

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 4 February 2019 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.10pm.

PART 'A'

115 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Brian Hadfield.

116 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council meetings held on Monday 7 and 21 January 2019 were signed as a true and accurate record.

117 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received at this meeting.

118 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the December police report which showed 37 crimes in January 2019 in comparison to 36 in January 2018, an increase of 2.8%.

119 Committee/Working Group Reports

119.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 9 and 23 January 2019.

RESOLVED: that the Planning Committee reports be noted.

119.2 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Councillor Louise Cole gave a report of the work being carried out by the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and asked Members to note that due to the

Christmas break and EDDC office move, the consultation period for the Neighbourhood Plan had been extended by a further two weeks.

RESOLVED: that the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan report be noted.

120 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

120.1 Finance Report

Member with Special Responsibility for Finance, Councillor Wright, presented the December 2018 Finance Report to Members.

RESOLVED: 1) that in accordance with section 2.2 of the Town Council's Financial Regulations, Members had noted that the Member with Special Responsibility for Finance had verified the bank reconciliations, for all accounts, as at the end of December 2018.

2) that the November 2018 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

120.2 Stowford Community Centre

Councillor David Barratt, the Council's representative at Stowford Community Centre, reported that following the resignation of three of the four directors in December from the Community Interest Company (CIC) which runs the centre, the CIC had appointed two new directors to sit alongside the remaining director. He advised that the new directors had refreshing plans for the enhanced and increased use of the centre and that the future was brighter following what could have been a difficult time. There were plans to appoint further directors and new volunteers had come forward to help in the running of the building.

Members suggested that the Council sends a letter of thanks to the former Chairman of Directors, Jan Jones, to thank her for the work she had carried out for the CIC.

RESOLVED: that a letter of thanks be sent to the former Chairman of directors, Jan Jones, to thank her for the work she had carried out for the CIC.

121 Drainage Outfall at Western End of The Esplanade

Members were asked to give their views on the state of the drainage outfall on to the beach at the Western end of The Esplanade. The Council had in the past six months received many complaints regarding what was seen by some as a health and safety hazard and an unattractive stagnant pond. It had also received support for the greenery growing on the beach which was seen by some as an example of wild flowers and biodiversity. Members considered that whilst Sidmouth in Bloom did support and carry out some work to keep the beach full of natural flowers and attractive, it was likely to support a general clean-up of the area keeping the outfall clear and flowing, especially during the peak tourist season.

RESOLVED: that in consultation with Sidmouth in Bloom, the Council contacts East Devon District Council, Streetscene to encourage a general clean-up of the outfall including the keeping of the water course clear and reduction of the muddy area to a minimum in the interests of safety and tourism.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL