

MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF
SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL'S
ESTIMATES AND GRANTS MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 26TH JANUARY 2009
AT 6.30P.M.
WOOLCOMBE HOUSE
SIDMOUTH, DEVON

Members Present:

Sidmouth North Councillor S. Hughes
 Councillor P. Sullivan (Vice-Chairman)

Sidmouth South Councillor J.G.T. Dyson
 Councillor C.F.A. Gibbings
 Councillor Mrs. M. Jolly

Sidmouth East Councillor S.P. Pollentine

Sidmouth West Councillor Mrs. A.E. Liverton
 Councillor G.K. Liverton
 Councillor C.H. Wale

Primley Councillor T.J. Cox (Chairman)
 Councillor J. Turner

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

The Chairman requested that the items in Part 'B' be brought forward in order that Grant applications and recommendations from the Personnel Committee could be established prior to the budget being agreed.

09:01/29 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. L.W.A. Kelly and Mrs. F.I. Newth.

09:01/30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received as follows:

09:01/31 Councillor G.K. Liverton (Personal) – District Council Portfolio Holder

09:01/33 Grants as follows:

Apple Tree Pre-School – Cllr Hughes – Family member is employee

Apple Tree Pre-School – Cllr Wale – Family member is employee

Sidford Playgroup – Cllr McKenzie-Edwards – Member of Sidford Social Club

Sidmouth Musical Comedy Society – Cllr Wale – Member of Society

HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust – Cllr Wale – Family member accompanying the trip

The Rock Café – Cllr Sullivan – Knows the applicant

Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet & Hockey Club – Cllr Cox – Cricket club member

09:01/31 TRANSFER OF ASSETS

Councillor Turner presented the proposal requesting that the Council reconsider its decision to apply for the transfer of Sidford Recreation Fields; this had been signed by six members of the Council and attached to the agenda.

RESOLVED: (i) That Sidmouth Town Council would apply to the District Council for the transfer of:

- Sidmouth Golf Course and Club House
- Long Park (including the Play Area)
- Skateboard Park at Manstone

(ii) That Sidmouth Town Council would not apply to the District Council for the transfer of:

- Recreation Fields at Sidford

PART 'B'

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960
the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting due to the
confidential nature of its contents.

*Councillor Turner presented a summary of significant changes
and new items to the basic budget.*

09:01/33 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members were asked to consider Grant allocation for the financial year 2009/2010.

RESOLVED: That General Grants be allocated to organisations at a total of £4,050 and Grants from the Woolley Bequest at a total of £1,000; as per the attached schedule.

Councillor Wale left the meeting prior to the next item.

Councillor Turner presented a schedule of additional budget items for consideration.

09:01/34 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Personnel Committee was held on Thursday 15th January when it was resolved to recommend the following to the Council :-

- (1) Appraisals for the Town Council's staff should in future be undertaken by their line Manager (eg the Town Clerk) If an appraisal was required for the Town Clerk then this should be undertaken by South West Regional Employers.
- (2) The report submitted by the Town Clerk in respect of revised job descriptions and spinal column point alterations be accepted.
- (3) The appointment of a Deputy Clerk be deferred awaiting the results of the Boundary Committee Review.

RESOLVED: That the three recommendations from the Personnel Committee be noted and agreed.

There being no further items in Part B – Standing Orders were reinstated

09:01/32 PROPOSED ESTIMATES 2009/2010

Councillor Turner, Member with Special Responsibility for Finance, presented the report of proposed estimates for 2009/2010 (as attached).

RESOLVED: (i) That Councillor Turner, the Town Clerk and Mrs. Hall be thanked for their work in compiling the report.

(ii) That the proposed estimates for 2009/2010 be agreed (as attached).

(iii) That the third instalment of the Kennaway House grant be given from the Woolley Bequest.

(iv) That the following budget figures be agreed:

- Basic budget £265,487 Band D £38.13 Increase 1.5%
- EDDC Transfers £15,995 Band D £2.30 Increase 6.1%
- Esplanade Shelter £12,000 Band D £1.72 Increase 4.6%

(v) That the total Town Council precept for 2009/2010 be agreed at £293,482; approximately £42.15 Parish Tax at Council Tax Band 'D'.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL