SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council's Tourism and Economy Committee

held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth, on Monday 12 September 2016 at 6.30 pm

Councillors present: - Simon Pollentine (Chairman)

Frances Newth (Vice-Chairman)

Ian Barlow
David Barratt
Jack Brokenshire
John Dyson
John Hollick
Stuart Hughes
Marc Kilsbie
Dawn Manley

Ian McKenzie-Edwards

John Rayson Paul Wright

Apologies: Matt Booth, Louise Cole

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.30pm

PART 'A'

14 Minutes

The Minutes of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 14 March 2016 were signed as a true and accurate record.

15 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Туре	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Marc Kilsbie	General	Personal	Remained in	Business owner
	declaration		Chamber	
Cllr John Rayson	General	Personal	Remained in	Member of the Chamber of
	declaration		Chamber	Commerce and Business owner

16 Information Centre Manager's Report

In the absence of the Sidmouth Information Centre Manager, the Chairman presented the Information Centre report to Members. The Town Clerk reported that the flat panel monitor had now been installed in the Information Centre's window.

RESOLVED: that the Information Manager's report be noted.

17 Sidmouth Information Centre Finance Report

Councillor Pollentine presented the Finance Report for the period to July 2016 in respect of the Sidmouth Information Centre.

RESOLVED: That the Sidmouth Information Centre's Finance Report be noted and agreed.

18 Town Guide Finance and Distribution Figures

The Chairman presented the Income and Expenditure Report for the period to July 2016 and the latest Guide distribution figures for the period to August 2016.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Town Guide Income and Expenditure Report for the period to July 2016 be noted and agreed.
- 2) That the Guide distribution figures be noted.

19 Tour of Britain Stage 6

Councillor Stuart Hughes gave a report regarding the Sidmouth start of Tour of Britain Stage 6 on Friday 9 September 2016; the event had attracted 20,000 plus spectators to the town and created good publicity for Sidmouth. An inter-primary schools bike race had been held in The Byes on the Friday afternoon which had been very successful and it was hoped that this could become a regular event. Members and the Chamber of Commerce were very supportive of the Tour of Britain and associated events and felt that should it ever return they would take on board any lessons learned from the event. They felt that the larger picture and benefits in increased advertising for the town, promotion and providing a different event for people to see would more than make up for short term disruption on the day.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Hughes' report be noted and thanks be noted to Dominic Horrell and the Sid Valley Cycling Club who had organised the criterion races held on Thursday 8 September.

20 Red Arrows

Councillor Barlow gave a report regarding the Red Arrows display on Friday 26 August 2016; it was anticipated that with the reserves brought forward and the £11,000 approx. collected on the night, that Sidmouth would be in a position to book the Red Arrows Display Team again for 2017.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Barlow's report be noted and that thanks be noted to Oliver Salter and the Regatta Committee who had organised the team of collectors for the Friday night.

CHAIRMAN OF THE TOURISM & ECONOMY COMMITTEE