring clear and prominent notices were displayed at bus shelters to keep travellers informed. Mr Pool confirmed that arrangements relating to bus routes would be considered separately, with Devon Bus and Stagecoach working together to accommodate necessary diversions.

Further discussion took place regarding wider aspects of the Dinan Way Link Road scheme, including the width of the new carriageway, provision of pavements and pedestrian safety, the movement of wide loads, and cycle access. In relation to wide loads, Members were advised that Devon County Council was liaising with Devon Cliffs Holiday Park regarding the potential for such movements to take place during night-time hours.

The presentation was received and noted with a commitment from Councillor Trail to revert with answers to some of the queries raised.

C26/071. To consider and ratify the adoption of the HMRC Approved Mileage Allowance Payment (AMAP) rate of 55 pence per mile for the reimbursement of

authorised business travel undertaken by Councillors and staff using their own vehicles; and confirm that the revised rate shall apply to all eligible mileage claims submitted from the implementation date approved by the Council.

Councillor Steve Gazzard proposed, Councillor Brian Bailey seconded, and it was agreed that the Council will adopt the HMRC Approved Mileage Allowance Payment (AMAP) rate of 55 pence per mile for the reimbursement of authorised business travel undertaken by Councillors and staff using their own vehicles with effect from August 1st 2026.

RESOLVED: That the Council will adopt the HMRC Approved Mileage Allowance Payment (AMAP) rate of 55 pence per mile for the reimbursement of authorised business travel undertaken by Councillors and staff using their own vehicles with effect from August 1st 2026.

The meeting concluded at 7.46 pm.

Signed ……. (Chair)

Date ……..