

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

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.30pm.

PART 'A'

122 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Oliver Ward.

123 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council meetings held on Monday 4 February 2019 were signed as a true and accurate record.

124 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Ian Barlow	131 Age Concern in Sidmouth	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Shop premises owner
Cllr Stuart Hughes	131 Age Concern in Sidmouth	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Personal Friend

125 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Town Clerk reported that the Salcombe Regis War Memorial, Soldiers Hill, Salcombe Regis has been awarded Grade II listed building status and added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.
- The Town Clerk reported that the Timetable of Proceedings for Local Elections on May 2 had been issued and that Nomination packs were now available at the Town Council and District Council offices.
- The Town Clerk asked Members to agree the need for an additional Part B item for the agenda to discuss the Twinning Visit to Le Locle in June 2019.

126 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.

127 Public Open Question Time

- District Councillor Gardner asked if the Council was aware of when the S106 Sanditon fund was made available. The Town Clerk answered that Town Councillors had frequently asked District Councillors when the fund would be made available and that the Town Council was encouraged to hear that it would be working with the District Council soon on its distribution.
- District Councillor Rixson asked a follow up question about the S106 Sanditon fund asking which officers from the District Council had been in contact with the Town Council. The Town Clerk answered that the contact for the Town Council for S106 issues was the S106 Officer.
- Jackie Green commented that the completion of previous election nomination papers could be confusing and asked the Town Clerk for clarification regarding the candidate description box on the form. The Town Clerk commented that he was aware that electoral law permitted a Parish candidate to describe themselves as they wished. He further explained that he was not responsible for the running of elections and that the question should be put to the Returning Officer.

128 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the January police report which showed 47 crimes in January 2019 in comparison to 51 in January 2018, a decrease of 7.8%. Sgt Squires also reported that the project to install CCTV in Sidmouth had been 'shelved' due to the escalation of costs which had caused the project to become prohibitive.

129 Committee/Working Group Reports

129.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 9 and 20 February 2019.

RESOLVED: that the Planning Committee reports be noted.

129.2 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Deidre Hounsom gave a report of the work being carried out by the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

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

130 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

130.1 Finance Report

In the absence of Councillor Wright, the Town Clerk presented the January 2019 Finance Report to Members.

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

131 Age Concern in Sidmouth

Gill Smith and Natalie Roberts of Age Concern, Sidmouth gave a presentation to explain the work that Age Concern will be carrying out in the Sidmouth area.

RESOLVED: that Gill Smith and Natalie Roberts be thanked for their presentation.

132 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'

133 Hopper Bus 2019

Councillor Dent presented his confidential report and recommendations on the 2019 Hopper Bus service.

RESOLVED: that:

1. Dartline be commissioned to operate the Sidmouth Hopper Bus for 100 days from 25 May to 1 September 2019 (including a slightly reduced service during Folk Week).
2. Dartline be asked to register and operate the new route outlined above which includes the Garden Centre.
3. Work be carried out with the Donkey Sanctuary to carry out a Passenger Survey.
4. The Hopper Bus service be reviewed after the end of the season.

134 Twinning Visit to Le Locle

The Town Clerk asked Members to consider who should represent the Town Council for the forthcoming twinning visit to Le Locle.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Ian McKenzie-Edwards be asked to represent the Town Council as former Chairman of the Council for the twinning visit to Le Locle in June 2019.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL