

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

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.40pm.

PART 'A'

81 Minutes

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

82 Declarations of Interest

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

83 Matter of Urgency or Report from the Chair

- The Chair reminded Members that if they wished to take part in Remembrance Day commemorations or join the Remembrance Day procession, they should meet at the Co-op at 10.15am with the service being held at the War Memorial at 10.40am

84 Public Open Question Time

- Graham Hutchinson asked whether the Town Council had considered installing a heat pump and solar panels at Woolcombe House and whether it could use an electric bus for the Hopper Bus service. The Chair replied that as Woolcombe House was a Listed Building it was unlikely that it would be possible to make those additions/alterations to the building. Cllr Dent explained that he had already enquired about an alternative electric bus but had been advised that it would cost £100,000 to purchase one.
- Councillor Wright asked for an update regarding the proposed installation of electric car charging points at the Manstone Youth Centre. The Town Clerk reported that the new 'power wall' installed at Stowford Community Centre was proving to be very successful with charging points also recently installed

but that the proposal to install them at Manstone had been deferred as the priority was to refurbish/replace the youth Centre building first.

85 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the October police report which showed 55 crimes in October 2018 and 45 in October 2019; a reduction of 18.2%.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Devon & Cornwall Police Commissioner to request confirmation that a replacement sergeant would be recruited and put in place in time for Sgt Squires retirement in April 2020.

86 Committee/Working Group Reports

86.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 9 and 23 October 2019. Councillor Dent also reported that Councillor Barratt would be standing down from the Planning Committee with immediate effect; and asked other Members to consider coming onto the committee to increase the numbers and ward coverage.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

86.2 Environment Committee Report

Councillor Bickley, Chair of the Environment Committee, presented the report of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 30 September 2019. She asked Members to consider the outstanding recommendation made by the Environment Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council endorses the Devon County Council Climate Declaration as a signatory.

87 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

87.1 Finance Report

a) In accordance with section 2.2 of the Town Council's Financial Regulations Members were asked to note that the Member with Special Responsibility for Finance had verified the bank reconciliations, for all accounts, as at the end of September 2019.

b) Member with Special Responsibility for Finance, Councillor Wright, presented the Finance Report for September 2019.

RESOLVED: 1) that in accordance with section 2.2 of the Town Council's Financial Regulations, Members noted that the Member with Special Responsibility for Finance had verified the bank reconciliations, for all accounts, as at the end of September 2019.

2) that the Finance Report for September be noted and agreed.

88 Provisional List of Meeting Dates

Members received and noted the Provisional List of Meeting Dates, noting that the dates to 4 May 2020 were previously set and others would be confirmed at the Annual Council meeting.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL