

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 7 July 2014 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.45pm.

PART 'A'

34 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Brian Hadfield.

35 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 2 June 2014 were signed as a true and accurate record.

36 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Kelvin Dent	44 NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group: Integrated, personal and sustainable: Community Services for the 21st Century – A Strategic Framework	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Relative is in Sidmouth Community Hospital
Cllr Frances Newth	44 NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group: Integrated, personal and sustainable: Community Services for the 21st Century – A Strategic Framework	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Member of Sidmouth Hospital Comforts Fund

37 Matters of Urgency

- The Sidmouth Royal British Legion had invited Members to attend a short WW1 commemoration service at the War Memorial at 9am on Monday 4 August 2014.
- The Chairman invited Members to attend the official hand over of The Arches to the Sidmouth Junior Lifesaving Club at 10.15am on Saturday 19 July 2014.
- The Chairman encouraged Members to vote for the Sidmouth Memory Café who were applying for Lottery funding.
- The Chairman read out a thank you letter received from Sue Jenkin following her recent leaving presentation.

38 Public Open Question Time

- Councillor Dyson asked if Members were aware that there was an opportunity to see the plans for proposed improvements to the A30 and A303 roads at Honiton Beehive on Wednesday 8 July 2014.
- Councillor Mrs Jolly asked when the potholes at Bulverton would be repaired. County Councillor Hughes replied that a full list of potholes in Sidmouth would be completed in the next few weeks.

39 Police Report

PC Jim Tyrell presented the police report for June 2014 which showed a total of 29 incidents compared to 49 incidents recorded in June 2013; representing a 41% decrease.

40 Committee/Working Group Reports

40.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dyson, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 7 and 21 May 2014.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

40.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Report

Councillor Pollentine, Chairman of the Tourism & Economy Committee presented the reports of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 16 June 2014.

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

41 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

41.1 Finance Report

Councillor Dyson presented the May 2014 Finance Report.

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

41.2 Sidmouth, Axminster and Seaton Health Care Committee

Councillor Mrs Drew read out a letter which reported that the Sidmouth, Axminster and Seaton Health Care Committee had now disbanded.

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

41.3 Jurassic Coast

Councillor Pollentine reported that the orientation panels at Jacob's Ladder beach were to be refurbished with funding from the Jurassic Coast group.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Pollentine's report be noted.

41.4 Sidmouth Arboretum

Councillor Dyson reported that Sidmouth Arboretum recently held a Tree Day with national speakers including the Chief Executive of the Tree Council who had congratulated Sidmouth on the creation of the Sidmouth Arboretum.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dyson's report be noted.

42 Town Council Traffic Management Group

Members were invited to propose items for discussion at the next meeting of the Traffic Management Group to be held at 10.30am on Tuesday 19 August 2014.

RESOLVED: That the following items be included on the agenda for the next Traffic Management Group's meeting:

- Cllr Liverton – one way system in the High Street.
- Cllr Wale – parking opposite the sports shop in the High Street.
- Cllr Addis – parking outside the school at Woolbrook.
- Cllr Dent – parking congestion at the entrance to Knowle Drive.

43 Pre Budget Meeting

Members were asked to note the date of the Council Pre-Budget meeting which would be held on Monday 27 October 2014.

RESOLVED: That the date of the Council Pre-Budget meeting be noted.

44 NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group: Integrated, personal and sustainable: Community Services for the 21st Century – A Strategic Framework

Enclosed with the agenda was a copy of a consultation document issued by the NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group. The approach to local implementation would be through co-production and further engagement and consultation. Members were asked to consider responses to the general questions raised by the document Di Fuller, Chairman of the Patients' Participation Group and Ian Skinner Chairman of the Older People's Mental Health Group had compiled responses to the consultation copies of which were tabled for Members information.

RESOLVED: That the Council respond to the consultation and include the following points:

- Members were generally supportive of the aims to increase care levels and to integrate health and social care services whilst increasing the range of out of hospital services where appropriate. However they felt that any such extension of out of hospital services should be accompanied by an increase in resources in this area.
- There were insufficient health care professionals to provide support and care at home at the present time; it would be cheaper to centralise this type of care in the Community Hospitals rather than putting patients at risk by overstressing already under resourced out of hospital arrangements.
- Concerns were raised regarding the intention to increase dependence on technology as Sidmouth does not in many cases, have the demographic that would be able to cope with this. Such a move would put patients at risk.
- The suggestion to change use of the Community Hospitals to create hubs of health and well-being, with no in-patient beds, was **strongly opposed**. Local health centres were developing to provide this service already and should

continue to do so. **Members could in no way support** any changes to care provision which resulted in fewer bed spaces or a reduction in patient care locally at the hospital.

- Central hospitals should be used for emergency cases and acute care patients only; leaving general nursing, day care and rehabilitation care to be carried out in Community Hospitals.
- Sidmouth has a large ageing population who will continue to need general nursing care; the Community Hospital should retain the in-patient beds in Sidmouth.
- The Sidmouth Community Hospital and many of the facilities had been paid for directly by the people of Sidmouth. The range of services must be maintained as the population grows older and medicine use increases.
- Members were disappointed that the consultation didn't make more specific proposals and felt that the consultation period was too short for the few proposals that were included. They felt that the difficult to read and lengthy document was attempting to screen potential healthcare cuts.
- There must be a full, detailed and clear consultation carried out before any changes are made to service provision.
- It was suggested that a member of the CCG should be asked to give a presentation to the Town Council giving detailed information of potential changes and the impact to residents in Sidmouth.

45 Residential Care Services Review

An email had been received from County Councillor Stuart Barker reporting the results of the recent consultation carried out on Residential Care Services; Members were asked to note the results of the consultation.

RESOLVED: That the results of the consultation on Residential Care Services be noted.

46 Day Services Review

An email had been received from County Councillor Stuart Barker reporting the results of the recent consultation carried out on Day Care Services; Members were asked to note the results of the consultation.

RESOLVED: That the results of the consultation on Day Services be noted.

47 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'

48 Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce Financial Report

Matt Portman, Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce Treasurer, had written enclosing their Accounts Statement for the year ended 31 December 2013.

48.1 Christmas Lighting

Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce had written to ask for a financial contribution towards expenditure related to Christmas Tree lighting as follows:

- Brackets for Flags/Bunting and Christmas Lights – all the brackets had been professionally inspected and some faults identified resulting in the need for 5 new brackets and 7 refits.
- Christmas Tree lights – some wiring had been identified as needing attention and replacement, especially that which was found to be running along wet gutters.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Town Council offer the Chamber of Commerce a moratorium on their £1,500 contribution to the 2014 Christmas lighting.

48.2 Independent Christmas

Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce implemented the promotion for the first time in 2013. It was felt to be so successful that it would be run again in 2014 with an increase in traders from 20 to 25. The Chamber of Commerce had asked whether the Town Council would be willing to assist with finance for this project especially with regard to the Event Organiser and advertising.

Attached to the agenda was a copy of the letter and attachments received from the Chamber of Commerce for Members consideration.

RESOLVED: That in view of assistance already given (Min 48.2) and the nature of the scheme focussing on individual businesses, no further action be taken.

49 Extension of Summer Contract

This item was withdrawn from the agenda due to insufficient information being available.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL