

**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council**  
**held in the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House,**  
**Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth**  
**on Monday 6 February 2023 at 6.30pm**

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.20pm.

## **PART 'A'**

### **125 Minutes**

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

### **126 Declarations of Interest**

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Stuart Hughes	132 Sidbury Millennium Green Pond repair fund	Personal	Remained in the meeting during discussion and voting	Had given donation from DCC Locality Fund

### **127 Police Advocate Report**

Councillor Dent, Devon and Cornwall Police Advocate, gave a verbal update.

**RESOLVED:** 1) That the Police Advocate report be noted.  
2) That the issues of the Shopwatch scheme and CCTV in the town would be raised with the Chamber of Commerce at the next Tourism and Economy Working Group meeting.

### **128 Working Group Reports**

#### **128.1 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 February 2023.

**RESOLVED:** that the Planning Working Group reports be noted.

128.2 Tourism & Economy Working Group Report

The next meeting of the Working Group was Monday 13 March.

128.3 Environment Committee

a) Councillor Barlow, Chair of the Environment Committee, presented the report of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 13 February 2023.

b) Members were asked to note that the recommended Environment Committee grant allocations would be considered under Part B of this meeting.

**RESOLVED:** that the Environment Committee report be noted.

128.4 Council Resources Review Working Group

Councillor Lockyear, Chair of the Council Resources Review Working Group reported on the items discussed at its recent meeting, which included:

- Coronation Projects
- The Ham Utility Building
- Staffing

**RESOLVED:** that the Council Resources Review Working Group report be noted.

128.5 Youth Provision Working Group

Councillor Nelson, Vice Chair of the Youth Provision Working Group, reported that a review meeting had been held with Design West who were working towards running two stakeholder workshops this month. It was anticipated that a full report would be issued at the end of May which would recommend various options for youth support in the Sid Valley.

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

**129 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities**

129.1 Finance Report

Councillor Turner presented the Finance Report for January 2023.

**RESOLVED:** That the Finance Report for January 2023 be noted.

129.2 Meeting with South West Water

Councillor Lockyear reported that a very successful meeting had been held with South West Water and Simon Jupp MP where a number of actions had been agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Meeting with South West Water report be noted.

129.3 Beach Management Plan Report

Councillor Lockyear gave a verbal update on the Beach Management Plan.

**RESOLVED:** That the Beach Management Plan report be noted

**130 Coronation of King Charles III - Saturday 6 May 2023**

In addition to the current list of projects of how the Town Council would mark the coronation of King Charles III, at the Estimates and Grants meeting it was resolved that consideration would also be given to sourcing a large clock and possible tide clock to be erected on the exterior of The Arches that could be viewed from the esplanade and beach. Initial enquiries had been carried out and the purchase and installation of a marine grade large clock could be financed from the Rayson Bequest Party/Celebrations fund in the sum of approximately £3,000.

**RESOLVED:** That further work be carried out to provide a 'Coronation Clock' for installation on the exterior of The Arches, to be financed from the Rayson Bequest Party/Celebrations fund in the sum of up to £3,000.

**131 Confirmation of Feedback made on EDDC Consultation**

Due to the restriction on consultation time allowed by the District Council which fell between meetings, a request to use District Council land, was informed to and considered by all Members via email prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the recent response to East Devon District Council be confirmed, that Sidmouth Town Council supports the application for the Sidmouth Jazz and Blues Festival in Blackmore Gardens however it is imperative that the lessons from last year must be incorporated into the procedures used by the operator as well as the conditions imposed by the landowner and licensing authority.

Sidmouth Town Council's guidelines on events in the Sid Valley state: When making assessments under these Guidelines, the Town Council will consider the economic, social, environmental and equality impact of the event as a whole and in making its decisions, will seek to strike a balance between the positive and negative impacts on the community in the Sid Valley. Blackmore Gardens is owned by East Devon District Council and Sidmouth Town Council would urge the District Council to use the same principles when considering the request as both licensor and owner.

In particular Sidmouth Town Council would urge East Devon District Council to

1. Consider the reasonableness of duration of the event including the proposed hours of operation, set up, and set down.
2. Consider the proximity of residential accommodation to the venue.
3. Consider event management plans including noise mitigation and other measures which reduce disruption to local residents.
4. Consider requesting that no single use plastics should be used or sold at events.

**132 Sidbury Millennium Green Pond repair funding support**

The Town Clerk had received an email and detailed report from Chris Woodruff, Trustee Sidbury Millennium Green, which requested the Town Council support towards the urgent need to repair the pond on the site.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council support the Sidbury Millennium Green Pond repair with a grant of £4,000 to be financed from the Rayson Bequest Natural/Sidmouth History fund.

**133 Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**RESOLVED:** 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'**

**134 Environment Committee Grant Allocations**

Members were asked to consider the proposed grant allocations as recommended by the Environment Committee; £1,000 each to Sid Valley Biodiversity Group, Sidmouth Arboretum and Vision Group for Sidmouth.

**RESOLVED:** That grant payments be allocated from the Environment Committee 2023/24 budget as follows:

- £1,000 Sid Valley Biodiversity Group
- £1,000 Sidmouth Arboretum
- £1,000 Vision Group for Sidmouth

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL