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To: All Members of the Environment Committee
(Cllrs: Ian Barlow, Denise Bickley, Charissa Evans, Chris Lockyear, Emma Murdoch,
Marianne Rixson)
Invited Representatives

For Information:
Other Members of the Council
Town Clerk

Dear Sir/Madam,

Meeting of the Environment Committee Monday 13 February at 6.30pm

You are called upon to attend the above meeting to be held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth. It is proposed that the matters set out on the agenda below will be considered at the meeting and resolution or resolutions passed as the Council considers appropriate.

The Chair of the Committee has the right and discretion to control questions to avoid disruption, repetition and to make best use of the meeting time. Individual contributions will be limited to a maximum period of three minutes.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher E Holland
Town Clerk

AGENDA

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| | <u>PART 'A'</u> | |
| 1 | Apologies
To receive any apologies for absence. | |
| 2 | Minutes
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Working Group meeting held on Monday 31 October 2023. | 3 - 5 |

3 **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any Members' declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.

Note: You must also declare the nature of any personal or prejudicial interests in an item whenever it becomes apparent that you have an interest in the business being considered.

4 **Matters of Urgency and Report**

To consider any items that in the opinion of the Chair should be dealt with as matters of urgency because of special circumstances. (Note: such circumstances need to be recorded in the minutes)

5 **Exclusion of the Public**

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There is one item which the Town Clerk recommends should be dealt with in this way.

6 **Natural Environment**

6.1 Charles, Sinclair and Jan Metcalf to present a brief outline of the River Sid partnership project.

Summary attached

6.2 Update on South West Water engagement and way forward from Cllr Chris Lockyear

6.3 Update on the 14,000 tree project by Ed Dolphin

7 **Built Environment**

7.1 Sign cleaning - Update to be given from the Working Group by Cllr Richard Thurlow.

7.2 Infrared camera project Chris Lockyear

7.3 Phone Boxes Louise Cole

8 **Sustainability**

8.1 Knowle car park - Update to be given from the Working Group by Cllr Richard Thurlow.

8.2 Caps project – Update from Dave Bramley

9 **Engagement**

9.1 Making Sidmouth Sustainable - Update from the Working Group by Cllr Denice Bickley.

10 Update on the IRF bid following up on last meetings presentation by Cllr Louise Cole

11 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

The Vice-Chair of the Council to move the following:

“that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of its contents.”

PART 'B'

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Grant Applications

Councillors are asked to consider those grant applications for the financial year 2023/2024, deferred to the Environment Working Group by full Council.

Confidential
reports
included
with
Members
agenda
email

Forthcoming Council and Working Group meetings:

15 February Planning Meeting

1 March Planning Meeting

6 March Council Meeting

13 March Tourism and Economy Working Group

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council's
Environment Working Group held on
Monday 31 October 2022 at 6.30pm

Councillors present: Ian Barlow (Chair)
 Denise Bickley
 Richard Thurlow
 Hillary Nelson
 Rachel Perram
 Chris Lockyear

Invited Reps: Ed Dolphin (Sidmouth Arboretum)
 Dave Bramley (Sidmouth Science Festival)
 Diana East (Sidmouth Arboretum)
 Jon Ball (Sidmouth Arboretum)
 Jeremy Woodward (Vision Group of Sidmouth)
 Jan Metcalf
 Richard Eley (Chamber of Commerce)

Apologies Cllr Marianne Rixson, Cllr Clarissa Evens and Cllr Emma Murdoch

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.05pm

PART 'A'

1 Minutes

The minutes of the Environment Working Group meeting held on Monday 11 July 2022 were confirmed and agreed as a true record subject to the following amendments:

2 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Denise Bickley	All items	Personal	Remained in the Meeting during discussion and voting	Member of Extinction Rebellion, Member of Friends of the Earth, Member of Greenpeace, Chair of Sidmouth Plastic Warric Member of Sidmouth Biodiversi
Cllr Rachel Perram	All items	Personal	Remained in the Meeting during discussion and voting.	Member of Sidmouth Plastic Wa

3 Matters of Urgency and Report

- 3.1 The next meeting would be held on 6.30pm at Woolcombe House, 13 February 2023.
- 3.2 Cllr Chris Lockyear gave an update regarding the meeting he had held with South West Water, but they were not able to give much information until later in the year.

Jan Metcalf updated the group on the E coli testing saying it was being carried out and she would update the group of the results at the next meeting.

3.3 Cllr Chris Lockyear also gave an update on the inferred camara survey saying that they surveyed 90 homes earlier this year and that all the homes were very engaged with the process. Cllr Lockyear would now look to arrange a meeting with all the members of the group to decide where to go from here.

4 Natural Environment:

4.1 Ed Dolphin gave an update to the Working Group. The project to plant 14,000 trees was going well and that they had 3 sites already with a 4 in the pipeline. It was agreed by the group that there should be £600 made available to finance the trees for this year and £5,600 per year going forward for 4-5years until all 14,000 trees were planted.

5 Built Environment

5.1 Cllr Richard Thurlow gave at update on the project Cllr Thurlow had received some quotes for cleaning the signs around the £2,600pa mark which the group thought was a little expensive so would like him to go back and look to see if he can get any more details. Also, the subgroup was to examine getting gullies cleared. Louise Cole would move on the project regarding the 2 old telephone boxes in the town and seeing what they can be used for.

6 Sustainability and Engagement

6.1 An update was given stating that solar, wind and hydro power were not possible for the Sidmouth Valley area, but the group would be looking at Kelp farming. The group had looked at having EV Charging points up at the Knowle which would be possible at a cost of £4,500 for 2 charging points. (See appendix 1 and 2)

6.2 Denise Bickley gave an update on making Sidmouth sustainable saying that Sidmouth was a plastic free town and that they were looking at creating a Website/App which would help people to understand how they can help reduce their carbon footprint. It was decided that Denise's group needed to work together with Cllr Chris Lockyear, Dave Bramley, Cllr Ian Barlow and Cllr Hillary Nelson as some projects seemed to overlap.

7 Alma Field

7.1 Ed Dolphin gave an update saying that the field had been cut recently and looked better. It was agreed that the field should be cut once a year and the cuttings to be taken away.

8 IRF Bid

8.1 A short update was given by Hilary Nelson on behalf of Cllr Louise Cole about the successful IRF bid. There has been progress on the process to deliver tourism for Sidmouth, as a result the group will be focussing on sustainable tourism.