

**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council**  
**held at Sidmouth Methodist Church Hall**  
**on Monday 6 December 2021 at 6.30pm**

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Jenny Ware
Sidmouth South	Denise Bickley
	Kelvin Dent
	Chris Lockyear (Vice Chair)
	Hilary Nelson
	Rachel Perram
Sidmouth East	Steven Kendall-Torry
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole
Primley	Deirdre Hounsom
	Jeff Turner
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire
Sidbury	John Loudoun
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow (Chair)
Apologies:	Charissa Evans, Stuart Hughes, Emma Murdoch, Marianne Rixson, Richard Thurlow

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.25pm.

## **PART 'A'**

### **88 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on Monday 1 November 2021 were signed as a true and accurate record.

### **89 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest received for items on this agenda.

### **90 Police Report**

Councillor Dent presented his Police Advocate report and asked Members to approve his recommendations. It was noted that the Police would not be attending every Council meeting in the future. Members were advised to inform Cllr Dent, as Police Advocate for the Council or the Town Clerk of any issues or questions which they wished to be raised with the police.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the Police Advocate report be noted and agreed.
- 2) That the Police be requested to attend twice a year including the Annual Assembly.

### **91 Working Group Reports**

#### **91.1 Planning Working Group Reports**

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Working Group, presented the reports of the Planning Working Group meetings held on Wednesdays 3 and 17 November 2021.

**RESOLVED:** That the Planning Working Group reports be noted.

91.2 Environment Working Group Report

Councillor Bickley, Chair of the Environment Working Group, presented the report of the Environment Working Group meeting held on Monday 25 October 2021.

**RESOLVED:** that the Environment Working Group report be noted.

91.3 Council Resources Review Working Group

Councillor Turner gave an update on the Vision Group's proposal to incorporate steps up to the cricket pitch at The Arches; this was hoped to be part of a project to develop the whole area including traffic calming and pedestrian crossing from The Esplanade to The Arches. Some expenditure had already been incurred to draw up a few possible plans for the steps and Members were asked whether they wished the Council Resources Review Working Group to continue working on this project.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council Resources Review Working Group report be noted and unanimous 'in principle' agreement for continuing with the project.

**92 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities**

92.1 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 2021.

**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 2021.

b) Councillor Lockyear presented the Finance Report for October 2021.

**RESOLVED:** That the Finance Report for October 2021 be noted and agreed. A letter of thanks be sent to Kings Garden Centre for donating the Market Place Christmas Tree to the town.

**95 Innovation and Resilience Fund Application**

Members were asked to consider the Innovation and Resilience Fund Project Overview report.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) that Sidmouth Town Council approves its participation and lead role in the Innovation and Resilience Fund application bid to develop a sustainable tourism partnership between Sidmouth, Budleigh Salterton, Honiton, Ottery St Mary and Seaton.
- 2) that the Council approves in principle the allocation of £22,000 from the Tourism & Economy budget to support the IRF bid.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL