

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF**  
**SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON**  
**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2008**  
**AT 6.30PM**  
**WOOLCOMBE HOUSE**

Members Present:

Sidmouth North	Councillor Mrs. S. Carr Councillor S. Hughes Councillor P. Sullivan	(Vice-Chairman)
Sidmouth South	Councillor C. Gibbings Councillor Mrs. M. Jolly	
Sidmouth East	Councillor S.P. Pollentine Councillor Mrs. F. Newth	
Sidmouth West	Councillor Mrs. A.E. Liverton Councillor G.K. Liverton Councillor C.H. Wale	
Primley	Councillor T.J. Cox Councillor J. Turner	(Chairman)
Sidford	Councillor S.J. Brokenshire Councillor I.J. McKenzie-Edwards	
Sidbury	Councillor Mrs. C.E. Drew Councillor J.W. Hollick	
Salcombe Regis	Councillor A.W.J. Reed	

**08:06/25**      **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dyson and Kelly

**08:06/26**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hughes declared a Personal Interest as he had donated £400 from his DCC locality budget to pay the Vision Group's printing costs.

**08:06/27**      **VISION FOR SIDMOUTH**

- **Introduction**

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Tom Cox gave the attached introduction outlining the need for the meeting following the Vision Groups presentation made to the Council meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008

- **The Port Royal Declaration**

Members were asked to consider the value of the five point declaration and whether the council was prepared to add its endorsement to it.

Following much discussion and debate it was **RESOLVED** that much good work had been done by the Vision Group, but the Port Royal Declaration could not be endorsed by Sidmouth Town Council. Primarily because of the second statement in item one *“it would not be sold off for private residential development”* and the whole of item three *“The development of the site would result in a reasonable financial outcome for the District Council and would underpin the local economy in a sustainable way”*.

Concern was expressed by many of the Members as to whether there was a need for a Declaration of this type.

- **The Action Plan**

Members were asked to consider the plan and the 46 issues it lists.

The Chairman guided Members through the 46 issues in the Action Plan and notes were taken. It was **RESOLVED** that a meeting be arranged with the Vision Group, attended by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, former Chairman of the Council, County Councillor Hughes and the Town Clerk when the meeting notes would be made available and the rationale behind the comments on the Action Plan explained.

The Council **RESOLVED** that the Vision Group should be commended for admirably fulfilling its original brief, that much work and effort had been focussed over a sustained period and now was the time to progress forward.

The Town Council agreed with most of the thoughts behind most of the items contained in the Action Plan, three quarters of which are being done. It was felt that the Vision Group should now come up with something specific and practical. A suggestion was made that perhaps a Keep Sidmouth Tidy Group on the lines of the group in Exmouth might be considered or perhaps Transitional Towns and a Design Statement could also be something for the Vision Group to focus on.

It was **RESOLVED** that a member of the Vision Group should be invited to join the Local Business Working Party and the Vision Group should always maintain a conduit to the Town Council through the Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL