

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 6 January 2020 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.50pm.

PART 'A'

95 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 2 December 2019 were signed as a true and accurate record.

96 Declarations of Interest

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

97 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.

98 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the December police report which showed a decrease of 24% from 50 crimes in December 2018 to 38 in December 2019.

99 Committee/Working Group Reports

99.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 4 and 18 December 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

99.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Report

Councillor Cole, Chair of the Tourism & Economy Committee, presented the report of the Tourism & Economy Committee held on Monday 9 December 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Economy Committee report be noted.

99.3 Environment Committee Report

Councillor Bickley, Chair of the Environment Committee, reported that How to Reduce Carbon Footprint consultation document would be discussed at the next Environment Committee meeting and asked Members for delegated powers to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That the Environment Committee report be noted, and powers be delegated to the Environment Committee to respond to the DCC consultation on behalf of the Town Council.

100 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

100.1 Finance Report

In the absence of the Member with Special Responsibility for Finance, the Town Clerk presented the Finance Report for November 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Report for November be noted and agreed.

101 Update on the Sidmouth and East Cliff Beach Management Plan

Councillor Geoff Jung, EDDC Portfolio Holder for the Environment, presented to Members an update with regard to the Sidmouth and East Cliff Beach Management Plan. He reported that a test glass splash barrier panel would be installed on The Esplanade during the month of January.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Jung be thanked for his presentation.

102 British Telecom – Consultation of Removal of Phone Boxes

EDDC had been consulted by BT on proposals for the removal of a total of 11 public payphones across the district; notices had been posted on the affected phones advising users of BT's intentions.

One of the payphones included was that at Connaught Gardens, Peak Hill Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RZ, from which there had been only 3 calls made in the last 12 months. The consultation process also gave the local community the opportunity to adopt the traditional red 'heritage' phone box and make it an asset that local people could enjoy.

The Town Council was asked whether it wished to object to the removal of the payphone or adopt the phone box at a transfer cost of £1.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council did not object to the removal of the glass and steel payphone at Connaught Gardens.

103 Provision of Additional Public Conveniences – Seafront Amenity Building

Members were asked to confirm using the current CIL reserve of £7,497.81, together with £6,502.19 from Earmarked Reserves, for the build cost of the provision of three new public conveniences at the Seafront Amenity Building, as agreed by Members at their Pre-Budget meeting in October 2019.

RESOLVED: That it be confirmed that the CIL reserve of £7,497.81 be used together with £6,502.19 from Earmarked Reserves, for the build cost of the provision of the three new public conveniences at the Seafront Amenity Building.

104 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'

105 Sidmouth in Bloom 2020 – Request for Special funding

Members were asked to consider a request from Sidmouth in Bloom for additional funding with regard to their RHS National Campaign in 2020. The Chair of the Council reported that it was understood that Sidmouth in Bloom's budget would have to be significantly increased to enable their entry into the RHS National Campaign, at the same time as the regular funding from the Keith Owen fund being cut.

RESOLVED: That the 2020 budget for Sidmouth in Bloom be increased, by 1% of the overall Sidmouth Town Council precept, up to a maximum of £10,000.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL