

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Pre-Budget Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held in the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House,
Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth
on Monday 17 October 2022 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8.04 pm

PART 'A'

73 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item	Type	Action Taken	Details
Cllr Louise Cole	77 Ham Community Garden and Riverside Walkway project	Personal	Remained in the meeting during discussion	Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub Director
Town Clerk	76 Annual Reports	Personal	Remained in the meeting during discussion	Member of Sidmouth Town Band

74 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

- The Chair reported that Members Town Council email addresses were now available for use and the Town Clerk would be contacting them shortly to activate them.
- Cllr Dent thanked and congratulated the Science Festival committee for a very successful range of events over the last two weeks and asked that a letter of thanks be sent from the Town Council.
- Cllr Dent reported that the Planning Working Group were holding site visits at Alexandria Industrial Estate and Fortescue commencing at 2pm on Tuesday 18 October. Debate after the site visits would be held at the Planning meeting on Wednesday 19 October starting at 11am.
- Cllr Dent reported that there would be an informal meeting of the Planning Working Group to enable a preliminary view of the forthcoming Local Plan. This zoom meeting was open to all Members of the Council and would be held at 6.30pm on Monday 24 October.

75 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

76 Annual Reports

Members were asked to receive and note the attached reports from supported organisations, Sidmouth Folk Festival, Sidmouth in Bloom, Sidmouth Town Band and Admiral Nurse Campaign.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Reports be noted.

77 Ham Community Garden and Riverside Walkway project

Councillor Cole gave an update on the progress of the Community Garden and Riverside Walkway projects which had been provisionally allocated funding from various other organisations. A Town Council match funding allocation had been included in the pre-budget to enable the projects to progress.

RESOLVED: That the Ham Community Garden and Riverside Walkway project report be noted.

78 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'

79 Budgets/Estimates

Councillor Turner, Member with Special Responsibility for Finance, presented the Pre-Budget report and asked Members for their comments.

RESOLVED: That the Pre-Budget schedules be used as a base for compilation of the final budget which would be considered and set in January 2023, prior to which a number of items would be further investigated in order to obtain more up to date figures Members had an expectation of a final budget increase of between 5% and 10%.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL