

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 5 September 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 and Simon Pollentine

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.45pm.

PART 'A'

59 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Oliver Ward.

60 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 8 August 2016 were signed as a true and accurate record.

61 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

62 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman reported that Sidmouth had been declared as a Fair Trade Town which was good for the town and community.

63 Public Open Question Time

- Deirdre Hounsom asked about the relationship between the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the work of the Port Royal scoping study.
- Jeremy Woodward raised questions regarding the early stages of the scoping study; he suggested that the report should contain more detail regarding

costings for example. There should be a Steering Group from the start of the process with delegated powers.

- Jackie Green requested that the advertising of Council meetings should be changed – they should appear at the top of the What's On listing on the Council's webpage.
- Councillors Rayson and Earthey expressed concern with regard to the condition of the public conveniences at the Connaught Gardens and Market Place.

64 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for August 2016 which showed a total of 50 incidents compared to 60 incidents recorded in August 2015.

65 Committee/Working Group Reports

65.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Barlow, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 10 and 24 August 2016.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

65.2 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Deirdre Housom, Chairman of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group gave an update regarding the recent work of the SVNP Steering Group team; there had been two resignations but three new recruits.

The results of the first survey would appear on the website by October, the second survey was being developed and the business community questionnaire would be issued to 800 businesses and to the Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce and Sidmouth Business Cafe.

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

66 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

66.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright presented the July 2016 Finance Report.

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

67 Eastern Town Regeneration Scoping Exercise

In November 2015, the Council began formal discussions with East Devon District Council regarding the long desired redevelopment and renewal of Port Royal.

It was agreed that the project should be led by Sidmouth Town Council with support from officers of East Devon District Council and external expertise as necessary. In the first instance, a Scoping Exercise would be undertaken to identify more information about the site, its opportunities and constraints. Both Councils have committed funding to undertake this Scoping Study. Members were asked to consider the Terms of Reference and Brief for the study as attached to the agenda.

During the discussion, some Members suggested the option of deferring the item for the redrafting of the document to include further detail. This was formally proposed as an amendment but defeated in a vote during the debate.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Terms of Reference for the joint working approach between the Council and East Devon District Council at appendix 1, be approved;

2) That approval is given for the Project Brief for the Scoping Exercise at Appendix 2

68 East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership Local Action Group

Members were asked to nominate a replacement following Councillor Kilsbie's resignation from this committee.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Manley would act as the Town Council's representative on the East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership Local Action Group.

69 Sidmouth Beach Management Plan Funding Sub Group

Members were asked to nominate a Member to represent the Town Council on this group.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dyson would act as the Town Council's representative on the Sidmouth Beach Management Plan Funding Sub Group.

70 East Devon Villages Plan – Consultation on East Devon Villages Plan: Sidbury

The District Council had published a draft Villages Plan and Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment and invited comments until 28 September 2016.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council responds to the consultation commenting that it does not agree with the revised boundary which splits Hillside from the rest of the village of Sidbury and considers that small scale, limited expansion in Sidbury would be acceptable but that the infrastructure, especially roads, footways and the Sidbury to Sidmouth cycle track, would need enhancing and developing first.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL