

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Pre-Budget meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 17 October 2016 at 6.30pm

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Michael Earthey Dawn Manley
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent John Dyson Paul Wright
Sidmouth East	Frances Newth
Sidmouth West	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:	Stuart Hughes, Marc Kilsbie

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.30pm.

PART 'A'

83 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Town Clerk	87 Sidmouth Town Band	Personal	Left the Chamber during discussion and voting	Member of Sidmouth Town Band

84 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- Councillor Barratt asked Members to consider assisting the Fortescue Residents Committee to purchase a bench seat by saving the VAT portion of the cost.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council would pay the VAT portion of the cost of purchasing a bench seat at Fortescue.

85 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.

86 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.

PART 'B'

87 Budgets/Estimates

Members were asked to consider recommendations prior to the Budget/Estimate meeting in January. A confidential schedule was issued to Members for their consideration.

RESOLVED:

- 1) that the Notice boards and Fingerposts budget be renamed to Street Furniture and increased by £1,500 to enable the purchase of additional bench seats to be placed in the town.
- 2) that the budget for special grant funding to Sidmouth Town Band be increased to £4,000 in recognition of the value the band brings to numerous events in Sidmouth throughout the year.
- 3) that the Town Clerk raise a Parishes Together Funding bid for verge cutting and weeding throughout the town for the year 2017/18.
- 4) that a proposal to contribute 'match-funding' of £25,000 for the refurbishment of the Manstone Play Area be deferred until a later Council meeting when additional information would be available regarding Section 106 funding.
- 5) that a review of the Seafront Amenity Building finances and usage be carried out prior to the January 2017 budget meeting by the Member with Special Responsibility for Finance.
- 6) that the twinning of Sidmouth with Le Locle be discussed at a future Tourism & Economy committee meeting to consider any additional benefits that could be brought to Sidmouth and from twinning in general.
- 7) that potential asset transfers from both East Devon District Council and Devon County Council be discussed at a future Council meeting.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL