

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 6 October 2014 at 6.30pm

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Stuart Hughes
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent
	John Dyson
Sidmouth East	Frances Newth
	Simon Pollentine
Primley	David Addis
	Jeff Turner (Vice-Chairman)
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire
	Ian McKenzie-Edwards
Sidbury	Christine Drew
	John Hollick (Chairman)
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow
	David Barratt
Apologies	Mary Jolly, Ann Liverton, Graham Liverton, Dawn Manley, Peter Sullivan, Chris Wale

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 10.05pm.

PART 'A'

78 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Roger Trumper.

79 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 1 September 2014 were signed as a true and accurate record.

80 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Ian Barlow	88, Charity Shops in Sidmouth	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion but did not vote	Leases a shop to a charity
Cllr Simon Pollentine	88, Charity Shops in Sidmouth	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion but did not vote	Shop owner
Cllr John Dyson	90, Sidmouth Folk Week	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Folk Week Charity member
Cllr Simon Pollentine	90, Sidmouth Folk Week	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Folk Week Charity member and season ticket recipient

Cllr Stuart Hughes	91, Stowford Community Centre Car Park Remedial Work	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Stowford Community CIC Director
Cllr Kelvin Dent	93, SVA Museum Insurance	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	SVA member and Hope Cottage volunteer

81 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.

82 Public Open Question Time

- Councillor Addis asked District Council members what was planned for the replacement of the wall at Connaught Garden above the Clifton beach. Councillor Mrs Newth replied that East Devon District Council Officers had informed her that the wall would be rebuilt early next year with a deadline of Easter 2015.
- Councillor Addis also asked if the District Council was successful in selling the Knowle would the District Council consider placing a requirement that the narrow part of Station Road be widened as part of the planning development conditions?
Councillor Mrs Newth replied that this would be an issue for the County Council to decide depending on the developers planning application.

83 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for September 2014 which showed a total of 26 incidents compared to 31 incidents recorded in September 2013; representing a 16% decrease.

84 Seagull Management Programme

Jonathan Marshall attended the meeting to present his report with regard to the Gull Control measures carried out throughout the 2014 breeding season.

RESOLVED: That Jonathan Marshall be thanked for his Gull Control report.

85 Committee/Working Group Reports85.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dyson, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 27 August, 10 and 24 September 2014.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

86 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities86.1 Finance Report

Councillor Dyson presented the August 2014 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: That the August 2014 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

86.2 Advice East Devon

Councillor Mrs Newth gave a verbal report regarding a meeting that she had attended on behalf of the Town Council which launched a new service; Advice East

Devon was a group of local charities offering free advice and information to local people. They aimed to improve access to services, empower people to solve their problems and secure essential support for the future of local advice agencies.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Newth's report be noted.

86.3 Sidmouth Hopper Bus

Councillor Dyson gave a verbal report regarding the 2014 Hopper Bus Service. Members noted that the Council co-ordinated service had again broken passenger records and carried over 16,000 passengers in the 2014 season.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dyson's report be noted.

86.4 Walking Festival

Councillor Dyson gave a verbal report regarding this year's Walking Festival and reported that next year's Walkers are Welcome annual meeting would be held in Sidmouth during October 2015.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dyson's report be noted.

87 Report from S106 Future Projects TaFF – Improving Sidmouth Consultation

Members were asked to consider the recommendations from the S106 Future Projects TaFF. Councillor Barlow recommended that this list of projects be split into three sections that would be dealt with by different committees and working parties.

RESOLVED: That:

1. Small low cost project items 2, 6 and 14 would be progressed and completed by using the remaining Special Project Earmarked Reserve.
2. Medium cost project items 7, 8, 9 and 12 would be forwarded to the next Tourism and Economy meeting for discussion with Members and Chamber of Commerce representatives.
3. Other longer term/ higher cost project items 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 13 would be considered by the S106 Future Projects TaFF which would aim to investigate the feasibility of the ideas and how best to progress them.

88 Charity Shops in Sidmouth

The Chairman of Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce had emailed to raise concerns regarding charity shops in Sidmouth and wondered if there were some restrictive by-laws that could be explored.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk investigate the logistics of introducing a restriction regarding the number of Charity Shops in Sidmouth.

89 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'

90 Sidmouth Folk Week

John Braithwaite attended the meeting to give a report with regard to Sidmouth Folk Week.

RESOLVED: That John Braithwaite be thanked for his Folk Week report.

91 Stowford Community Centre Car Park – Remedial Work

The Town Clerk reported regarding the necessary remedial work to car parking bays at Stowford Community Centre.

RESOLVED: That:

- TJ Contractors be employed to lift and replace/relay the block system car park surface at Stowford Community Centre.
- This work to be carried out at a sum of between £8,100 and £11,600 dependant on how much of the current block surface can be reused.
- 30% of this cost would then be reclaimed from Devon County Council/Children’s Health Services.

92 Multi Use Games Area at Manstone

The Town Clerk gave an update regarding the siting of a Multi Use Games Area.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council would accept the free transfer of the small parcel of land adjacent to the Manstone Youth Centre from Devon County Council to be used as a MUGA for the community and funded by S106 monies.

93 SVA Museum Insurance

The Town Clerk reported that SVA had requested a refund of £2,250 representing overpaid insurance premiums less 50% of the 2014 premium.

RESOLVED: That a payment of £2,250 be sent to the Sid Vale Association in respect of overpaid insurance.

94 2015/16 Budget Discussions

Members were asked to consider the financial implication on the forthcoming budget setting process of the reports received from:

94.1 Sidmouth Folk Week

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council fully supports Sidmouth Folk Week but would like more detailed information regarding the use of the Town Council grants.

94.2 Seagull Management Programme

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk to investigate further the quoted cost of control measures including the use of lasers for gull control.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL