

**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council**  
**held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,**  
**on Monday 1 December 2014 at 6.30pm**

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Stuart Hughes Dawn Manley Peter Sullivan
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent John Dyson Mary Jolly
Sidmouth East	Frances Newth Simon Pollentine
Sidmouth West	Ann Liverton Graham Liverton
Primley	Jeff Turner (Vice-Chairman)
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Ian McKenzie-Edwards
Sidbury	Christine Drew John Hollick (Chairman)
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow David Barratt
Apologies	David Addis, Chris Wale

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 9.15pm.

## **PART 'A'**

### **113 Prayers**

Prayers were taken by Councillor Graham Liverton.

### **114 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on Monday 3 November 2014 were signed as a true and accurate record.

### **115 Declarations of Interest**

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Stuart Hughes	122 Sidmouth Beach Management Plan	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	South West Regional Coastal Cttee
Cllr Frances Newth	122 Sidmouth Beach Management Plan	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	EDDC Beach Management Cttee
Cllr Stuart Hughes	123 Woolbrook Cycle Link	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	DCC Portfolio Holder Highways Mgt
Cllr Peter Sullivan	123 Woolbrook Cycle Link	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	EDDC Development Management Cttee
Cllr Simon Pollentine	126 Use of Long Park by Sidmouth Rugby Club Juniors	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Sidmouth Rugby Club member

**116 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman**

- The Chairman reported that a letter had been received advising that the Post Office at Sidbury would be temporarily closed from 31 December 2014 following the retirement of the sub postmaster.
- The Chairman reported that the Town Council offices would be closed from Wednesday 24 December 2014 and would reopen on Monday 5 January 2015.

**117 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.

**118 Public Open Question Time**

- Mr David Ambrose reported that the surface flooding in Temple Street was very bad on occasions and asked if the Town Council would request that Devon County Council repair the drains as a priority. County Councillor Hughes reported that a camera survey would be carried out and then the necessary work would be scheduled.
- Mr Richard Eley reported that he believed the draft report for Pennington Point should be revised to reduce the erosion rate in order to save the Alma Bridge, river Sid and eastern town.
- Mr Richard Eley suggested that the Town Council should request that the District Council delay their decision to move from Sidmouth until the outcome of the Local Government reorganisation was known.
- Cllr Liverton asked that the Town Clerk respond to the report in the Sidmouth Herald regarding The Ham playground. The Town Clerk responded that the damage to the playing surfaces was being investigated and that such issues should be reported directly to the Town Council who could take action more swiftly rather than in the newspapers.
- Cllr Brokenshire reported that there were problems with the drains in Sidford and asked when the last time that the drains had been cleared. County Councillor Hughes reported that the drains had been cleared on 25 September 2014 but that the deluge on 15 November had caused more problems with leaves and debris blocking the drains.

**119 Police Report**

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for November 2014 which showed a total of 27 incidents compared to 31 incidents recorded in November 2013; representing a 12.9% decrease.

**120 Committee/Working Group Reports**

120.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dyson, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 5 and 19 November 2014.

**RESOLVED:** That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

120.2 Youth Provision Working Group

Councillor Mrs Liverton, Chairman of the Youth Provision Working Group gave a report on the four meetings held and the progress made so far; more details would be presented under the Part B item.

**RESOLVED:** That the Youth Provision Working Group report be noted.

120.3 Property & Maintenance Committee Report

Councillor Barlow, Vice Chairman of the Property & Maintenance Committee presented the report of the Property & Maintenance Committee meeting held on Monday 10 November 2014.

**RESOLVED:** That the Property & Maintenance Committee report be noted.

**121 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities**

121.1 Finance Report

Councillor Dyson presented the October 2014 Finance Report.

**RESOLVED:** That the October 2014 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

121.2 Improvements to A303

Councillor Dyson reported on his attendance at a recent County Council consultation meeting regarding proposed improvements to the A303.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Dyson's report be noted.

**122 Sidmouth Beach Management Plan**

Keith Steele, EDDC attended the meeting to give an update regarding the Sidmouth Beach Management Plan. At a meeting held on 7 January 2013 it was resolved that whilst Sidmouth Town Council supported the Beach Management Plan in principle any financial contribution from the Town Council would not be considered until after the brief had been completed and the shortfall to the tender was known. Mr Steele reported that the total contract was £80,000 with funding commitments received so far from EDDC £27,000, Environment Agency £35,000 and Cliff Road residents £7,5000. Mr Steele asked whether Members would consider a contribution of £10,000 from the Town Council towards the Sidmouth Beach Management Plan.

**RESOLVED:** that Sidmouth Town Council contributes £10,000 towards the Sidmouth Beach Management Plan.

**123 Woolbrook Cycle Link**

Mike Baker, Principal Engineer for Jacobs working for Devon County Council presented the latest scheme proposals to the Council and asked for comments on the route of a temporary footpath around the works whilst the works were being carried out.

**RESOLVED:** that Mr Baker's report be noted.

**124 Local Government Boundary Commission**

Mr Phil Norrey, Devon County Council had written to inform that the Commission has opened its consultation inviting proposals for a new pattern of electoral divisions for Devon. The Commission was minded to recommend that 60 County Councillors should be elected to Devon County Council in future. The Commission now invited proposals from the Town Council, interested parties and members of the public on a pattern of electoral divisions to accommodate those councillors. The consultation would end on 19 January 2015.

**RESOLVED:** that the Council responds to the consultation recommending that the Sidbury should be reinstated with Sidmouth, Sidford and Salcombe Regis in the Sidmouth Coastal County Council Division and not part of Ottery St. Mary.

**125 Defibrillators**

Councillor Barratt reported on his progress with a project to install a Community Public Access defibrillator into Sidmouth; this could be attached to the external wall of the Market Place building. Councillor Barratt asked Members to consider a contribution of £1,500 towards this project.

**RESOLVED:** That Sidmouth Town Council would contribute £1,500 towards the defibrillator project.

**126 Use of Long Park by Sidmouth Rugby Club Juniors**

Chris FitzHenry, Sidmouth RFC Juniors had written to request use of Long Park on Sunday mornings for some of their junior rugby teams.

**RESOLVED:** that permission be granted in principle; with delegated power being given to the Town Clerk to liaise with Sidmouth Junior Vikings Football Club to ensure that there was no conflict of usage.

**127 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'**

**128 Youth Provision Working Group**

Councillor Ann Liverton gave a report on the financial and staff implications resulting from the initial four meetings and outlined the Youth Provision Working Group proposals.

**RESOLVED:** that:

1. The Council commission delivery of youth services at Manstone Youth Centre using Young Devon to supply and employ fully qualified youth workers to run youth sessions for three nights per week; initially for one year with a view to continuing longer term if successful.
2. The Council accepts the Tenancy at Will or an Interim Lease from the County Council for the Manstone Youth Centre building. This would be a full repairing lease with a break clause for major repairs with an option for freehold transfer at any point.
3. The Council releases £5,000 from earmarked reserves and the remaining 2014/15 Youth Provision budget of £3,467, to enable Young Devon to commence the youth sessions from January 2015.
4. The Council includes an appropriate sum in the 2015/16 budget to cover the costs of commissioning youth services and maintaining the building for 12 months.
5. The Youth Provision Working Group would remain in place to consult with other local interested individuals and organisations including the Salvation Army and YMCA in order to develop the service, maximise future use of the building and to achieve ongoing funding and consider potential cost savings.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL