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To: All Members of the Environment Committee
(Cllrs: Ian Barlow, Denise Bickley, Charissa Evans, Stuart Hughes, Chris Lockyear, Emma Murdoch,
Marianne Rixson)
Invited Representatives

For Information:
Other Members of the Council
Town Clerk

Dear Sir/Madam,

Meeting of the Environment Committee Monday 26 April 2021 at 6.30pm

You are called upon to attend the above meeting where it is proposed that the matters set out on the agenda below will be considered and resolution or resolutions passed as the Town Council considers appropriate. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the Town Council will meet virtually via the Zoom software platform. This is as authorised by the Regulations set out in Clause 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020. Please note the start time of the meeting.

Those members of the public wishing to view the meeting or speak on an agenda item are required to register by emailing towncouncil@sidmouth.gov.uk at least 24 hours before the start time of the meeting, after which virtual meeting details will be sent out to speakers/attendees.

The Chair of the Council has the right and discretion to control questions to avoid disruption, repetition and to make best use of the meeting time. Individual contributions will be limited to a maximum period of three minutes.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Holland', written over a horizontal line.

Christopher E Holland
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies**
To receive any apologies for absence.

Denise Bickley

2	<p>Minutes</p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 15 February 2021.</p>	3 – 5 pages
3	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any Members’ declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.</p> <p>Note: You must also declare the nature of any personal or prejudicial interests in an item whenever it becomes apparent that you have an interest in the business being considered.</p>	Denise Bickley
4	<p>Matters of Urgency and Report</p> <p>To consider any items that in the opinion of the Chair should be dealt with as matters of urgency because of special circumstances. (Note: such circumstances need to be recorded in the minutes)</p>	Denise Bickley
5	<p>Exclusion of the Public</p> <p>To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There are no items which the Town Clerk recommends should be dealt with in this way.</p>	Denise Bickley
6	<p>Natural Environment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">1. UPDATE: Life on the Verge. <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">2. UPDATE: Arboretum Update – Ash dieback – Councillor for the Arboretum. <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">3. DISCUSSION: Biodiversity Plan (how we can help the Biodiversity Group to achieve its goals. <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">4. DISCUSSION: The Knowle – draft management plan Circulate latest version of Ed’s document for discussion 	<p>Denise Bickley</p> <p>Chris Lockyear/Jon Ball</p> <p>Jeremy Woodward</p> <p>Denise Bickley Ed Dolphin</p>
7	<p>Engagement</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">1. UPDATE: Reporting Energy Usage <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">2. DISCUSSION: Our Place Our Planet – Exmouth website (see www.ourplaceourplanet.org) <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">3. DISCUSSION: Carbon Footprint Awareness <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">4. DISCUSSION: How to engage with the wider community? 	<p>Chris Lockyear</p> <p>Denise Bickley</p> <p>Chris Lockyear</p> <p>Denise Bickley</p>

8 **Low Carbon Town**

1. UPDATE: eTrikes – update from Jeremy Woodward Chris Lockyear

2. DISCUSSION: Planters to demarcate the ‘Pedestrian Zones’ – Sidmouth in Bloom Chris Lockyear to introduce – criteria for design, budget. Chris Lockyear

3. DISCUSSION: Cycle racks – where are they and if we need more where should they go? Chris Lockyear

9 **Next time**

1. Kenton Rogers presentation (on 12 July) (Arboretum – see www.treeconomics.co.uk for an introduction)

10 **Any other business**, including updates from groups and dates for the diary from groups.

Next meeting 12 July 2021

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council's
Environment Committee held on Monday 15 February 2021 at 6.30 pm
 (Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the Town Council met virtually
 as authorised by the Regulations set out in Clause 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020.)

Councillors present: Denise Bickley (Chair)
 Chris Lockyear (Vice Chair)
 Ian Barlow
 Marianne Rixson
 Charissa Evans
 Emma Murdoch
 Stuart Hughes

Invited Reps: Jon Ball (Sidmouth Arboretum)
 Dave Bramley (Vision Group)
 Ed Dolphin(Sidmouth Arboretum)
 Diana East (Sidmouth Arboretum)
 Richard Eley, Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce
 Di Fuller (Sid Vale Association)
 Rachel Perram (Sidmouth Plastic Warriors)
 Jeremy Woodward(Vision Group of Sidmouth)

Also Present: Kelvin Dent

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.30pm

PART 'A'

58 Minutes

The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 12 October 2020 were confirmed and agreed as a true record.

59 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
CLlr Denise Bickley	All items	Personal	Remained in the Meeting during discussion and voting	Member of Sidmouth Extinction Rebellion Member, Surfers Against Sewage SW Representative and Chair of Sidmouth Plastic Warriors and Sidmouth Biodiversity Group
CLlr Chris Lockyear	All items	Personal	Remained in the Meeting during discussion and voting	Member of Sidmouth Biodiversity Group
CLlr Kelvin Dent	Item 7.1	Personal	Remained in the Meeting during discussion and voting	Chair of the Knowle residents Group

60 Matters of Urgency and Report

There were no matters of urgency or report.

61 Exclusion of the Public

There were no items required to be dealt with under Part B.

62 Sustainability: Bins – preparation for the season.

Cllr Bickley opened a discussion around the issues the town had with bins during last summer. The feeling was that the town to come up with ways to clear the amount of rubbish. EDDC had ordered additional bins, a photo of the new bins was shown to the committee which was received positively. A discussion took place around a number of ways to resolve the issue these included, beach marshals, using G4S to patrol the sea front, getting local takeaway companies to be more responsible for their containers, asking EDDC to schedule more frequent bin emptying during times of good weather, and relocating bins to litter blackspots, often a little distant from takeaway restaurants. The committee agreed they would write to EDDC and ask about the issues encountered last year and how they could resolve them.

63 Sustainability: ‘Get Sidmouth ready for summer’ day – idea.

A discussion was had and the plastic warriors, the Council contracted team and other groups would arrange a date for a clean-up day/weekend including beach, street, car park clean, , small wins to improve the look of the high street and cleaning signs etc. Denise to write to other volunteer groups, Chamber, shops and businesses, and to media to publicise.

64 Natural Environment: Management Plan for Knowle

Cllr Barlow updated the committee about the status of the talks between EDDC and STC regarding the transfer of the Knowle. The future management of the grounds were discussed and the works which were delayed are now progressing well. The Biodiversity Group proposed having a managed garden, a wildlife park and wild meadow operating alongside the other amenities on the site including an enlarged car park and amphitheatre. There was a suggestion that a group be set up called Friends of the Knowle.

RESOLVED: that a working group would be set up to look at progressing a management plan to take into account the needs of the public alongside the operation of the amphitheatre, enlarged car park and drainage scheme and residents based around the Biodiversity Group proposals. Volunteers to sit on the group were initially: Cllr Ian Barlow, Cllr Kelvin Dent, Ed Dolphin, and Di Fuller. A Sidmouth in Bloom representative and a Friends of the Byes representative would also be included where necessary.

65 Natural Environment: Life on the verges update. Free seeds giveaway with information for pollinators.

Verges at the Bowd were being worked on. The group agreed £500 could be used to provide wild seeds for the community to spread around the area, possibly distributed via Kings Garden Centre. Feedback on the scheme would be fed back to the committee. Cllr Barlow to approach Kings Garden Centre who supported the tree giveaway.

66 Natural Environment: Biodiversity group update.

The Biodiversity group gave an update on the bird survey carried out a few weeks ago which was positive, also water samples have been taken from the river Sid and the results will be feed back to the committee.

67 Natural Environment: Rewilding – Arcot Road bank update.

Arcot Road bank was exceedingly difficult to work on as there is no safe area for workers unless the road is closed. It was discussed that seed mats could be used if access were possible. This and other alternatives were being looked at by EDDC. The pavement is an EDDC issue, not DCC, as it is an EDDC housing area.

68 Natural Environment: Tree planting update – Arboretum.

Tree planning was going well with the garden centre donating trees. Members thanked the garden centre for helping with distribution. Trees have been planted in the area being worked on by the SVA, fruit trees have been planted at the Knapp and Monterey pines to be planted at Stowford. More areas were still needed for planting.

69 Engagement: Input into the new EDDC local plan: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

Cllr Lockyear gave a presentation so the Members could consider a response to the consultation documents issued by East Devon District Council in connection with a proposed new Local Plan. (Appendix)

70 Engagement: Awards for Sustainable Sidmouth

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

71 Low Carbon Town: Traffic ideas update

Cllr Lockyear gave a presentation regarding the traffic management plan currently in discussion and be worked on by Devon County Council Highways (Appendix). Discussion was then had where all parties were in support of the changes to the town's road network in phase one of the project. The Chamber of Commerce expressed concern about the proposal to reserve the direction of traffic in High and Fore Streets which had been proposed as part of phase two. Consultations would be ongoing through to the end of March.

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CHAIR OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE