

**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council**  
**held at Sidmouth Methodist Church Hall**  
**on Monday 4 April 2022**  
**on the rising of the Annual Town Assembly Meeting**

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

The meeting started at 7.40pm and finished at 8.30pm.

## **PART 'A'**

### **128 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 7 March 2022 were signed as a true and accurate record.

### **129 Declarations of Interest**

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Chris Lockyear	130 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair	Personal	Remained in the meeting during discussion and voting	Science Festival member
Cllr Stuart Hughes	137 Proposed Amendment Order No. 1 2022 Roxburgh short stay car park	Personal	Remained in the meeting during discussion and voting	County Council member

### **130 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair**

- The Vice Chair reported that following discussions at the March Council and Tourism & Economy meetings he had put forward the suggestion to have four Beacon 'searchlights' displaying on the Esplanade as part of the Science Festival. He would be able to arrange for an eminent scientist to conduct an official switch on ceremony. The cost for the four beacon lights for 2 evenings (Thurs 2 and Fri 3 June) would be in the region of £9,000 to £10,000 and would be paid from the Rayson Bequest Fireworks/Light displays fund.

**RESOLVED:** That Members considered that the cost to the legacy fund was too high to have Beacon 'searchlights' on the Esplanade.

- The Chair reminded Members that an Informal meeting would be held via zoom on Wednesday 27 April 2022.

**131 Public Open Question Time**

- A member of the public asked whether the Town Council had considered organising a Help Centre for Ukrainian refugees in Sidmouth.  
Cllrs Barlow and Hughes replied that Sid Valley HELP, who co-ordinated local civic groups, had been in discussions with both County and District Councils and had accepted that, at the present time, arrangements were best dealt with at a County and District level.
- Councillor Dent asked Members to authorise a letter of congratulation and thanks to the organisers of the successful 'Wear a Hat' day that had raised over £3,000 for the Brain Tumour Research charity.

**132 Police Advocate Report**

Councillor Dent reported that he had nothing further to add following the Police Annual Report given by officers Adam Speers and Kelly Edgar at the Annual Town Assembly.

**RESOLVED:** That the Police Advocate report be noted.

**133 Working Group Reports**

133.1 Planning Working Group Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Working Group, presented the reports of the Planning Working Group meetings held on Wednesdays 2 and 16 February 2022.

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

133.2 Tourism & Economy Working Group Report

Councillor Cole, Chair of the Tourism & Economy Working Group, presented the report of the Tourism & Economy Working Group meeting held on Monday 14 March 2022.

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

**134 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities**

134.1 Finance Report

Councillor Lockyear presented the Finance Report for February 2022.

**RESOLVED:** That the Finance Report for February 2022 be noted.

134.2 Hope Cottage Museum Report

Councillor Dent reported that following the museum's extension and refurbishment it had now reopened and Members were invited to attend a private guided tour of the museum on Monday 9 May at 6.30pm. This invitation was also extended to Members partners and staff members and partners.

**RESOLVED:** That the Hope Cottage Museum report be noted.

**135 Fire Beacon – Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship agreement**

Toby Taylor of the RSPB presented a proposal from the RSPB for a new Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship agreement.

**RESOLVED:** That the RSPB's proposal for a new Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship Scheme agreement with Natural England be agreed and supported.

**136 Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

- a) Platinum Jubilee Beacon – The Chair of Council reported that the Town Council working in partnership with Sidmouth in Bloom, had arranged for a beacon to be lit at Fire Beacon Hill which would be visible from the town. The gas fired beacon had been supplied free of charge from the Institute of Chartered Surveyors. A second one could be purchased by the Town Council and placed on the Esplanade; this would be at a cost of approx. £1,000 and would be made available for use during the many events and festivals held in Sidmouth.
- b) Commemorative Gift for Sid Valley Primary School children – Cllr Perram reported that a sufficient number of Cornish manufactured bone china mugs, using the agreed design, had been ordered and a production slot had been booked. Final costs were awaited but would be within the agreed budget £4,000.
- c) Street Party – The Chair asked whether Members wished to book a table for the Jubilee Street Party celebrations.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- a) Platinum Jubilee Beacon: Members agreed that a second gas fired beacon be purchased using the Rayson Bequest Party/Celebration fund and would be placed on the Esplanade and lit as part of the nationwide beacon lighting.
- b) Commemorative Gift for Sid Valley Primary School children – That it be noted that Cornish manufactured and printed mugs had been ordered for all the Primary school children, from Reception to Year 6, at a cost of up to £4,000 (net of VAT) being allocated from the Rayson Bequest Party/Celebration fund.
- c) Street Party: No further action to be taken.

**137 Proposed Amendment Order No. 1 of 2022 – Roxburgh short stay car park, Sidmouth**

Members considered the Notice of Proposed Amendment Order for Roxburgh short stay car park, Sidmouth.

**RESOLVED:** That Members were concerned that the classes of vehicles permitted to wait in parking spaces included Motor Caravans from 8am to 10pm; the access roads were narrow and large motor caravans should not be encouraged to be driven into the town centre, as was the case with the existing parking restrictions in place.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL