

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council's
Tourism and Economy Committee
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 8 December 2014 at 6.30 pm

Councillors present: - Simon Pollentine (Chairman)
 Chris Wale (Vice-Chairman)
 Ian Barlow
 David Barratt
 Jack Brokenshire
 John Dyson
 John Hollick
 Ann Liverton
 Graham Liverton
 Dawn Manley
 Ian McKenzie-Edwards

Apologies: Stuart Hughes, Mary Jolly

The meeting started at 6:30pm and finished at 8.20pm

PART 'A'

13 Minutes

The Minutes of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 16 June 2014 were signed as a true and accurate record.

14 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Simon Pollentine	21 Town Guide and Information Centre Income & Expenditure	Personal	Remained in Chamber	Town Directory Advertiser
Ian Barlow	21 Town Guide and Information Centre Income & Expenditure	Personal	Remained in Chamber	Town Guide Advertiser

15 Matters of Urgency

- The Chairman congratulated the Chamber of Commerce on the very successful Late Night Shopping event held on Friday 5 December 2014.
- The Chairman reported that he would be attending a 'Have Your Say: Tourism in the South West' event at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter on Monday 12 January 2015.
- The Chairman reported that he would be attending a meeting at Sidmouth Rugby Club on Monday 15 December 2014 held to discuss how Grass Roots clubs could achieve benefit from the 2015 Rugby World Cup.

16 Exclusion of the Public

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

17 Information Centre Manager's Report

Jeff Bailey, Information Centre Manager, presented the Information Centre report.

RESOLVED: That the Information Manager's report be noted.

18 Town Guide Distribution Figures

The Chairman reported the latest Guide distribution figures which showed that 18,985 2014 guides had been posted out and there had been 161,514 hits on the Visit Sidmouth website so far this year.

RESOLVED: That the Guide distribution figures be noted and idea of e-shots be investigated.

19 Report from S106 Future Projects TaFF – Improving Sidmouth Consultation

At the October Council meeting it was resolved that relevant project items from the S106 Future Projects TaFF report would be forwarded to the Tourism and Economy meeting for discussion with Members and Chamber of Commerce representatives. The Chairman had brought forward two of these items for discussion/update:

- a) Provision of a Boat Jetty/Pontoon/Pier.
- b) Re introduction of the appearance of the Red Arrows into Sidmouth calendar.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1) Provision of a Boat Jetty/Pontoon/Pier – be supported in principle and an agenda item to set up a working group to undertake a long term investigation/analysis it included on the first Tourism & Economy Committee meeting agenda after the May 2015 elections. In the interim period, the District Council would be made aware of the Town Council's intention to pursue this project.
- 2) Re-introduction of the appearance of the Red Arrows into Sidmouth calendar be supported – Councillor Barlow would check the availability and express an interest for Sidmouth to host the Red Arrows during the 2015 Sidmouth Regatta week. The financial support for this proposal would be considered at the January 2015 budget meeting.

20 Matters Raised By Invited Representatives

Steven Kendall-Torry asked Members to consider employing an individual as an Event Co-ordinator to assist the Chamber of Commerce and other Sidmouth voluntary organisations to manage their events throughout the year.

RESOLVED: That a Community meeting be held with the Chamber of Commerce, Science Festival, Carnival and other organisations to discuss this proposal further in order to ascertain the exact needs of groups and individuals when organising events.

PART 'B'

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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.

21 Town Guide and Information Centre Income and Expenditure

The Chairman presented details of income and expenditure for the year to October 2014 in respect of the Guide and Information Centre.

RESOLVED: That the Income and Expenditure reports for October 2014 be noted.

22 Sidmouth Information Centre Task and Finish Forum Recommendation

The Sidmouth Information Centre Task and Finish Forum had completed an examination into the service provided and costs associated with the provision of an Information Centre. The Chairman of the TaFF updated Members on the forum's work and it's recommendations.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1) the Council makes a 10% reduction on the existing £24,000 grant for providing the Sidmouth Information Centre from the financial year 2015/16.
- 2) the Town Clerk and Sidmouth Information Centre Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of Tourism be asked to make further savings during the financial year.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE TOURISM & ECONOMY COMMITTEE