

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 1 July 2019 at 6.30pm

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Stuart Hughes Dawn Manley Jenny Ware
Sidmouth South	Denise Bickley Kelvin Dent Chris Lockyear John Rayson Paul Wright (Vice-Chair)
Sidmouth East	Louise Thompson
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole
Primley	Deirdre Hounsom Emma Murdoch Jeff Turner
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Marianne Rixson
Sidbury	John Loudoun
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow (Chair)
Apologies:	David Barratt, Charissa Evans

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.55pm

PART 'A'

40 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10 June 2019 were signed as a true and accurate record.

41 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received for items on this agenda.

42 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

- The Chair reported that following the Sidmouth Lifeguard Beach Patrol presentation, made to the Town Council in June 2018 and the full support of the Town Council, the organisers had encountered many problems progressing the project due to the requirements put in place by East Devon District Council. Councillor Barlow encouraged District Councillors to take this issue up within the District Council with a view to enabling the Lifeguard Beach Patrol to commence this summer. All Members again expressed their support for the project.

43 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the June police report which showed 64 crimes in June 2019 in comparison to 64 in 2018. Sgt Squires reported the rolling 12 months figures which showed 597 for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 compared to 609 for the same period in 2018/2019.

Members also discussed the possibility of members of the public assisting the police in safeguarding youngsters during various large-scale events such as Folk Week, carnival and fun fairs.

44 Committee/Working Group Reports

44.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12 June 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee report be noted.

44.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Report

Councillor Cole, Chair of the Tourism & Economy Committee, presented the report of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 17 June 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Economy Committee report be noted.

44.3 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Councillor Hounsom gave a report of the work being carried out by the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee; she reported that the referendum date had been provisionally set as Thursday 19 September 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report be noted.

45 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

45.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright presented the Finance Report for May 2019.

RESOLVED: that the Finance Report for May 2019 be noted and agreed.

45.2 Fairtrade Sidmouth

Councillor Deirdre Hounsom reported that it was necessary for the Town Council to restate its commitment and support for Sidmouth to remain registered and retain its status as a Fairtrade town.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council fully supports Sidmouth's status as a Fairtrade Town and would continue to apply Fairtrade principles in its purchasing policies.

46 Fire Beacon Nature Reserve

Toby Taylor, RSPB attended the meeting to give an update regarding the management work carried out on the Town Council's behalf at the Fire Beacon Nature Reserve. He reported that he had encountered some difficulties in the RSPB's application to the Countryside Stewardship scheme but was awaiting the outcome of the appeals process as well as developing an alternative approach to the application which would be successful.

RESOLVED: That Toby Taylor be thanked for his full and informative presentation.

47 Environment Agency Draft Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England

At the June Council meeting it was resolved that Councillors Hughes, Loudoun and Rixson be delegated to consider the consultation documents and formulate a Council response to be reported to and ratified by full Council. A draft report had been distributed to Members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That:

1. Councillors Hughes, Loudoun and Rixson be thanked for their work producing a report that would be used as the Town Council's response to the consultation.
2. The Emergency Committee review the Emergency Plan and how it relates to the areas further out of town.

48 S106 – Sanditon Development Contributions

Members were asked to consider the creation of a small Working Group to report back to Council to identify and prioritise, from past public consultations, potential areas of spend to recommend to East Devon District Council for Sanditon S106 tourism related funding.

RESOLVED: That the S106 Sanditon Development Tourism contributions be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the Section 106 and CIL Working Group and reported back to Council.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL