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To: All Members of the Town Council
Town Clerk

27 May 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
in its Capacity as Trustee
Monday 1 June 2026
on the rising of the Council Meeting**

You are hereby summoned to attend the above meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth.

It is proposed that the matters set out on the agenda below will be considered at the meeting and resolution or resolutions passed as the Council considers appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Holland', written over a horizontal line.

Christopher E Holland
Town Clerk

AGENDA

PART 'A'

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| 1 | Apologies
To receive any apologies for absence. | |
| 2 | Minutes
To confirm the minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on Monday 13 April 2026. | 3-4 |
| 3 | Declaration of Interest
To receive any Members' declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.
Note: You must also declare the nature of any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests in an item whenever it becomes apparent that you have an interest in the business being considered. | |

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| 4 | Matters of Urgency
To consider any items that in the opinion of the Chair should be dealt with as matters of urgency because of special circumstances. (Note: such circumstances need to be recorded in the minutes) | |
| 5 | Exclusion of the public
To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There is no items which the Town Clerk recommends should be dealt with in this way. | |
| 6 | Sauna Proposal for Sidmouth
Members are asked to consider the proposal from Jurassic Saunas for a mobile sauna to be located at the southernmost edge of the Ham | 5 |

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
in its Capacity as Trustee
held at Sidbury Village Hall, Sidbury
on Monday 13 April 2026

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

The meeting started at 8.55pm and finished at 9.00pm.

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.

21 Minutes

The minutes of the Trustee meeting held on Monday 12 January 2026 were signed as a true and accurate record.

22 Declarations of Interest

No declaration of interest

23 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

No matters of urgency were received

24 Ratification of decision made under Delegated Authority

Members were asked to note that, using his delegated authority, the Town Clerk had, in consultation with the Salcombe Regis Ward Members, given permission for Rob Speers to use Salcombe Regis Recreation Field on Thursday 28 May 2026 for the annual County Fair.

Resolved that the permission for Rob Speers to use Salcombe Regis Recreation Field on Thursday 28 May 2026 for the annual County Fair be ratified and agreed.

25 Fisherman’s Sheds – Sidmouth Trawlers – Fish and Chip Trailer

Members were asked to consider the proposed dates from Sidmouth Trawlers to continue using a trailer to sell their fish and chips.

RESOLVED 1) that subject to conditions set out in 2 – 5 below, temporary permission be extended to Sidmouth Trawlers to temporarily trade from their Fish and Chips van, on the following dates;

- 24th April
- 8th May
- 22nd May
- 5th June
- 26th June
- 3rd July
- 24th July
- Folk Festival - 31st-7th August
- 11th September
- 25th September
- 23rd October
- 27th November
- 18th December

These dates are all provisional with the right to terminate at any time.

- 2) the trailer may be parked in the yard on the days mentioned in point (1) of this resolution but must be removed from the site on all other days.
- 3) Sidmouth Trawlers will use best endeavours to obtain the requisite permissions for a permanent trading solution as part of the shop
- 4) Sidmouth Trawlers must not cause any impediment or nuisance to other users of the Fishermen’s yard area and access to all sheds must be maintained at all times.
- 5) If the conditions set out in 1,2, 3 and 4 above are breached by Sidmouth Trawlers, the Trustee will immediately re-examine the permission, which may be revoked at any time by the Trustee. In the event that any of the conditions of this permission are breached, further permission is unlikely to be extended.
- 6) that the lease between Sidmouth Trawlers and the Trustee be reviewed as part of the review of activities at the Ham, to take account of any permanent change to trading arrangements.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

To whom it may concern at Sidmouth Town Council,

We are contacting you in regard to the possibility of Jurassic Saunas renting one of your spaces to hopefully use as a site for a mobile sauna. The area we are interested in is currently being used as a temporary canteen/site office for the building works being carried out at the Ham. We have attached some photos of the area in its current state. We have been working alongside members of Sidmouth town council and EDDC for the past year, and through lots of back and forth and multiple site visits, we have come to the conclusion, alongside EDDC that it is going to be very hard, if not impossible for East Devon, to come to an agreement that any of the potential sites we originally proposed would be suitable. It has now come to our attention that this site, is owned and managed by Sidmouth Town council. We have been told by members of EDDC, that the path of least resistance may be to work directly alongside the local council if we could find a possible site. We believe this area would be suitable for multiple reasons; it is slightly raised at the rear with a prominent boundary so we could make it aesthetically pleasing but also private enough not to offend the local backdrop or visitors. It has got existing electric, water and drainage connections. It also has coastal views and is roughly a 60 second walk to use the slipway to enter the sea when suitable for sea swimming. It is tucked back alongside other features like the fishing boats/toilet building/the electricity unit and the Rockfish, and with this we believe that working alongside Sidmouth Town Council, we can custom build a mobile sauna facility that would blend in with its surroundings. It has easy access to the Ham West car park, the play park for parents that are sharing sauna use, and also the swimming pool is within walking distance.

At Jurassic Saunas we pride ourselves on bringing the highest standards of sauna use, and facilities to our customers, whether this be the quality of the build of the sauna, the standard of our staff health and safety training and the location of the sauna itself.

We are a local family, currently living in Seaton, we have strong ties to the coastal area as Rob used to be a commercial fisherman in the Lyme Bay. He has a very strong understanding of the tides and how important sea safety is. Rob had the opportunity to retrain a few years ago as a HETAS engineer, and for the past 8 years we have been running Jurassic Chimney Services, installing and maintaining wood burners and chimneys and other associated works in the local area. This has given him extensive knowledge of the safe and legal requirements of the installation of wood burners both in private and commercial homes and businesses.

If we can work alongside Sidmouth Town Council we would be willing to make a large investment into the construction of the sauna, to make sure that it meets the councils requirements. We also believe that a ground rent of around XXXXX per calendar month could be achieved. We know that the sauna would be very popular in Sidmouth as we already have a large sauna community in Branscombe, and a lot of customers have expressed interest in having a sauna available in Sidmouth due to the easier access and the facilities that the town can provide.

I have attached a photo of our sauna at Branscombe for the council to look at if they haven't already seen it on Branscombe beach. The build of the sauna can be modified easily to suit specific sites, in regard to windows/colour/materials/ size and shape.

With the ever increasing popularity of saunas and the associated health benefits, we believe this would be a great asset for Sidmouth and the surrounding areas. If this is something that the council would consider, we would be happy to answer any more in depth questions you may have. We look forward to hearing from you, thank you for your time.

Kind Regards,