

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held in the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House,
Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth
on Monday 5 December 2022 at 6.30pm

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

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

PART 'A'

95 Minutes

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

96 Declarations of Interest

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

97 Public Open Question Time

- A member of public, who had attended last month's meeting, commented on the high quality of debate and that Members had shown great consideration and respect of others' views.

98 Citizen's Advice East Devon

Dean Stewart, Chief Executive, Citizen's Advice East Devon, attended the meeting to give a briefing to Members about the work being carried out in Sidmouth to support those with financial, social and medical/disability difficulties. CAED now rented the library on Tuesday mornings so that in person, drop in support could be provided and further premises were being sought so that other times and days could be made available.

RESOLVED: That:

1. Dean Stewart be thanked for his presentation, a copy of which would be emailed to Members for their information.
2. The Town Clerk would work closely with the CAED to offer local information to assist with access to premises and other public supporting organisations.

99 Police Advocate Report

Councillor Dent had nothing to report as the Devon and Cornwall Police Advocate.

RESOLVED: That the Police Advocate report be noted.

100 Working Group Reports

100.1 Planning Working Group Reports

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

RESOLVED: that the Planning Working Group reports be noted.

b) Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Working Group, presented the briefing note on the draft East Devon Local Plan and reported that following debate in Parliament on the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, the number of houses to be built in the district would be advisory rather than mandatory. There would be an EDDC presentation of the draft Local Plan on Tuesday 6 December at Kennaway House.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1) the Town Clerk would write to EDDC to ask what their proposals were regarding the draft Local Plan following the recent parliamentary debate on the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill.
- 2) the recommendations in the briefing note be accepted as the Town Council's response to the consultation process, with the addition that the current Change of Use policy should be revised and strengthened.

100.2 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 21 November 2022. Cllr Cole reported that Steve Saunders, EDDC Licencing, had advised that there would be a Street Trading consultation commencing in January 2023.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1) the Tourism & Economy Working Group report be noted.
- 2) in line with Financial Regulation 18.2, Standing Order 18(c) and Financial Regulation 11.1(b) be suspended, to allow the appointment of Ignyte Ltd. as the preferred contractor to deliver tourism promotion services for the Visit Sidmouth brand.

The reason for the suspension, was to allow the timely continuation and progression of Sidmouth Town Council's tourism promotion strategy and services.

100.3 Environment Working Group

Councillor Barlow, Chair of the Environment Working Group presented the report of the Environment Working Group meeting held on Monday 31 November 2022. Work had commenced on planting 14,000 trees in the Sid Valley.

RESOLVED: That the Environment Working Group Report be noted.

100.4 Youth Provision Working Group

Councillor Cole, Chair of the Youth Provision Working Group reported that Design West had commenced work on the consultation process in order to develop a strategy for youth services including the use and possible redevelopment of the youth centre.

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

101 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

101.1 Finance Report

Councillor Turner presented the Finance Report for October 2022.

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

101.2 Beach Management Plan

Councillor Lockyear gave an update report on the Beach Management Plan.

RESOLVED: That the Beach Management Plan report be noted.

102 Meeting Dates Jan 2023 to May 2024

Members were asked to note the draft list of meeting dates for January 2023 to May 2024.

RESOLVED: That the draft list of meeting dates be note to include the already amended date for the next Environment meeting; Monday 13 February 2023.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL