

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 2 October 2017 at 6.30pm

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Michael Earthy Stuart Hughes Dawn Manley
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent John Dyson (Vice-Chairman) Paul Wright
Sidmouth East	Frances Newth
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole Sheila Kerridge John Rayson
Primley	Jeff Turner
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Ian McKenzie-Edwards (Chairman)
Sidbury	John Hollick Gareth Jones
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow David Barratt
Apologies:	Marc Kilsbie, Simon Pollentine

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.10pm.

PART 'A'

67 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Canon Father Paul Cummins.

68 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 4 September 2017 were signed as a true and accurate record.

69 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
CLlr Kelvin Dent	76 Sidmouth Folk Week	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Folk Week performer
Town Clerk	75 Sidmouth Town Band	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion	Town Band member

70 Public Open Question Time

- Councillor Paul Wright asked District councillors for an update regarding EDDC's policy to install electric car charging points in Sidmouth public car parks. Councillor Hughes reported that EDDC were reviewing the possibility of installing charging points in the Ham and Manor Road car parks and DCC's Traffic Management Plan Scoping Study would also include charging points in its review.

71 Police Report

In the absence of Sgt Andy Squires, the Town Clerk presented the police report for September 2017 which showed a total of 30 crimes recorded compared to 39 recorded in September 2016, a reduction of 23%.

The police report also noted that although the annual carnival procession was a good-natured family event enjoyed by all; the fun fair had become an enormous drain on emergency service resources. The report recommended that in future years one of the Trustee's condition of permission to use The Ham is that the fun fair operator should employ its own security staff to manage the event, as they do successfully in other towns in East Devon which would free up Police to provide cover elsewhere.

72 Committee/Working Group Reports

72.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Barlow, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6 September 2017.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee report be noted.

72.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Report

Councillor Newth, Vice Chairman of the Tourism & Economy Committee, presented the report of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 11 September 2017.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Economy Committee report be noted.

72.3 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Deirdre Hounsom gave a report of the work being carried out by the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report be noted.

73 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

73.1 Finance Report

a) In accordance with section 2.2 of the Town Council's Financial Regulations Members were asked to note that Councillor Wright, Member with Special Responsibility for Finance, had verified the bank reconciliations, for all accounts, as at the end of June 2017.

RESOLVED: That it be noted that Councillor Wright had verified the bank reconciliations, for all accounts, as at the end of June 2017.

b) Councillor Wright presented the August 2017 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: That the August 2017 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

73.2 Sidmouth Hopper Bus

Councillor John Dyson reported that the Hopper Bus had carried 21,361 passengers this season which was a slight decrease on last year; however, the cash donations had increased by nearly 20% to £6,534 over the same period.

RESOLVED: That the Hopper Bus report be noted.

74 Fairtrade Town Status

Wendy Spratling presented the Town Council with the Fairtrade certificate awarded to Sidmouth on the anniversary of the granting of status of Fairtrade Town.

RESOLVED: That the receipt of a certificate presented to Sidmouth on the anniversary of the granting of status of Fairtrade Town be noted.

75 Sidmouth Town Band – Annual Report

Martin Cordy, Chairman of the band updated Members on the 2017 summer concert season, Last Night of the Proms and the band’s plans for 2018. It was anticipated that the band would move to its new band room at St Francis Church Hall in December. Mr Cordy thanked the Town Council for its ongoing financial support for the band.

RESOLVED: That Martin Cordy be thanked for attending the meeting to present the Town Band’s annual report.

76 Sidmouth Folk Week

John Braithwaite, Sidmouth Folk Week Director presented a report to Members on the 2017 Festival and future plans.

RESOLVED: That John Braithwaite be thanked for attending the meeting to present Sidmouth Folk Week’s annual report.

77 Parishes Together Funding

a) Members were asked to consider a request from the Sidmouth Health and Care Forum for £5,000 funding to pump prime a new project funding co-ordinator time for the Advice and Information Service, for a scoping study, volunteer expenses and accommodation costs.

RESOLVED: That a representative from the Sidmouth Health and Care Forum be invited to attend a future Council meeting to give more detailed information to Members regarding this request for funding.

b) Members were reminded to inform the Town Clerk of any ideas for utilising the Parishes Together Fund.

RESOLVED: That Members would inform the Town Clerk of any ideas for utilising the Parishes Together Fund.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL