

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at Sidmouth Methodist Church Hall
on Monday 4 July 2022 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.40pm.

PART 'A'

39 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 6 June 2022 were signed as a true and accurate record.

40 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Louise Cole	41 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair	Personal	Remained in the meeting during discussion	Director Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub CIC
Cllr Denise Bickley	41 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair	Personal	Remained in the meeting during discussion	Seafest stallholder

41 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

- The Chair reported for Members' information, that he had written a number of letters in reply to some complaints that had been received following the Seafest and Jazz & Blues Festivals, mostly concerning the lateness and volume of music. He had also arranged a meeting with the EDDC Licencing and Environmental Health officers to discuss licencing arrangements and policing of events. Councillor Cole responded that of the 2 complaints received about Seafest some of the comments made were factually inaccurate. The Chair agreed that the majority of feedback about both events was incredibly positive and supportive.
- The Chair reported that he had donated £100 to Sidmouth Hospice at Home, from the Chair's expenses, in memory of former Councillor and Chair of the Council, Peter Sullivan. Councillor Jenny Ware had represented the Council and attended the funeral.

42 Police Advocate Report

Councillor Dent stated that he nothing to report.

43 Working Group Reports

43.1 Planning Working Group Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Working Group, presented the reports of the Planning Working Group meetings held on Wednesdays 8 and 22 June 2022.

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

43.2 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 June 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Economy Working Group Report be noted and agreed with the amendment to Minute No. 3 to show that it was Nicola Hewitt not Hughes who was working with the District Council to formulate a tourism strategy for East Devon.

43.3 Environment Working Group

Councillor Barlow reported that the next meeting of the Environment Working Group would be held on Monday 11 July.

43.4 Youth Provision Working Group

Councillor Cole reported that the next meeting of the Youth Provision Working Group would be held on Tuesday 6 September in line with the new schedule of reporting. The rescheduled 'Skatepark Jam' was planned to be held on Saturday 10 September.

RESOLVED: That the Youth Provision Working Group report be noted.

44 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

44.1 Finance Report

Councillor Turner presented the Finance Report for May 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Report for May 2022 be noted.

44.2 Sidmouth in Bloom

Councillor Nelson presented the Sidmouth in Bloom report, highlighting that Sidmouth was a finalist in SW in Bloom and Britain in Bloom this year, with judging for SW in Bloom taking place on 15 July and for Britain in Bloom on 1 August. Members were welcome to join the committee and meet the judges on these days if they wished. Various clean ups and maintenance sessions were being organised and Members would be made aware of the dates to come along and assist.

RESOLVED: That the Sidmouth in Bloom report be noted.

44.3 Beach Management Plan

Councillor Lockyear reported that high inflation was affecting all engineering projects including the Sidmouth Beach Management Plan. The District Council was managing the project and was working on an Outline Business Case and finding a way to bridge the funding gap.

RESOLVED: That the Beach Management Plan report be noted.

45 Sidmouth Air Show – Resident’s Survey Results

Councillor Nelson presented the results of the Air Show Resident’s survey which concluded on Wednesday 29 June. There had been 869 responses from the EX10 area of which 90.97% responded Yes to the Question: Do you feel that Sidmouth Air Show brings an overall positive benefit to the people and community in Sidmouth?

The resident’s survey would be followed by an Air Show visitors survey and Sidmouth Business survey with the results being report to Council in the Autumn.

RESOLVED: That the Air Show Resident’s Survey Results be noted.

46 Town Entrance Signs

Designs for new entrance signs had been drawn up by the Tourism and Economy Working Group in consultation with the Council’s marketing and promotion team. The new design reflected the Council’s Visit Sidmouth colours and brand identity and had been placed on order to enable them to be erected for July with funding coming from the existing allocated Tourism and Promotion budget.

Due to restrictions on virtual meeting decision making, Members were asked to confirm the funding allocation of £2,908.00 which included all fittings and labour costs.

RESOLVED: That the funding allocation of £2,908.00 from the Tourism and Economy budget, which included all fittings and labour costs for the erection of new Town Entrance Signs be agreed.

47 Rayson Bequest – Party/Celebrations Fund

Members were asked to agree to use the fund for the procurement of new bunting which was provided by the Council for the community. The current stock, which was of a good quality, had lasted well but was now ten years old. During the recent Jubilee celebrations, it became apparent that it would soon be due for renewal.

The cost of 50 lengths of bunting would be £570 and would come most suitably from the Rayson Bequest - Party/Celebrations fund.

RESOLVED: That the Rayson Bequest report be noted and agreed.

48 Updated Public Sector Equality and Diversity Policy

The Council’s Equality and Diversity Policy was first introduced in 2011.

Further to more recent updates in legislation and to include a more comprehensive application, an updated version had been circulated to Members for their approval.

RESOLVED: That the updated Public Sector Equality and Diversity Policy be adopted and training be arranged for all Councillors and staff.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL