

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 12 December 2016 at 6.30 pm

Councillors present: - Simon Pollentine (Chairman)
 Frances Newth (Vice-Chairman)
 Ian Barlow
 David Barratt
 Jack Brokenshire
 Louise Cole
 John Dyson
 John Hollick
 Stuart Hughes
 Marc Kilsbie
 Ian McKenzie-Edwards
 John Rayson
 Paul Wright

Apologies: Matt Booth, Dawn Manley

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.00pm

PART 'A'

21 Minutes

The Minutes of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 12 September 2016 were signed as a true and accurate record.

22 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr John Hollick	25 Twinning	Personal	Remained in Chamber	Member of the Sidmouth Twinning Circle

23 Sidmouth Information Centre Finance Report

Councillor Pollentine presented the Finance Report for the period to October 2016 in respect of the Sidmouth Information Centre.

RESOLVED: That the Sidmouth Information Centre's Finance Report be noted and agreed.

24 Town Guide Finance and Distribution Figures

The Chairman presented the Income and Expenditure Report for the period to October 2016 and the latest Guide distribution figures for the period to November 2016.

RESOLVED:

1) That the Town Guide Income and Expenditure Report for the period to October 2016 be noted and agreed.

2) That the Guide distribution figures be noted.

25 Twinning

At the Pre-Budget meeting held on Monday 17 October 2016 it was resolved:

'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.'

Sidmouth Twinning Circle Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Anne Bishop and Len Bull, attended the meeting to give a short presentation on the work of the Twinning Committee and how it organised visits. It was noted that 20 visitors were coming from Le Locle in June 2017 and staying with Sidmouth families for a five-day visit. Following discussion, the Chairman thanked the Twinning Circle for their attendance and hoped that they would develop some of the suggestions made by Members.

RESOLVED: 1) that Sidmouth Twinning Circle's report be noted.

2) that Sidmouth Twinning Circle be encouraged to become more inclusive and encourage more tangible links with Le Locle especially by making it more relevant for children and school students.

3) that the Twinning Circle consider exchanging idea with other twinning groups in Devon.

4) that the Twinning Circle consider twinning with other towns in different countries.

26 Matters Raised by Invited Representatives

Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce representative, Richard Eley, made the following comments:

- Le Locle was twinned with six other towns; if Sidmouth wished to twin with another town a good candidate would be Goolwa South Australia which has a direct link with Sidmouth through Peter Orlando-Hutchison.
- Although the Consent Street debate at the Scrutiny Committee of East Devon District Council agreed in Sidmouth's favour, the issue still had to be considered by Cabinet and go through further consultation.
- There was a review of Unitary Authorities in other parts of the country pending which may lead to changes in Devon.
- The Visit East Devon website was considered to be very poor and needed to be removed or improved.
- Consideration should be given to commissioning a 'drone' film of Sidmouth which would be a fantastic method of advertising Sidmouth at a relatively low cost.

RESOLVED: That the report/comments from Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce be noted.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE TOURISM & ECONOMY COMMITTEE