

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 7 December 2015 at 6.30pm

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Michael Earthey 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	Simon Pollentine Jeff Turner (Chairman)
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Ian McKenzie-Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
Sidbury	John Hollick
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow David Barratt
Apologies:	David Addis, Stuart Hughes

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 9.13pm.

PART 'A'

126 Prayers and Reflection

Prayers and a moment of reflection were taken by Father Paul Cummins.

127 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on Monday 26 October and 2 November 2015 were signed as a true and accurate record.

128 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED: that the classification given to the documents to be submitted to the Council, be confirmed, and that the reports relating to exempt information, be dealt with under Part B.

129 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman announced that the Council's bid for Parishes Together Funding towards equipment and the newly re-opened Manstone Youth Centre had been approved.
- The Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and support at the various Remembrance Day services on Sunday 8 November 2015 around the Sid Valley.

130 Public Open Question Time

Councillor Ian Barlow asked District Councillors for an update on the Section 106 Monies due to Sidmouth from the new Sanditon Development. Councillor Matt Booth answered that he had nothing new to report.

131 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for November 2015 which showed a total of 24 incidents compared to 33 incidents in November 2014. This was a reduction of 27.3%. For comparison, figures for Exmouth and Exeter during November were 119 and 712 crimes respectively. Year to date figures showed a total of 403 incidents with a detection rate of 20%.

132 Committee/Working Group Reports

115.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dyson, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 4 and 25 November 2015.

RESOLVED: that the Planning Committee reports be noted and agreed.

133 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

116.1 Finance Report

Councillor Dyson presented the October 2015 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: that the October 2015 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

134 Growing Together – Parishes Together Fund

Members received a brief presentation from Pete Scott, organiser of the Growing Together program, which the Town Council facilitated using Parishes Together funding for 2014/15. The program used gardening as a way of providing social and physical stimulus to those suffering from dementia. Mr Scott explained how well the program had been received by the care homes in Sidmouth and that he hoped the scheme could be continued into 2016 and beyond after the help that Sidmouth Town Council gave in setting up the first year.

135 Sidmouth Neighbourhood Plan Feasibility Task and Finish Forum

Members were asked to consider the report of the Task and Finish Forum which had been investigating the feasibility of carrying out and the reasons for and against, a Neighbourhood Plan for Sidmouth. a recorded vote was requested and supported by Members.

RESOLVED: that:

- 1) Sidmouth Town Council commits to undertake the Neighbourhood Planning process for Sidmouth with immediate effect.
- 2) the former Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Feasibility Task and Finish Forum and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council be given responsibility and authority to commence the NP process and implement:

135 Sidmouth Neighbourhood Plan Feasibility Task and Finish Forum (cont'd)

- The recruitment of a Steering Group Chairman
- Working with the Steering Group Chairman to set up the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- The processing of the application for designation of the Neighbourhood Plan area
- The processing of the funding application requests to EDDC and Locality for initial funding.

13 Members voting for the resolution were Councillors:

Ian Barlow
David Barratt
Matt Booth
Louise Cole
Kelvin Dent
John Dyson
Michael Earthy
Marc Kilsbie
Dawn Manley
Ian McKenzie-Edwards
John Rayson
Jeff Turner
Paul Wright

4 Members voting against the resolution were Councillors:

Jack Brokenshire
John Hollick
Frances Newth
Simon Pollentine

136 Sidmouth Parish Church Patronage Fund

Members considered the annual request of the secretary of the Sidmouth Parish Church Patronage fund inviting the Council to continue to support the Parish Church.

RESOLVED: that the Council renews its donation of £100 for the Sidmouth Parish Church Patronage Fund.

PART 'B'

137 Exclusion Of The Public And Press

RESOLVED: that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of its contents.

138 Christmas Lights Contract

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk concerning the future organisation of Christmas Lights in the town after the existing contract for lights was at an end.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk be authorised to continue to investigate the organisation of Christmas Lights within the town for 2016 and beyond.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL