

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 3 October 2016 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.55pm.

PART 'A'

71 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Susie Williams.

72 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 5 September 2016 were signed as a true and accurate record.

73 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr John Dyson	74 Matters of Urgency	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	EDDC Member of Port Royal Scoping Study Reference Group
Cllr David Barratt	74 Matters of Urgency	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	EDDC Member of Port Royal Scoping Study Reference Group
Cllr Stuart Hughes	74 Matters of Urgency	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	DCC Highways Member of Port Royal Scoping Study Reference Group

Cllr Kelvin Dent	80 Sidmouth Folk Week	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Folk Week Performer
Cllr John Dyson	80 Sidmouth Folk Week	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Folk Week Trustee
Cllr Stuart Hughes	80 Sidmouth Folk Week	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Folk Week grant from DCC Locality Budget
Cllr Matt Booth	81 Sidmouth Health and Care Forum	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	EDDC Chairman of Focus Group

74 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman reported that the forthcoming consultation regarding Sidmouth Hospital would be discussed at the November Council meeting.
- The Chairman raised concerns regarding the involvement of one of the Town Councillors in a newspaper article published in the Sidmouth Herald in respect to the future of The Ham, Sidmouth. Members agreed that acting as Trustees they would always wish to protect the Ham.

75 Public Open Question Time

- Mr Peter Murphy asked whether an Invitation to tender for redevelopment would be included in the Port Royal Scoping Study. The Chairman replied that an Invitation to Tender for the consultation process would be included but not an Invitation to Tender for development.

76 Police Report

PC Simon Blyth presented the police report for September 2016.

77 Committee/Working Group Reports

77.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Barlow, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 7 and 21 September 2016.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

77.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Report

Councillor Newth, Vice-Chairman of the Tourism & Economy Committee presented the report of the Tourism & Economy Committee held on Monday 12 September 2016.

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

77.3 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Deirdre Hounsom, Chairman of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group gave an update regarding the recent work of the SVNP Steering Group team.

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

78 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

78.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright presented the August 2016 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: That the August 2016 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

78.2 Sidmouth Hopper

Councillor Dyson gave an update regarding this year's Hopper Bus service.

RESOLVED: That the Hopper Bus report be noted.

79 Sidmouth Town Band – Annual report

Martin Cordy, Chairman of the band gave an update on the 2016 summer concert season, Last Night of the Proms and plans for 2017 including the band’s ongoing search for a new HQ.

RESOLVED: That the Sidmouth Town Band report be noted.

80 Sidmouth Folk Week

Sidmouth Folk Week Director, John Braithwaite gave a comprehensive report on the 2016 Festival and plans for the future.

RESOLVED: That the Sidmouth Folk Week report be noted.

81 Sidmouth Health and Care Forum

At the Sidmouth Health and Care Forum in the summer, a task group had been established to consider the scale and needs of support required for young people who were self-harming in the Sid Valley. As a result of the work of the Task group and interim reports to the Forum, it was agreed to try and establish support as soon as possible and as local as possible to the young people in need. Mrs Di Fuller had forwarded a report which outlined what was needed in the short term, with the hope that the initial work with young people could be used to secure further long term funding with other partners.

It was hoped that in the short term Parishes Together funding could be used if Members were agreeable to support the work identified to get the project started.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council would support the Pilot Project; subject to additional information with regard to the numbers and age range of the young people taking part in the project. Funding would be obtained either from the Parishes Together Fund or failing that the Woolley Bequest.

82 British Telecom – Public Payphone Removals

British Telecom had commenced a formal consultation process, regarding their current programme of intended public payphone removals, which would close on 28 November 2016. The consultation process gave the local community the opportunity to adopt a traditional red ‘heritage’ phone box (where applicable) and make them an asset that local people could enjoy and use. More information could be found at <http://business.bt.com/phone-services/payphone-services/adopt-a-kiosk/>

The public payphones that were scheduled for removal were:

- Temple Street, Sidmouth, EX10 9BN (Red Box)
- Court Hall Gardens, Sidbury Sidmouth, EX10 0RS (Red Box)
- Higher Brook Meadow, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SS
- Byes Lane, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9QX

Councillor Hollick reported that an individual in Sidbury was interested in retaining the red phone box at Court Hall Gardens, Sidbury.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk would await any individuals/organisations to come forward with proposals to adopt the red phone boxes prior to their removal.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL