

**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council**  
**held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,**  
**on Monday 3 July 2017 at 6.30pm**

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Michael Earthey Stuart Hughes Dawn Manley
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent John Dyson (Vice-Chairman) Paul Wright
Sidmouth East	Frances Newth
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole Sheila Kerridge John Rayson
Primley	Simon Pollentine Jeff Turner
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Ian McKenzie-Edwards (Chairman)
Sidbury	John Hollick
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow David Barratt
Apologies:	Marc Kilsbie

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.55pm.

**PART 'A'**

**36 Prayers**

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Oliver Ward.

**37 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 5 June 2017 were signed as a true and accurate record.

**38 Declarations of Interest**

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Stuart Hughes	43 Sidmouth to Feniton Cycleway	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Donation from DCC Locality Budget

**39 Public Open Question Time**

- District Cllr Cathy Gardner asked whether the Town Council was happy with the inclusion of only one building option in the Port Royal Scoping Study consultation report. Cllr Turner responded that there were no options put forward to date and that the Port Royal Scoping Study public consultation and study itself was still in progress. The final report from that process would then be discussed by the Town Council and District Council of which she was a Member, in due course.

- Cllr Dent asked how the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan survey responses would feed into the Port Royal consultation process. Members noted that a report of the Port Royal sub-section of the SVNP survey would be sent to the consultants.

**40 Police Report**

PC Steve Lee presented the police report for June 2017 which showed a total of 35 crimes recorded compared to 40 recorded in June 2016; a reduction of 12.5%

**41 Committee/Working Group Reports**

41.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Barlow, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 31 May and 14 June 2017.

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

41.2 Tourism and Economy Committee Report

Councillor Pollentine, Chairman of the Tourism & Economy Committee, presented the report of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 19 June 2017.

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

41.3 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Deirdre Hounsom gave a report of the work being carried out by the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee. Members noted that the number of responses received for the second questionnaire was 1,801 which was 24% and an excellent achievement.

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

**42 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities**

42.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright presented the May 2017 Finance Report.

**RESOLVED:** That the May 2017 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

**43 Sidmouth to Feniton Cycleway**

Claire Russell and Kirby James from the Otter Trail Group gave an update on the proposed Sidmouth to Feniton cycleway project. They outlined the work done to date by various groups in attempting to bring about the cycle route and acknowledged that a crossing over the A3052, either by bridge or light controlled would be a challenge to achieve and overcome.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- 1) Claire Russell, Kirby James and Simon Stokes be thanked for their presentation.
- 2) Cllr McKenzie-Edwards would be the Town Council's representative on the Otter Trail Group.
- 3) Sidmouth Town Council gives its backing to the continuation of the project and would assist where possible.

**44 Town Council Insurance Policy**

The Town Clerk asked Members to consider the renewal of the Town Council's insurance policy with Zurich Municipal which had been quoted at £5,036 pa for a five-year contract.

**RESOLVED:** That Sidmouth Town Council would renew its insurance contract with Zurich Municipal in the sum of £5,036 pa for five years.

**45 Electoral Review of East Devon: Final Recommendations**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England had completed its review of East Devon. A full copy of the report was available on their website:

[www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk). An interactive map of final recommendations was available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/>

The changes proposed for East Devon District Council must now be implemented by order subject to Parliamentary scrutiny. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force the recommendations – will be laid in Parliament. The draft Order will provide for new electoral arrangements for East Devon to be implemented at the local elections in 2019.

The Town Clerk reported that he had written to Hugo Swire MP to request that he raises the Town Council's objections to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England final recommendations.

**RESOLVED:** That Sidmouth Town Council re-emphasises the opposition to the Boundary Commission recommendations and send these to Sir Hugo Swire MP.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL