

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth,
on Monday 6 January 2025 at 6.30pm

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

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 6.55pm.

PART 'A'

92 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 2 December 2024 were signed as a true and accurate record.

93 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received at this meeting.

94 Public Open Question Time

- Cllr Dodds asked how much the County Council had been allocated from the governments funding for repairing potholes. County Cllr Hughes replied that Devon County Council had been allocated £83m and that this was to be used for all road repairs, resurfacing etc.

95 Police Advocate Report

Cllr Nelson reported that there would be an in-person meeting held in Honiton on Wednesday 8 January, where she would report all the matters raised by Members at the December Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Police Advocate report be noted.

96 Committee/Working Group Reports

96.1 Planning Working Group and Committee Reports

Councillor Dent presented the reports of the Planning Working Group meeting held on Wednesday 4 December and the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18 December 2024.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Working Group and Planning Committee reports be noted and decisions agreed

96.2 Tourism and Economy Committee Report

Councillor Nelson presented the report of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11 December 2024.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism and Economy Committee report be noted.

96.3 Environment Committee Report

Councillors Blakeway and Dodds reported that a small working party had been set up which would meet with representatives from EDDC's Streetscene to discuss areas around Sidmouth that required additional cleansing.

In the meantime, if Members were aware of any unkempt areas in their Wards, they should forward information to Cllr Dodds who through the Town Clerk, was helping to coordinate the weeding and street cleaning work being carried out by the Town Council's contractor.

RESOLVED: That the Environment Committee report be noted and agreed.

96.4 Council Resources Working Group

There was nothing to report from the Council Resources Working Group.

96.5 Youth Provision Working Group

Councillor Nelson, Chair of the Youth Provision Working Group, reported that a Tender for Youth Services had been issued as a Press Release.

Young Devon had been the Town Council's service provider for 10 years.

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

97 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

97.1 Finance Report

Cllr Lockyear, Member with Special Responsibility for Finance, presented the Finance Report for November 2024.

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

97.2 Beach Management Plan

Cllr Lockyear reported that Steve Donnelly had been appointed as the District Council's Beach Management Project Manager.

97.3 CAPS Eco Hub

Cllr Davis reported that a schedule of topics had been drawn up for the pilot CAPS Eco Hub events which would be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, alternating between the TIC and Library.

98 Sidmouth Town Council Environment Policy

Members were asked to consider the adoption of the updated Town Council Environment Policy document which following adoption would be circulated to all Sidmouth Environment related groups via the Environment Committee.

RESOLVED: That subject to minor re-formatting, the updated Sidmouth Town Council Environment Policy document be adopted.

(Cllr Nicholson asked that his vote against adoption of the Environment Policy be noted in the minutes.)

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL