

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at St Francis Hall, Woolbrook, Sidmouth
on Monday 4 March 2024

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Stephen Blakeway Bernie Davis Stuart Hughes
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent Paul Dodds Chris Lockyear (Chair) John Nicholson Rachel Perram
Primley	Francetta Bridle Hilary Nelson (Vice Chair) Kevin Walker
Sidford	Mike Goodman
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow Edward Willis Fleming
Apologies:	Lorraine Brown, Louise Laybury, John Loudoun, Phil Weaver

The meeting started at 8.15pm and finished at 8.40pm

PART 'A'

125 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 5 February 2024 were signed as a true and accurate record.

126 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declaration of Interest received for items on the agenda.

127 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

- The Chair reported the sad news that former Councillor John Dyson had recently died. John Dyson had been a hardworking and respected Member of the Council from 2005 to 2019. He had been instrumental in helping to save the Manor Pavilion from closure, setting up and running the Sidmouth Hopper Bus and had been a long-term Member and Chair of the Parish Paths Partnership Committee.

A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect.

- The Chair would arrange for a discussion of the Town Council's priorities for the forthcoming year/s at a future meeting.
- Sidmouth Museum had extended an invitation to Members and their partners to attend an open afternoon at 2.30pm on Sunday 24 March.

128 Committee and 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 31 January and 14 February 2024.

RESOLVED: that the Planning Working Group minutes be noted and decisions agreed.

128.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Report

Councillor Nelson, Chair of the Tourism & Economy Committee, reported that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Wednesday 20 March.

128.3 Environment Committee

Councillor Barlow, Chair of the Environment Committee, presented the report of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 12 February 2024.

RESOLVED: that the Environment Committee minutes be noted and decisions agreed.

128.4 Council Resources Working Group

Nothing to report.

128.5 Youth Provision Working Group

Councillor Nelson, Chair of the Youth Provision Working Group, reported that the feasibility study into replacement of the current Youth Centre Building was ongoing and would be published in the next few weeks.

129 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

129.1 Finance Report

Councillor Lockyear presented the Finance Report for January 2024.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Report for January 2024 be noted.

129.2 Sidmouth Wellbeing and Health Action Team (WHAT)

Councillor Davis reported that the WHAT team were still needing to source other funding to maintain the services offered and had been running a campaign in the Sidmouth Herald. The WHAT team may have to stop the school based mentoring work.

RESOLVED: That the report on Sidmouth Wellbeing and Health Action Team funding be noted.

129.3 Sidmouth in Bloom

Councillor Nelson reported that Sidmouth in Bloom had a staff/volunteer problem and would need help with creating the portfolio, school liaison, fund raising and treasurer.

RESOLVED: That the Sidmouth in Bloom report be noted.

129.4 Sidmouth Consolidated Charities

Councillor Perram reported that progress had been made with the District Council who had now agreed that, where appropriate, flooring and appliances could be left in rental properties when the tenancy changed.

RESOLVED: That the Sidmouth Consolidated Charities report be noted.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL