

**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council**  
**in its Capacity as Trustee**  
**held in the Sidmouth Guide HQ, Lawn Vista, Sidmouth**  
**on Monday 7 April 2025**

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Stephen Blakeway
	Bernie Davis
Sidmouth South	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	Joanne Dodds
	Mike Goodman
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow
	Edward Willis Fleming
Apologies:	Kelvin Dent, Stuart Hughes

The meeting started at 9.00pm and finished at 9.05pm.

**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.

**32 Minutes**

The minutes of the Trustee meeting held on Monday 3 March 2025 were signed as a true and accurate record.

**33 Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of Interest were received at this meeting.

**34 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair**

- The Chair reminded Members that an Informal Meeting would be held at 6.30pm on Monday 28 April when Council and Committee membership would be considered, in addition to the forthcoming Local Government Reorganisation.
- South West Water would be cleaning the drainage screens at The Ham week commencing 28 April

**35 Request to use The Ham – Scorpion Sailing Open – Friday 9 to Sunday 11 May 2025**

Sidmouth Water Sports Hub had requested to use The Ham for a Scorpion Sailing Open on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 May 2025.

Members were advised at the meeting that this request had subsequently been withdrawn.

**RESOLVED:** That the withdrawal of the request from Sidmouth Water Sports Hub be noted.

**36 Ratification of Permission granted by Chair and Vice Chair of the Council**

Members were asked to note that, due to time constraints and the late notice, the Chair and Vice Chair, in consultation with the Town Clerk, had given permission to Sidmouth Running Club for the erection of a small gazebo on The Ham during the 'Exe to Axe' event held on Sunday 6 April 2025 as in 2024.

The event had been held each year and Members had granted the same permission for the 2024 event; the Sidmouth Running Club had been advised however, that in future they must request permission with time available for the matter to be considered by the Trustee in advance of the event.

**RESOLVED:** That the permission granted to Sidmouth Running Club for the erection of a small gazebo on The Ham during the 'Exe to Axe' event be noted and ratified.

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**CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**