

**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council**  
**held at the Scout Centre, Salcombe Regis Recreation Field**  
**on Monday 9 April 2018 at the rising of the**  
**Annual Town Assembly**

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

The meeting started at 8.40pm and finished at 9.25pm.

## **PART 'A'**

### **140 Prayers**

Prayers were taken by the Chairman Councillor Ian McKenzie-Edwards.

### **141 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on Mondays 5 March 2018 were signed as a true and accurate record.

### **142 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received at this meeting.

### **143 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chairman**

The Town Clerk reported that the next Tourism and Economy meeting date would be moved from 18 June to 11 June.

### **144 Committee/Working Group Reports**

#### **144.1 Planning Committee Reports**

Councillor Barlow, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 7, 14 and 21 March 2018.

**RESOLVED:** That the Planning Committee report be noted.

#### **144.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Report**

Councillor Frances Newth, Vice Chairman of the Tourism & Economy Committee, presented the report of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 12 March 2018.

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

**145 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities**

145.1 Finance Report

In the absence of Councillor Wright, the Town Clerk presented the February 2018 Finance Report.

**RESOLVED:** That the February 2018 Finance Report be noted and agreed.

**146 Plastic Free Coastline Accredited Town**

Denise Bickley of Sidmouth Plastic Warriors gave a presentation on how the Town Council could help to reduce the pollution of the environment with plastics and to consider becoming a Plastic Free Coastline Accredited Town.

**RESOLVED:** That:

1. Sidmouth Town Council fully supports the application for Sidmouth to become a Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Coastline Accredited Town.
2. Sidmouth Town Council continues to set the highest environmental standards and acknowledges the need to minimise the reliance on single use plastics. It will strive to ensure that their use is confined to those instances where it is operationally necessary, and no alternatives are available. All future procurement decisions will take into account environmental considerations.

**147 Installation of Water Filling Stations**

Following Members' decision to investigate further the possible installation of Water Filling Stations/fountains Members were asked to consider the Town Clerk's report and recommendations.

**RESOLVED:** That:

1. Funding of up to £5,000 for the installation of water bottle filling points be made available from the Street furniture and Seafront Amenity Building budgets/reserves.
2. A water bottle filling station be installed at the Market Place.
3. A combined water bottle filling station and water fountain be installed adjacent to The Arches, The Esplanade.
4. A water filling station be purchased by the Town Council and supplied to the District Council for installation at Jacob's Ladder Beach.
5. The Town Clerk, in consultation with Councillor Wright and the Chairman of the Council be authorised to agree installation types and exact siting.

**148 Manstone Play Area**

Members were asked to formally approve their offer to provide funding towards the refurbishment of Manstone Play Area. East Devon District Council had confirmed to the Town Council that there was now £15,000 allocated from their budget together with what was hoped to be £15,000 from the Keith Owen Fund.

The Town Council had in the past indicated that they would be willing to contribute £5,000. The District Council had again indicated that the Town Council could take ownership of the site 'following completion of the scheme which EDDC would fully support given STC own and maintain the adjacent assets'. Any Town Council funding contribution would be allocated from the Manstone Reserve.

**RESOLVED:** That:

1. the Town Council gives an 'in principle' offer of a minimum £5,000 funding towards the refurbishment of Manstone Play Area;
2. further to public consultation and discussions with the District Council together with a report outlining what equipment could be purchased, the Council would consider additional funding.

**149 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan**

Following nearly two years of public consultations, the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group were pleased to announce, as of 28 February, the start of the six-week statutory consultation period for the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan.

Though the public had been invited to comment individually, Members were asked to consider if they wished the Town Council to pass on any observations or comments as part of the consultation process.

The Plan was available to view online at

[www.sidmouth.gov.uk/index.php/neighbourhood-plan](http://www.sidmouth.gov.uk/index.php/neighbourhood-plan) named "Pre Submission Draft For Consultation"

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council noted and fully supported the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan report, recording its congratulations and thanks to the SVNP Steering Group members for all their dedicated hard work over the last few years.

**150 Sidmouth Science Festival 2018 – 5 to 14 October 2018**

The Sidmouth Science Festival Committee sought approval for the following:

1. To borrow the Town Council marquee for The Esplanade event on Sunday 7 October 2018, in the event of rain for Primary School children on The Byes during the week and the Sunday 14 October NLO family event.
2. Use the Interpretation Centre on Sunday 7 October 2018

**RESOLVED:** That permission be granted to Sidmouth Science Festival Committee to borrow the Town Council marquee during the festival and to use the Interpretation Centre on Sunday 7 October 2018.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL