

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held in Sidbury Village Hall
on Monday 3 April 2023 on the Rising of the Annual Town Assembly

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

The meeting started at 7.50pm and finished at 8.20pm.

PART 'A'

130 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 6 March 2023 were signed as a true and accurate record.

131 Declarations of Interest

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

132 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

The Chair thanked Members who had decided not to stand in the forthcoming local elections and presented them with individual framed certificates recognising their service to the Sid Valley and its residents.

133 Police Advocate Report

Councillor Dent, Devon and Cornwall Police Advocate, expressed his disappointment that despite being assured by the Area Inspector that there would be a representative available to attend the Annual Town Assembly, due to operational reasons no one had been available which highlighted a poor level of resourcing.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Police Commissioner and copied to the Chief Constable raising the Town Council's concerns over the police resources available for the Sid Valley.

134 Working Group Reports

134.1 Planning Working Group Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Working Group, presented the reports of the Planning Working Group meetings held on Wednesdays 1 and 15 March 2023.

RESOLVED: that the Planning Working Group reports be noted.

134.2 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 13 March.

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

135 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

135.1 Finance Report

Councillor Turner presented the Finance Report for February 2023.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Report for February 2023 be noted.

135.2 Meetings with South West Water

Councillor Lockyear reported that South West Water had announced £56m earmarked funding to reduce sewage spills across its area with £1.35m allocated to Sidmouth for works in 2023/24. In addition to this £70m had been allocated to Falmouth and Sidmouth in order to bring the entire network up to modern standards, with work commencing around 2025. Councillor Lockyear thanked all the groups and individuals who had worked so hard collating data, questioning data and pushing South West Water into action in order to remedy grievances.

RESOLVED: That a Town Council Press Release be issued regarding the South West Water funding allocations.

135.3 Beach Management Plan

Councillor Lockyear reported that he had been invited to sit on the Beach Management Project Board as a representative of the smaller contributors to the scheme and an Outline Business Case would be presented soon.

RESOLVED: That the Beach Management Plan report be noted

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL