

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at Sidmouth Methodist Church Hall
on Monday 6 June 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) Rachel Perram
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole
Primley	Deirdre Hounsom Jeff Turner
Sidbury	John Loudoun
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow
Apologies:	Jack Brokenshire, Steven Kendall-Torry, Dawn Manley, Emma Murdoch, Marianne Rixson, Richard Thurlow

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.30pm.

A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect and in memory of former Councillor Peter Sullivan, who was Chair of the Council from 2009 to 2011

PART 'A'

27 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 16 May 2022 were signed as a true and accurate record.

28 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item Number	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Kelvin Dent	29 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair	Personal	Remained in the meeting during discussion	Chair of Knowle Residents Association

29 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

- The Chair acknowledged the hard work and thanked all the people involved in organising the recent events held in Sidmouth; Sea Fest, the Platinum Jubilee street party, Jubilee beacons and the inaugural Jazz & Blues Festival.
- Councillor Hounsom reported on a Jubilee event that she had attended at the Oasis Café, £181 had been raised and donated to the Ukraine appeal.
- The Town Clerk read a letter received from Lifestory who reported that the Knowle had been sold to McCarthy Stone developers who would be bringing forward a revised planning application.
- The Town Clerk reminded Members that they had allocated £80,000 S106 funding and £20,000 Ham Reserve funding towards the refurbishment of The Ham play park and reported that a design and quote had been received within that budget.

However, this did not include the infrastructure of new pathways, benches, shelters and other groundworks; a further quote for the additional work had been received and if approved promptly, the timeline for build and finish could still be achievable by the end of July in time for school holidays as advised by the contractors.

Members approved that up to £32,000 could be allocated from the Community Infrastructure Levy held in Earmarked Reserves for new infrastructure at the Ham Playpark

30 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED: that the classification given to the documents to be submitted to the Council, be confirmed, and that the reports relating to exempt information, be dealt with under Part B.

31 Public Open Question Time

- Mr Goodman thanked Cllr Barlow for his hard work on behalf of Sidmouth over his three years as Chair of the Council and congratulated Cllr Lockyear on his election to the position of Chair. He raised concerns over the change of ownership of the Knowle and what that might mean to the overall design of the building and the facilities offered to residents. Mr Goodman asked whether the Town Council would facilitate a public meeting to enable residents to raise their concerns.

The Town Clerk reminded Members that they needed to remain neutral towards any plans in order that they did not prejudice the usual planning procedure. It was stressed that it was likely, as with previous applications, the planning meeting would be held in a public hall to enable as many residents as possible to attend in person.

32 Police Advocate Report

Councillor Dent reported that the Police 101 Non-Emergency telephone service was still not working correctly and asked Members to inform either himself or Cllr Loudoun of any incidents so that these can be raised with the Police Commissioner.

RESOLVED: That the Police Advocate report be noted.

33 Working Group Reports

33.1 Planning Working Group Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Working Group, presented the reports of the Planning Working Group meetings held on Wednesdays 11 and 25 May 2022.

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

33.2 Tourism & Economy Working Group Report

Councillor Cole gave an update of the ongoing discussions regarding the IRF bid and reported that Councillor Hounsom would be resuming her role as a coordinator between the many festival and events organisers and would continue discussions to encourage collaboration between the various groups.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Economy Working Group Report be noted.

33.3 Youth Provision Working Group

Councillor Cole reported that a new contract had been signed with Young Devon and reminded Members that a Skatepark event would be held on Saturday 25 June from 12 to 4pm.

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

34 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

34.1 Finance Report

Councillor Turner presented the Finance Report for April 2022.

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

35 Environment Working Group appointment

Members were asked to approve the appointment of Councillor Richard Thurlow to the Council's Environment Working Group.

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Councillor Richard Thurlow to the Council's Environment Working Group be approved.

36 Sidmouth Folk Festival Civic Night

The Chair of Council reported on the invitation to the Sidmouth Folk Festival's civic night to be held on Thursday 4 August, when reserved seating would be held for the Kate Rusby concert. Members would be required to purchase their own tickets.

RESOLVED: That Members would inform the Town Clerk if they wished to attend.

37 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'

38 Sale of Drill Hall from East Devon District Council to Rockfish Ltd.

The Town Clerk read a confidential report from East Devon District Council officers, which updated Members on the current position with regard to the sale of the Drill Hall to Rockfish Ltd.

RESOLVED: That the Drill Hall report, received from East Devon District Council be noted.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL