

**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 13 May 2024**

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

Apologies: John Nicholson, Rachel Perram

The meeting started at 8.05pm and finished at 8.15pm.

## **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.

### **1 Minutes**

The minutes of the Trustee meeting held on Monday 8 April 2024 were signed as a true and accurate record.

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

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

**3 Fishermen’s Sheds – Sidmouth Trawlers – Fish & Chip Trailer**

Members were asked to consider an email received from Sidmouth Trawlers requesting to continue to use space at the Fishermen’s Sheds area to trade using a trailer to sell fish and chips.

Members were reminded that trading was first considered at the Council’s Trustee meeting held on Monday 7 August 2023, when it was resolved that the benefits and disbenefits of a formal concession to permit the sale of fish and chips from the Fisherman’s Sheds area would be investigated by the Tourism and Economy Committee together with how the Fishermen’s sheds area could be managed and utilised in the future. This work would be part of the Tourism and Economy Committee’s programme for 2024.

The Town Council also approved the continuation of trading by Sidmouth Trawlers, selling fish and chips from its trailer, during the remainder of Folk Week 2023 and on one Friday a month from 5pm until 9pm for a period of up to six months.

It was made clear that no assumption should be made that the temporary permission period would be extended and/or renewed.

Members were asked to consider the request to continue to trade using the trailer in 2024 on the dates indicated.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- a) Sidmouth Trawlers be permitted to trade, selling fish and chips from its trailer from 5pm to 9pm, on the following 19 evenings, specific dates to be agreed with the Town Clerk:

May:	One Friday a month
June:	Two Fridays a month
July:	Two Fridays a month
August:	Folk week (Friday-Friday) and an extra Friday in the month.
September:	Two Fridays a month
October:	One Friday a month
November:	One Friday a month
December:	One Friday a month

- b) A suitable rental charge plus VAT would be made.
- c) The trailer must be removed from site between the trading dates.
- d) There must be no assumption that this permission period would be further extended and/or renewed.

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**CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**