

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 5 March 2018 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	Marc Kilsbie Frances Newth
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole John Rayson
Primley	Simon Pollentine Jeff Turner
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire Ian McKenzie-Edwards (Chairman)
Sidbury	John Hollick
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow David Barratt
Apologies:	Sheila Kerridge

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.05pm.

PART 'A'

129 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Handel Bennett.

130 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on Mondays 5 February 2018 were signed as a true and accurate record.

131 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Ian Barlow	139 Sidmouth Hopper Bus	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Acquainted with one of the potential bus operators

132 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman reported that the District Council had received an application to trade in a number of East Devon District Council Car Parks, including Church Street car park, Sidford. The Town Council had been asked for any comments as a consultee before EDDC make a decision.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council gave 'in principle' support to the request to site a pizza van once a week on the Church Street car park, Sidford. This should only be approved in line with a clear trading policy/agreement to be created by the District Council which must take into account fair competition with nearby food outlets who have to pay business rates for their premises.

133 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.

134 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for February 2018 which showed a total of 52 crimes recorded compared to 30 recorded in February 2017. Sgt Squires then answered a number of questions from Councillors.

135 Committee/Working Group Reports

135.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Barlow, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the reports of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesdays 7 and 21 February 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee report be noted.

135.2 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Deirdre Housom gave a report of the work being carried out by the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee.

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

136 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

136.1 Finance Report

Councillor Wright presented the January 2018 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: That the January 2018 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

136.2 Tourism & Economy Committee

Councillor Pollentine reported that over 10,000 guides had already been posted out to individuals and Tourist Information Centres around the country. He asked for Members assistance in enveloping additional guides ready for posting.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Pollentine's request be noted.

137 Internal Audit

Members were asked to note that as this is the last year that Howard Slack would act as Internal Auditor a replacement had been sought and appointed. A letter of engagement had been sent to Martin Cordy who would become the Town Council's Internal Auditor from the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year.

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Martin Cordy as the Town Council's Internal Auditor be noted and agreed.

138 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'

139 Sidmouth Hopper Bus

Members were asked to consider the Hopper Bus report from the Town Clerk and Councillors Dent, Dyson and McKenzie-Edwards outlining the potential Hopper Service for 2018.

RESOLVED: That:

1. The Town Clerk be authorised to enter the Council into a contract with Dartline to operate the Sidmouth Hopper Bus on the basis of charging passengers a nominal fare between 26 May and 2 September 2018, excluding Folk Week.
2. A review to be carried out at the end of the 2018 season in line with the previous resolution of the Council.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL