

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at All Saints' Church Hall, Sidmouth,
on Monday 7 June 2021 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.20pm.

PART 'A'

28 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 17 May 2021 were signed as a true and accurate record.

29 Declarations of Interest

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

30 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

- The Chair reminded Members to respond to the town pedestrianisation scheme consultation which had been issued by the Town Clerk.

31 Public Open Question Time

- A member of the public requested that additional agenda information be placed on the notice board at Woolcombe House if possible.
- Cllr Hounsom reported that many recycling and food bins had not been collected in Sidmouth for a few weeks.
- Cllr Perram asked whether Sidmouth had received any of the government funding made available for seaside towns. The Chair reported that EDDC had been allocated £230,000 and was using it on various projects across the district.
- Cllr Rixson asked for an update regarding the Knowle Flood Alleviation Scheme. The Chair reported that the Town Clerk would email Members later in the week following a meeting due to be held with the contractors.

- Cllr Bickley asked for an update on overflowing dog bins and then requested that Members and residents should report full dog bins to the District Council via their app so that performance indicators were collated.

32 Police Report

In the absence of PC Rob Clatworthy, the May 2021 police report was not available.

33 Committee/Working Group Reports

33.1 Planning Working Group Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Working Group, presented the reports of the Planning Working Group meetings held on Wednesdays 12 and 26 May 2021.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Working Group reports be noted.

33.2 Environment Working Group Report

Councillor Bickley, Chair of the Environment Working Group, presented the report of the Environment Working Group meeting held on Monday 28 April 2021

RESOLVED: That the Environment Working Group report be noted.

33.3 Tourism & Economy Working Group Report

a) Councillor Hounsom reported that the next meeting of the Tourism & Economy Working Group would be held via zoom on Monday 14 June 2021.

b) Members noted that Councillor Hughes wished to be removed from the Tourism & Economy Working Group.

RESOLVED: that the Tourism and Economy Working Group report be noted.

34 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

34.1 Finance Report

Councillor Lockyear presented the April 2021 Finance Report.

RESOLVED: that the April Finance Report be noted and agreed.

35 EDDC Events at Connaught Gardens

The Town Council had been asked for its views on Paul Taylor-Mills use of Connaught Gardens.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response be as follows:

1. Due to the unprecedented ongoing Covid situation and restrictions, the Town Council supported the proposed use of Connaught Gardens by Paul Taylor-Mills for 2021 only with the event not setting a precedent for future years and consistent with details as set out in the email from District Cllr Nick Hookway dated 29 May 2021.
2. The direction of amplified sound and decibel levels should be strictly controlled and monitored with concerts ending no later than 10pm.

Members also raised concerns with regard to food outlets, alcohol licensing, toilet facilities, security fencing and possible damage to the gardens and flower beds. If food and drink was to be sold, it should be sourced from locally made produce.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL