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Your Community Needs You!!...

Chairperson & Steering Group Members needed for Sidmouth Neighbourhood Plan

Sidmouth Town Council has chosen to create a Neighbourhood Plan which will enable local people to have a say on future development in Sidmouth and the Sid Valley area (Sidmouth, Sidford, Sidbury and Salcombe Regis). The aim is to work as a whole community to develop a plan which reflects the aspirations of us all for the future of Sidmouth. To do this and to do it well, the Council is seeking a Chairperson who has the skills, qualities and capacity to lead the project as well as create a community Steering Group to deliver the project and report. In particular, the Council is looking for a Chairperson who is a collaborative leader and effective communicator with project management experience alongside willingness, enthusiasm and time to devote to the whole project.

The Steering Group will consist of volunteers from a range of disciplines who will work together to bring the following skills and experience to the process: project management, town planning, community engagement and consultation and report writing. Also required will be steering group volunteers with interests in tourism, environment, energy, history, education, health and well-being, community participation, design, architecture, law, culture/arts communication and information technology.

Sidmouth Town Council are asking that people who wish to join the Steering Group, should submit an expression of interest to Sidmouth Town Council, indicating if you would like to be considered for the role of Chairperson and/or Steering Group member. This should include a short resume of their experience and what they would bring to the role of Chair and/or to the Steering Group. Additional information about the role of the Chairperson and the Steering Group, including a person specification and job description, is available on request via the email address below.

The closing date for the receipt of expressions of interest is 12 noon on Monday 8 February 2016 either in writing to Sidmouth Town Council, Woolcombe House, Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9BB or via e-mail to: enquiries@sidmouth.gov.uk

Following the appointment of the Chairperson, they, along with the Sidmouth Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Group, will select the members of the Steering Committee which is likely to be capped at 12 members and will include a small number of Town Councillors. We hope that the Steering Group will represent a cross section of the community to form a strong Neighbourhood Plan team for Sidmouth. There will be plenty of opportunities for those who wish to volunteer to help in addition to the work that will be undertaken by the new Steering Group which will be announced on the 12 February 2016.

To help understand the process and to allow people to find out more, the Town Council has organised a public event to be held on Tuesday 19th January 2016 at St Teresa's Church Hall, Connaught Road, Sidmouth at 7pm (doors open at 6.45pm for tea and coffee). During the event, the aims of the Neighbourhood Plan will be outlined and there will be opportunities to ask questions. All are welcome.

Ends.

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