

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
in its Capacity as Trustee
held at Sidmouth Methodist Church Hall
on Monday 4 July 2022
on the rising of the Council Meeting

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 7.40pm and finished at 7.55pm.

PART 'A'

1 Minutes

The minutes of the Trustee meetings held on Monday 4 April 2022 were signed as a true and accurate record.

2 Declarations of Interest

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

3 Matters of Urgency

- Councillor Cole reported that the Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub CIC had been successful in a funding bid to the National Lottery fund and had been awarded £10,000 towards the second stage of the Coral Reef & Wave Border Garden at The Ham working with residents and the Council as Trustee to improve the gardens and walkways. This would enable the installation of a second seating area, additional planting and information boards.
- The Chair reported that a request to use The Ham had been received the day after the agenda had been issued:
Simon DeVey, Anderton and Rowland Fun Fair, had written to request permission to use The Ham to run a fun fair alongside the Sidmouth Carnival. They planned to arrive after 6pm on Sunday 18 September 2022, set up on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20, operating days would be Wednesday 21 to Saturday 24 and the fair would take down and leave by midday on Sunday 25 September 2022.

Opening times requested were:
Wednesday and Thursday 5pm to 9.30pm
Friday 5pm to 10pm
Saturday (carnival day) 12 midday to 11pm

RESOLVED: That:

1. Permission be granted to Simon DeVey to run an Anderton & Rowland fun fair on The Ham; arriving after 6pm on Sunday 18 September 2022, set up on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20, operating days to be Wednesday 21 to Saturday 24 and take down and leave by midday on Sunday 25 September 2022.
2. Opening times would be:
Wednesday and Thursday 5pm to 9.30pm
Friday 5pm to 10pm
Saturday (carnival day) 12 midday to 11pm
3. In line with the Town Council's Environmental policy single use plastic must not be used or sold at this event.

4 Use of The Ham – Friday 14 July 2023

Teri Murphy, Chair of the Newton Poppleford Primary School PTFA had written to request permission to use The Ham as a venue to host a circus on Friday 14th July 2023. The intention had been to host the event at the local Newton Poppleford school, but unfortunately the school field was not big enough. The big top would be 27m x 18m holding 600 people and tickets would be on sale to the general public, with proceeds to the Newton Poppleford Primary School PTFA.

The circus would arrive in the morning (no large lorries and only vans were required) and set up during the day. The circus show would start at 6pm until 8pm and consisted of 2 x 45 minutes with a break. The big top would come down the same evening by no later than 10pm and the troop would vacate the venue early the following morning normally, at 7.30am but this could be made later if desired to avoid any disturbance.

For security purposes the circus troupe had small caravan trailers that they sleep in and some individuals would need to stay on site overnight (as with the Funfair) and would need access to running water, electricity and a toilet. Though the organisers had indicated that they could provide their own welfare facility on site, it was possible that EDDC could work with them to keep the Port Royal toilets open for one night.

RESOLVED: That:

1. Permission be granted to Newton Poppleford Primary School PTFA to use The Ham as a venue to host a circus on Friday July 2023, running from 6pm to 8pm.
2. In line with the Town Council's Environmental policy single use plastic must not be used or sold at this event.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL