

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Pre-Budget meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 8 October 2018 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.25pm.

PART 'A'

75 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
CLlr Simon Pollentine	79 Sidmouth Folk Week	Personal	Remained in the Chamber during discussion and voting	Folk Week Charity Member (appointed by STC)

76 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.

77 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'

78 Sidmouth Hopper Bus Review

Members were asked to consider Councillor Dent's Hopper Bus end of service review report.

RESOLVED: That:

1. The Town Council include the usual allocation of £8,000 in the 2019/20 budget (whilst carrying forward the Hopper Bus Reserves of £13,034).

2. In principle, the Town Council commission the Hopper Bus service from 25 May to 1 September 2019 excluding 2 to 9 August for Folk Week (92 days) subject to an acceptable tender being submitted.

79 Budgets/Estimates for 2019/20

Members were asked to consider the recommendations of the Member with Special Responsibility for Finance prior to the Budget/Estimate meeting in January. A confidential draft schedule was issued to Members for their consideration.

RESOLVED: That the draft budget be approved with the following changes:

1. The draft budget for Tourism Promotion Reserve be increased to £6,500.
2. The draft budget for Sidmouth Information Centre be reduced to £24,000.
3. The draft budget for Youth Service Support be increased by £10,000 to enable support for a youth mental health scheme.
4. Budget headings for Grass Verge Cutting & Town Maintenance and Additional Main Roads Weeding be merged into one account.
5. The draft budget for Town Band be increased to £5,000 to reflect the introduction of a Brass Academy scheme.
6. The draft budget for Sidmouth Folk Week be increased to £32,000 for 2019/20, with a £1,000 increase per annum in the following four years to £36,000 in 2023/24; subject to the receipt of a satisfactory annual report to the Council which included a copy of Sidmouth folk Week's financial statements.
7. The Town Clerk investigate the possibility of installing electric car charging points at Council owned properties utilising any available government grants.
8. The Earmarked Reserve for Beach Access/Management Scheme be renamed to include reference to a Boat Jetty.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL