

**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council**  
**in its Capacity as Trustee**  
**held in the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth**  
**on Monday 2 October 2023**  
**on the rising of the Council Meeting**

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
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow
Apologies:	Lorraine Brown, Mike Goodman, Louise Laybury

The meeting started at 7.30pm and finished at 7.45pm.

## **PART 'A'**

The Council, when acting as Trustee to discuss agenda items placed before it, considers economic, social, environmental and equality impacts as a whole and in making its decisions, seeks to strike a balance between the positive and negative impacts on the community in the Sid Valley. When considering issues, Town Councillors exercise their individual judgment based on the evidence before them.

### **15 Minutes**

The minutes of the Trustee meetings held on Monday 7 August 2023 were signed as a true and accurate record.

### **16 Declarations of Interest**

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

### **17 Use of The Ham – Sidmouth Sailing Club – Sunday 5 November 2023**

Sidmouth Sailing Club were holding a junior race training session on Sunday 5 November 2023, and had requested permission to use a section of The Ham to rig boats in the morning and leave trolleys whilst in the water.

The winter race coaching session was being run by South West Youth Sailing Academy for sailors aged 10-18 and the uptake had been better than expected, with about 40 expressions of interest.

**RESOLVED:** That permission be granted to Sidmouth Sailing Club to use a section of The Ham to rig boats and leave trolleys during the junior race training session to be held on Sunday 5 November 2023.

**18 Proposed Replacement of Fish Shack at Fishermen’s Yard, The Ham, Sidmouth**

The following email had been received from Oliver Salter, Architectural Services:

“To the Sidmouth Town Council Trustees

I am writing as their agent on behalf of Sidmouth Trawlers who lease the fishermen’s yard at the Ham. They are seeking your permission to replace the dilapidated timber shed that is used primarily for special events with a permanent structure which is an extension to the main building. It will not affect the decorative wall facing the Ham other than a roof being supported by it as the remainder of the wall. With the other alterations planned at Port Royal this will tidy up the corner which is visible to anyone walking past. As with many businesses especially after covid they have to be creative to get back to where they were before and enhance what can be offered to customers.

I have attached a copy of the information submitted for planning permission and served on the council as owners.

Regards, Oliver Salter.”

The Chair reported that if Members agreed the replacement building then the Town Clerk would arrange for a revaluation of the whole area to ensure that appropriate rents were being charged by the Town Council.

The Vice Chair reported that the current lease did not include Permitted Use for the selling of hot food or fish and chips. The Town Clerk had written to Sidmouth Trawlers giving temporary permission when the timber shed had originally been installed. However, the lease would require an alteration if the shed was made permanent.

**RESOLVED:** That this item be deferred until late 2023/early 2024 to give time for the report of the TaFF of the Tourism & Economy Committee looking into the use of the Fishermen’s shed area.

*(The TaFF had been set up to consider potential concessions at both the Fisherman’s Sheds and the Ham as a whole, along with their benefits and disbenefits and would report to full Council at the end of the year whilst proposing Long Term objectives for the whole area.)*

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**CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**