

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held on Monday 5 October 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
	Stuart Hughes
	Dawn Manley
	Jenny Ware
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent
	Chris Lockyear
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole
Primley	Deirdre Hounsom
	Emma Murdoch
	Jeff Turner
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire
	Marianne Rixson
Sidbury	John Loudoun
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow (Chair)
Apologies:	Denise Bickley

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.45pm.

PART 'A'

162 Appointment of Vice Chair of the Council

It was proposed by Councillor Cole and seconded by Councillor Dent that Councillor Lockyear be appointed Vice-Chair of Sidmouth Town Council for the forthcoming year. There being no other nominations, Councillor Lockyear was duly appointed Vice-Chair of Sidmouth Town Council. Councillor Lockyear read aloud the Vice-Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

163 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 7 September 2020 were signed as a true and accurate record.

164 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received at this meeting.

165 Police Report

Sgt Roy Hutter presented the police report for September 2020 which showed 42 crimes in 2020 compared to 35 for the same period last year. Sgt Hutter reported that he had requested a secondment to Sidmouth to cover for PC Steve Harrington who was away on long term sick leave. He would be working closely with the Council's Police Advocate, Councillor Dent with regular liaison meetings.

166 Committee/Working Group Reports

166.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 2, 9 and 23 September 2020.

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

166.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Report

a) Councillor Cole presented the report of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 14 September 2020.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Economy Committee report be noted and agreed

b) Members were asked to note that funding for the extension to the Emergency Covid Temporary Traffic Order agreed in Min.56 of 14 September, would be taken from the funding previously authorised by Council (£10,000). Members also noted that The Dairy Shop had their licence renewal application, to enable outside dining on the pavement opposite the shop, refused.

RESOLVED: That it be noted and agreed that the funding for the extension to the Emergency Covid Temporary Traffic Order would be taken from the £10,000 funding previously authorised by Council.

166.3 Tourism & Economy TaFF Report

Councillor Cole, Chair of the Tourism & Economy TaFF reported that a number of projects were well underway; the design of shoulder season campaign films for social media and website, Ignyte were preparing a draft marketing campaign for 2021, TIC Review meetings were continuing, as were the Hospitality Recovery meetings with local tourism stakeholders.

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

166.4 Council Resources Review Working Group Report

Councillor Barlow, Chair of the Council Resources Working Group reported that the working group were continuing to collate information regarding existing Town Council resources and assets whilst considering possible future transfer of assets from the District Council.

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

166.5 Live Sidmouth Website Working Group

Councillor Evans reported that Zonkey were currently transferring content from the old website to the new, which unfortunately had to be done manually. A draft website had been made available to the working group who would now be considering the redesign of the structure, pages and content. Councillor Evans asked that Members note the considerable amount of work that had been carried out by Liz Palmer and Adele Salter in their roles on the working group.

RESOLVED: That:

1. The Live Sidmouth Website Working Group report be noted.
2. Liz Palmer and Adele Salter be thanked for their work in their roles on the working group.

167 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

167.1 Finance Report

Councillor Lockyear presented the Finance Report for August 2020.

RESOLVED: That:

1. The Finance Report for August 2020 be noted and agreed.
2. Consideration be given to creating the role of Deputy Member with Special Responsibility for Finance.

168 Current Major Projects update

The Town Clerk gave an update on the following projects:

- a) Knowle Amphitheatre (Devon County Council scheme) – ground works had commenced to create the swale, water storage and amphitheatre terraced areas. The intention was that this scheme would hold run off drainage water to avoid flooding further into the town. The Town Clerk shared a number of photographs that had been taken over the last few weeks and reported that the scheme was on track for completion by the end of the year.

The Chair had arranged a meeting, with the senior representative of Life Story, to discuss the ongoing and future care of the Knowle gardens and grounds.

- b) Skatepark – the old skate park had taken 3-4 days to demolish and remove and the ground works were now well underway to create the layout, jumps and bowl of the new structure. The Town Clerk shared a number of photographs that had been taken over the last few weeks and reported that it was anticipated the skatepark would be completed prior to Christmas.

RESOLVED: That current major projects progress report be noted.

169 Pre-Budget Council Meeting – change of date

Members were asked to note that the meeting of the Council to discuss the Pre-Budget would be held on Monday 26 October at 6.30pm. (Previously 19th October)

RESOLVED: That it be noted that the Pre-Budget meeting would now be held on Monday 26 October 2020 at 6.30pm.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL