

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 5 October 2015 at 6.30pm

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

Apologies: John Hollick, Stuart Hughes

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 9.15pm.

PART 'A'

88 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Roger Trumper.

89 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 7 September 2015 were signed as a true and accurate record.

90 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Simon Pollentine	97 Sidmouth Folk Week	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Sidmouth Folk Week Charity Board Member
Cllr John Dyson	97 Sidmouth Folk Week	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Sidmouth Folk Week Charity Board Member

91 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman

- The Chairman reported that he had recently visited Le Locle as part of the Twinning Circle who celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the two towns twinning. He showed Members the gift that Le Locle had presented to Sidmouth – a specially engraved bell with embossed leather strap, which would be hung in pride of place in the Council offices for all to see.

- The Chairman reported that the Sid Vale Association had started bulb planting again as part of the 'Valley of a Million Bulbs' project. Councillor Turner proposed a vote of thanks to Sid Vale Association and all the volunteers who helped with the planting; also to Councillor Barlow who had sourced the bulbs on behalf of the Sid Vale Association.

92 Public Open Question Time

- Councillor Rayson asked for an update with regard to the replacement of the zip wire at The Ham and reported that one of the sets of tree lights at the Three Cornered Plot was not working. The Town Clerk reported that the zip wire had been removed for safety reasons at the end of May and an order placed with a contractor. This contract had now been terminated due to lack of response; an alternative would need to be sought. The Town Clerk thanked Councillor Rayson for the report on the tree lights and he would arrange for the Town Council's local electrical contractor to visit the site.
- Councillor Cole asked for the Town Council to be updated on the District Council's response to the refugee crisis in Syria. Councillor Manley replied on behalf of the District Councillors present.
- Councillor Earthy asked for an update from District Councillors regarding the newspaper report that there would be a housing development placed on the Mill Street car park. Councillor Dyson reported that the Sidmouth District Councillors had only been informed at the same time as the press and currently had no further information.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the District Council asking for information regarding this proposed development and why the District and Town Councillors were not consulted prior to the press announcement.

93 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for September 2015 which showed a total of 37 incidents compared to 33 incidents in September 2014.

94 Committee/Working Group Reports

94.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dyson, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 26 August, 9 and 23 September 2015.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted and agreed.

94.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Reports

Councillor Pollentine, Chairman of the Tourism & Economy Committee presented the report of the Tourism & Economy meeting held on Monday 14 September 2015.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Economy Committee reports, with a spelling correction to item 23, be noted and agreed.

95 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

95.1 Finance Report

Councillor Dyson presented the August 2015 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: That the August 2015 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

96 Sidmouth Town Band

Martin Cordy, Chairman of Sidmouth Town Band reported that the Town Band had a very successful summer season of concerts, Last Night of the Proms concert and good competition results. The Town Band had purchased a new flugelhorn and music with the much appreciated budget grant allocated from the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That Mr. Cordy's report be noted.

97 Sidmouth Folk Week

John Braithwaite, Sidmouth Folk Week organiser attended the meeting and gave a full update on the 2015 Folk Week.

RESOLVED: That:

1. Mr. Braithwaite's report be noted.
2. A letter be sent to the District Council Licensing Department to request that the Town Council be consulted on trading on the seafront during Folk Week; the ratio was now the wrong balance between music, dancing and trading.

98 Parishes Together Fund Suggestion

Councillor Manley presented Councillor Cole's report which asked Members to consider a Parishes Together Fund application for the purchase of equipment for Manstone Youth Centre in the sum of £8,000. Councillor Pollentine reported that a funding application could also be made to Sidmouth Consolidated Charities educational fund.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council would apply for £5,000 for the purchase of equipment for Manstone Youth Centre. The decision with regard to the type of equipment required would be delegated to the Youth Provision Working Group.

99 Parishes Together Fund Suggestion

Members were asked to consider a fund application for the regular removal of weeds in the town. Councillor Barlow reported that £3,000 would be sufficient for 3 professional weed spraying visits throughout the town each year.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council would apply for £3,000 for the regular removal of weeds in the town.

100 Town Council meeting with District Councillors

At the August meeting Members agreed that they could hold an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council with Sidmouth District Councillors if considered necessary but wished to agree in advance what would be discussed at such a meeting. Members were asked to consider the list of topics received by email from District Councillors Gardener and Booth.

RESOLVED: That a meeting would be arranged between Sidmouth District Councillors, Sidmouth Town Council Chairman and Vice Chairman, Chairmen of the Tourism & Economy and Planning Committees and the Town Clerk. There would be no resolutions or commitments made at this meeting.

101 Flag Poles

Members were asked to consider if they would like a replacement flag pole erected in Sidmouth following the loss of those at Knowle after the relocation of the District Council from Sidmouth. Mark Williams had indicated that the District Council would be willing to erect a new flag pole somewhere on public land – the Three Cornered Plot had been suggested as a possible location.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council would like a replacement flag pole but would prefer it to be erected either in the Market Place or on The Esplanade.

102 Traffic Management Group Agenda

Members were asked to propose and items for consideration at the next meeting of the Traffic Management Group.

RESOLVED: That the following items be considered at the next meeting of the Traffic Management Group:

- Councillor Barlow proposed a one way system in the High Street.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL