

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 13 August 2018 at 6.30pm

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| Ward | Councillors Present: |
| Sidmouth North | Stuart Hughes |
| | Dawn Manley |
| Sidmouth South | Kelvin Dent |
| | John Dyson |
| Sidmouth East | Marc Kilsbie |
| | 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 |
| | Gareth Jones |
| Salcombe Regis | Ian Barlow (Vice-Chairman) |
| | David Barratt |
| Apologies: | Michael Earthy, Paul Wright |

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.30pm.

PART 'A'

49 Prayers

Prayers were taken by the Vice Chairman.

50 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 2 July 2018 were signed as a true and accurate record.

51 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received for this agenda.

52 Public Open Question Time

Five members of the public asked questions relating to the process for the sale of East Devon District Council Drill Hall site.

Responding to the questions, Councillors Turner and Barratt commented that the process being undertaken by EDDC, with the Town Council as consultee, was open and transparent and followed the usual procedure for the sale of a District Council asset including the advertising and selection criteria. Sensitive commercial material was only likely to be shared with potential bidders via EDDC's appointed agent JLL and not separately via the Town Council which was a third party within the process, as this could prejudice potential future bids both community and/or commercial.

Cllr Cole commented that the draft Neighbourhood Plan included residents' views regarding Drill Hall re-development, therefore any future planning applications should take notice of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Barratt reported that the District Council's Development Management Committee had already referred to the Emerging Neighbourhood Plan with respect to a recent planning application therefore the Neighbourhood Plan was already in use as a planning tool.

53 Police Report

Sgt Andy Squires presented the police report for July 2018 which showed a total of 59 incidents compared to 46 incidents recorded in July 2017.

54 Committee/Working Group Reports

54.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 27 June, 11 25 July and Tuesday 31 July 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted.

54.2 Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Councillor Cole gave a report of the work being carried out by the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report be noted.

55 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

55.1 Finance Report

The June 2018 Finance Report was presented to Members.

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

55.2 Sidmouth Hopper Bus

Councillor Dent reported that the passenger numbers were lower than anticipated so far this season and raised concerns that the service may not come within budget but there were additional funds available in Earmarked Reserves. He would give a full report to the September Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Hopper Bus Report be noted.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL