

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 12 June 2023 at 6.30pm

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

Apologies:

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

PART 'A'

26 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 22 May 2023 were signed as a true and accurate record.

27 Declarations of Interest

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

28 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

- The Chair reported that there had recently been a number of events held in Sidmouth which had been successful with much positive feedback, he would write, on behalf of the Council, to congratulate the organisers of Sidmouth SeaFest, Sidmouth International Jazz & Blues Festival and Sidmouth Biodiversity Festival.
- The Chair invited Members to join in him in welcoming twinning visitors from Le Locle at a Civic reception to be held on Tuesday 20 June at 6.30pm at the Harbour Hotel.
- An informal meeting had been held between the Chair and Vice Chair of the Town Council and Sidmouth District Councillors to discuss how best to work together to support the town at both levels. Topics discussed included tourism, communication and planning. It had been agreed that the meetings would be held quarterly.

29 Police Advocate Report

Councillor Nelson, Devon and Cornwall Police Advocate, reported that she had attended a meeting with PC Kelly Tytherington to discuss current staffing issues. The Chair and Vice Chair would also be meeting with Superintendent Hart and Inspector Gray on 19 June.

RESOLVED: That the Police Advocate report be noted.

30 Working Group Reports

30.1 Planning Working Group Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Working Group, presented the report of the Planning Working Group meeting held on Wednesday 24 May 2023.

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

30.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Report

Councillor Nelson, Chair of the Tourism & Economy Committee, gave a brief update of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7 June.

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

30.3 Environment Committee

Councillor Barlow, Chair of the Environment Committee, reported that the planting of 14,000 trees was well underway and a new target for installing bird boxes throughout the valley would commence soon.

RESOLVED: that the Environment Committee report be noted.

30.4 Council Resources Working Group

Councillor Lockyear, Chair of the Council Resources Working Group, explained to new Members the purpose of the Council Resources Working Group.

RESOLVED: that the Council Resources Working Group report be noted.

30.5 Youth Provision Working Group

Councillor Nelson, Chair of the Youth Provision Working Group, reported that the annual review of the Young Devon services had taken place and the working group were happy with the current situation.

The working group had received the Design West report which would be discussed under agenda item 11.

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

31 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

31.1 Finance Report

Councillor Lockyear presented the Finance Report for April 2023.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Report for April 2023 be noted.

32 Results of Recent By-Elections

Members noted the results of nominations for the By Elections for 22 June:

- a) East Ward: There would be an election on 22 June 2023 and the Statement of Persons Nominated was attached.
- b) Sidford Ward: Mike Goodman and Louise Laybury were elected to the Town Council.

- c) West Ward: there were no candidates for the single vacancy and a new election would be held within 35 days of 22 June 2023.
- d) Members were asked to consider the following appointments to Committees and Working Groups:
Councillor Goodman to the Environment Committee.
Councillor Laybury to the Planning Working Group.
Councillor Barlow reported that he would have to step down from the Planning Working Group.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1) Members noted the results of nominations for the By Elections for 22 June.
- 2) Councillor Goodman be appointed to the Environment Committee.
- 3) Councillor Laybury be appointed to the Planning Working Group.

33 Young Persons Report

Councillor Nelson presented the report Sidmouth Now: A Vision and Draft Strategy For Young People In Sidmouth And The Sid Valley and recommendations from the Youth Provision Working Group and asked Members to consider the Next Steps list shown on the Executive Summary document.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Town Council accepts the Design West report and fully supports the Youth Provision Working Group in the continuation of the ongoing work to enhance Youth Provision in the Sid Valley.
- 2) Convene a stakeholder group made up of providers of services/activities to young people - initial invitees to be participants in the stakeholder consultations. First meeting on 20 September 2023 at 2 pm.
- 3) Set up a TAFF to examine the best model for a young people's forum on youth services and to consider YP's voice in Town Council decision making more generally, including terms of reference, composition of the forum, Young People's participation in Council and other groups, budget and financing structure.
- 4) Collaborate with EDDC in the commissioning of a feasibility study, funded by the UKSPF, to examine business models for future redevelopment of the youth centre.
- 5) Communicate the outcomes of the report and the YP survey with the public, press, stakeholders and Young People, with the intention of YP taking a leading role in designing a video/social media communication.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL