

**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council**  
**held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,**  
**on Monday 7 August 2023 at 6.30pm**

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Bernie Davis
Sidmouth South	Kelvin Dent
	Chris Lockyear (Chair)
	Rachel Perram
Sidmouth East	Lorraine Brown
Primley	Hilary Nelson (Vice Chair)
Sidbury	John Loudoun
Sidford	Mike Goodman
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow
Apologies:	Stuart Hughes, Kevin Walker

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.15pm.

## **PART 'A'**

### **43 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 3 July 2023 were signed as a true and accurate record.

### **44 Declarations of Interest**

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

### **45 Public Open Question Time**

- Cllr Davis reported that there were electric scooters and bikes using the cycle lane in the Byes and she was concerned that they may be a danger to pedestrians. The Town Clerk would inform the District Council's Streetscene department who were responsible for management of the Byes and Cllr Nelson offered to inform the local Police Neighbourhood Team.
- Cllr Brown raised concerns about the signage at East Beach and that Sidmouth Lifeguards were having to ask members of the public to leave the beach. The Town Clerk would inform the District Council and ask them to review the wording of the signs to make the danger clearer.
- Cllr Perram reported that the condition and cleanliness of the toilets at Port Royal was unacceptable. District Councillor Goodman reported that he had arranged to meet with the responsible officer at the District Council and would report back to a future meeting.

### **46 Police Advocate Report**

Councillor Nelson reported that the latest ONS crime figures showed that the Devon & Cornwall Police Authority area had the lowest crime rate in England and Wales.

A new PCSO would be starting in early September which would relieve the pressure in the Neighbourhood Team.

Councillor Lockyear had taken part in the recent Operation Loki carried out in Sidmouth and had joined PC Tom Driver on patrol with the Sidmouth Neighbourhood Team.

**RESOLVED:** That the Police Advocate report be noted.

**47 Working Group Reports**

**47.1 Planning Working Group Reports**

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Working Group, presented the report of the Planning Working Group meeting held on Wednesday 28 June, 12 and 26 July 2023.

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

**47.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Report**

Councillor Nelson, Chair of the Tourism & Economy Committee, reported that the CMC project had recruited 12 Changemaker Champions who would act as exemplars of best practice for other businesses.

The Sidmouth School of Art had completed the project of turning the phone boxes in the Market Squares into mini museums.

**RESOLVED:** that the Tourism & Economy Committee report be noted.

**47.3 Environment Committee**

Councillor Barlow, Chair of the Environment Committee, presented the report of the Planning Working Group meeting held on Monday 10 July 2023.

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

**47.4 Council Resources Working Group**

Councillor Lockyear, Chair of the Council Resources Working Group reported that the next meeting would be held in September. The Chair and Vice Chair would present a proposal, including timetable, of how best to fill the current vacancies on the Town Council to the September Council meeting.

**47.5 Youth Provision Working Group**

Councillor Nelson, Chair of the Youth Provision Working Group, reported that, working in conjunction with Alison Haywood of the District Council, an Invitation to Tender document would be issued to create a Feasibility Study and Business Case for the possible reconstruction of the youth centre.

A TaFF had been set up to work on the creation of a Youth Council.

The final report and results from the Design West study would be reported in the local press on Friday 11 August.

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

**48 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities**

**48.1 Finance Report**

Councillor Lockyear presented the Finance Report for June 2023.

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

**48.2 Sidmouth Consolidated Charities**

Councillor Perram reported that it was expected that two Town Councillors would be members of the Sidmouth Consolidated Charities committee, although it was accepted that this would not be possible until there was a full contingent of Town Councillors.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL