

**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council**  
**held on Monday 2 November 2020 at 6.30pm**

(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.)

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Charissa Evans
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent
	Chris Lockyear (Vice Chair)
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole
Primley	Deirdre Hounsom
	Emma Murdoch
	Jeff Turner
Sidford	Marianne Rixson
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow (Chair)
Apologies:	Denise Bickley, Jack Brokenshire, Stuart Hughes, John Loudoun, Jenny Ware

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.10pm.

**PART 'A'**

**174 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 5 and 26 October 2020 were signed as a true and accurate record.

**175 Declarations of Interest**

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Louise Cole	180 The Sidmouth Trust	Personal	Remained at the meeting during discussion but did not vote	Trustee of Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub

**176 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair**

- The Chair reported that he had spoken to Di Fuller of Sidmouth HELP Link and offered any support required, prior to the forthcoming Covid Lockdown, on behalf of the Town Council.
- The Chair had spoken to the organiser of the Black Lives Matter rally who had confirmed that the rally would now be cancelled and postponed until a later date.
- The Chair reported that as he was unable to hold a 2020 Christmas party, he would distribute Christmas Hampers to a select number of people who had worked on behalf of the town. He asked Members to inform the Town Clerk if they had any suggested recipients.

**177 Police Report**

Sgt Roy Hutter was unable to attend the meeting, therefore the October 2020 police report was not available.

**178 Committee/Working Group Reports**

178.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Planning Committee meetings held on 7, 9 and 21 October 2020.

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

178.2 Environment Committee Report

The report of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 12 October 2020 was attached to the agenda for Members consideration.

**RESOLVED:** That the Environment Committee report be noted and agreed.

178.3 Tourism & Economy TaFF Report

Councillor Cole, Chair of the Tourism & Economy TaFF reported that due to the current lockdown certain activities would need to be suspended, although the TIC review would continue.

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

178.4 Council Resources Review Working Group Report

Councillor Barlow, Chair of the Council Resources Working Group reported that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 5 November 2020.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council Resources Working Group report be noted.

178.5 Live Sidmouth Website Working Group

Councillor Evans reported that the working group were waiting for the contractors to complete the transfer of data to the new website.

**RESOLVED:** That Sidmouth Website Working Group report be noted.

**179 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities**

179.1 Finance Report

a) In accordance with section 2.2 of the Town Council's Financial Regulations Members were asked to note that the Member with Special Responsibility for Finance has verified the bank reconciliations, for all accounts, as at the end of September 2020.

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with section 2.2 of the Town Council's Financial Regulations, Members noted that the Member with Special Responsibility for Finance had verified the bank reconciliations, for all accounts, as at the end of September 2020.

b) Councillor Lockyear presented the Finance Report for September 2020.

**RESOLVED:** That the Finance Report for September 2020.

**180 The Sidmouth Trust**

Following the creation of The Sidmouth Trust, Edward Willis Fleming had been invited to report to Members about the trust and its aims.

He gave a presentation reporting that the trust was a charity which had, as its primary aim, the creation of a fund to finance exciting projects which would help carry Sidmouth through the 21st century; the trustees and chair were all local residents.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council supported the Sidmouth Trust and would assist with promotion within the town where appropriate.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL