EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Exmouth Town Hall, St. Andrews Road, Exmouth on Monday 21 September, 2026 at 6.30pm.

Present: **Councillors**

G Deasy (Chair)	N Nicholls
D Conduit (Deputy Chair)	D Poor
A Bailey	M Rosser
B Bailey	A Sadiq
M Chapman	L Venables
O Davey	J Whibley
T Dumper	D Wilson
S Gazzard	M Williamson
M Hall	A Woodward
C Nicholas	

Officers:
Mark Devin, Deputy Town Clerk.

Apologies: Apologies were noted from Councillors, Fred Caygill, Andrew Colman, Nick Hookway, Suzanne Isaacs, Ian Kirvan, David Poor, and Pauline Stott.

Apologies were also received from Devon County Councillor Jeff Trail and the Town Clerk, Lisa Bowman.

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

C26/080. Council meeting minutes
Members considered the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10 August 2026.

It was noted that the minutes recorded Councillor Stott as seconder for the Planning Committee minutes; however, Councillor Stott had not been present at the relevant Planning Committee meeting and therefore could not properly second the confirmation of those minutes as a true record.

Members were advised that a correction was required and Councillor Tim Dumper, who had been present at the relevant Planning Committee meeting, indicated he was willing to be recorded as the seconder in place of Councillor Pauline Stott. Members indicated their agreement to the amendment.

Councillor Joe Whibley proposed, Councillor Maddy Chapman seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10 August 2026 be approved, subject to:

- amendment of Minute C26/076 to record Councillor Tim Dumper as seconder for the approval of the Planning Committee minutes in place of Councillor Pauline Stott.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10 August 2026 be approved as a true record, subject to the agreed amendments.

C26/081. Matters arising from previous minutes.
There were no other matters arising.

C26/082. Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations.
No declarations of interest or requests for dispensation were made.

C26/083. Exclusion of the Press and public.
There were no items which necessitated the exclusion of the press and public.

C26/084. 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)

Planning Committee

Councillor Andrew Woodward proposed, Councillor Diane Conduit seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 3 August 2026 be accepted as a true record.

Councillor Joe Whibley proposed, Councillor Tim Dumper seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 17 August 2026 be accepted as a true record.

Councillor Joe Whibley proposed, Councillor Diane Conduit seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1 September 2026 be accepted as a true record.

Finance Committee

Councillor Alex Sadiq proposed, Councillor Andrew Woodward seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 13 August 2026 be accepted as a true record.

The following were also received and noted:

- Notes of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Party meetings held on 8 September 2026.
- Notes of the Town Maintenance Overview Working Party meeting held on 9 July 2026.

Community Resilience Working Party
Members received a verbal update regarding the meeting held on 15 September 2026. It was noted that amendments to the Working Party's Terms of Reference would be presented to Council in October to increase the number of meetings from one to four per year. Members were also advised that updates to the Emergency Resilience Plan, emergency box arrangements, volunteer provision and emerging national resilience guidance would be brought forward for consideration at a future meeting.

Exmouth Transport Partnership Working Party
Members received a verbal update regarding the meeting held on 15 September 2026. It was noted that the meeting had not been quorate and therefore no formal decisions had been taken. Discussions had included the Dinan Way Link Road, traffic impacts, bus service disruptions, and the future operation of the 99E service. Concerns were also raised regarding the Council's subsidy of the service, and further work would be undertaken on the matter.

Reports from members who represent the Council on Outside Bodies

The following verbal updates were received and noted:

- **Exmouth District Allotments Association:** Councillor Olly Davey reported on the recent BBC television programme featuring the Association. Members noted the positive representation of the allotment community, volunteer activity, and the wider promotion of Exmouth.

- **OPCC Councillor Advocate Scheme:** Councillor Diane Conduit advised that she would be attending a forthcoming seminar and hoped to obtain an update regarding proposals for public-facing police facilities in Exmouth. Members also noted that further information was awaited regarding the proposed retail crime reduction initiative.

No reports were received in respect of:

- Devon Bus Enhanced Partnership.
- 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.
- Exmouth Sea Cadets.
- WEB Community Health and Wellbeing Board.

Additional updates received:

Twinning Association: Councillor Tim Dumper reported on the recent visit from representatives of Langerwehe, Germany. Members noted the success of the civic reception held at Exmouth Town Hall and recorded thanks to Members, officers and staff who had assisted in the organisation of the visit. It was further noted that a return visit to Germany was planned for 2027.

Fairtrade Group: Councillor Tim Dumper advised that Fairtrade Fortnight would take place between 28 September and 10 October 2026 and referred to a forthcoming Fairtrade wine and chocolate event. Councillor Steve Gazzard highlighted difficulties being experienced with a grant application and requested that future support for Fairtrade activities be considered.

District Councillors' Reports: Councillors Maddy Chapman, Joe Whibley, Olly Davey and Tim Dumper provided updates on matters relating to East Devon District Council. Members noted the following:

- The proposed national planning reforms would impact on planning committee procedures, including an increase in the number of planning applications determined by officers through revised schemes of delegation.

- Residents, town, and parish councils would continue to be able to submit representations on planning applications, although planning responses may need to be more detailed under the revised arrangements.

- Forthcoming Member training and briefing sessions to support understanding of the new planning framework and associated procedural changes would be made available.

- The East Devon Local Plan had been delayed pending completion of further background work. The plan needed to be adopted before the end of the year to avoid the application of higher housing targets under the proposed national planning framework.

- Developments within the emerging Local Plan relating to sewerage and wastewater infrastructure included measures intended to ensure that new development was supported by sufficient treatment and network capacity.

- There were ongoing concerns regarding the capacity of existing sewerage and wastewater treatment infrastructure to accommodate future housing growth within Exmouth and the wider area.

- The Government had paused the LGR proposals, and it was expected that District Council elections would proceed as scheduled in 2027, pending further clarification from Government.

County Councillors' Reports: There were no County Councillors present and no reports were received.

End Time: 7.15pm

Signed …… (Chair)

Date ……..