

MINUTES
FOR THE
MEETING OF
SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2012
AT 6.30 PM
WOOLCOMBE HOUSE
SIDMOUTH, DEVON

Members Present:

Sidmouth North	Councillor S. Hughes Councillor Ms. D. Manley	(Chairman)
Sidmouth South	Councillor Mrs. M. Baldwin Councillor J.G.T. Dyson Councillor Mrs. M. Jolly	
Sidmouth East	Councillor Mrs. F.I. Newth Councillor S.P. Pollentine	
Sidmouth West	Councillor Mrs. A.E. Liverton Councillor G.K. Liverton Councillor C.H. Wale	
Primley	Councillor D. Addis Councillor J. Turner	
Sidford	Councillor S.J. Brokenshire Councillor I.J. McKenzie-Edwards	(Vice-Chairman)
Sidbury	Councillor Mrs. C.E. Drew Councillor J.W. Hollick	
Salcombe Regis	Councillor I. Barlow Councillor D.S. Barratt	

12:01/1 PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Alistair McKenna.

12:01/2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P. Sullivan and Ms. Manley would arrive late to the meeting.

12:01/3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 5th December 2011 were signed as a true and accurate record.

12:01/4 MATTERS OF URGENCY

There were no matters of urgency brought forward by the Chairman.

The Chairman asked that two items be taken in Part B; item 12:01/11 Sidmouth Folk Week and an additional item 12:01/24 regarding Staff Issues.

12:01/5

Standing Orders were suspended for
PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

- **Councillor Addis to Chairman & Members of East Devon District Council**
Could the Chairman and Members of East Devon District Council please ensure that in future any changes in the status of that Council are communicated to this Council? It seems that the Chief Executive briefed the Chamber of Commerce, an unelected body, on the future plans and arrangements for the decision whether to vacate their present Headquarters in Sidmouth. It would be more fitting if this elected body were consulted officially and not to have to read of the proposals in the local press.
 - The Chairman agreed that the Town Council should be consulted on these matters.

There being no further questions Standing Orders were reinstated

12:01/6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received as follows:

12:01/17 Cllr Dyson – Folk Week Director

12:01/19 Cllr Mrs. Newth – Member of the Locality Health Care Team

12:01/7 MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

- The Chairman's diary, as attached, was tabled for Members information.
- The Chairman reported that a thank you letter had been received from the Parish Church Patronage Fund.
- The Chairman reported that an invitation had been received from the Friends of The Byes for volunteers to join them in the planting of the Community Orchard on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout January from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

The Chairman reported the death of former Town Councillor Hugh O'Donnell and one minutes silence was held as a mark of respect.

12:01/8 POLICE REPORT

As PC James Tyrell was unable to attend the meeting the Town Clerk read the December Police Report.

12:01/9 COMMITTEE/WORKING PARTY REPORTS

12:01/9.1 Planning Committee Reports

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Hollick presented the reports of the Planning Committee meetings held on Wednesdays 30th November and 14th December 2011.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee reports be noted and agreed.

12:01/10 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

12:01/10.1 Finance Report

The Member with Special Responsibility for Finance, Councillor Turner, presented the Finance Report for November and the Interim Finance Report for December 2011.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Reports be noted and agreed.

Councillor Ms. Manley arrived at the meeting prior to the following item.

12:01/10.2 Sidmouth Youth Council

Councillor Mrs. Liverton reported that the Youth Council intended to hold a 'sleep-out' on 16th March 2012 in aid of the Night Stop charity. This event would have adult supervision and The Arches would be open for use of the toilet facilities. The Youth Council asked permission from the Town Council to sleep on the paved area outside The Arches throughout that night. No objections were raised to this request.

Item 12:01/11 had been moved to Part B for discussion.

12:01/12 EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLAN 2011-15

A copy of EDDC's Council Plan for 2011-15 had been sent to the Town Council in advance of their wider consultation throughout December and January. Members were emailed this in November. Comments were requested for feed back into Cabinet by mid-January 2012. At the December Council meeting it was resolved to form a working party to consider this document and Councillor McKenzie-Edwards read out the report from the working party.

RESOLVED: That (i) the working party report be sent to the District Council as the Town Council's response to this consultation.

(ii) The District Council's Deputy Chief Executive, Richard Cohen, be invited to attend the March Town Council meeting.

12:01/13 EAST DEVON CONSULTATION ON SERVICE DELIVERY

East Devon District Council was consulting the public on the way it proposed to deliver services over the next four years and a press release was issued in early December. Members were emailed the information on the 5th December, 2011. The deadline for consultation was the 13th January 2012.

RESOLVED: That a working party be set up of Councillors Addis, Mrs. Baldwin, Dyson, Hollick, Mrs. Jolly and McKenzie-Edwards to respond to this consultation document.

12:01/14 BAY TREE AT GLEN ISLA TERRACE

Councillor Mrs Newth had been approached by residents of Glen Isla Terrace requesting that attention be given to the Bay Tree in The Ham which was blocking light to property. Following consultation with the Chairman it was agreed to instruct the District Council to undertake this work as soon as possible at a quoted cost of £111. It was understood that pollarding last took place about 5 years ago.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

12:01/15 DEVON'S DISTINCTIVE HEDGES

Devon County Council had produced a poster illustrating and describing some of the distinctive hedge types which were found across Devon. Unfortunately the poster was too large to display in the notice board at Woolcombe House, but was available for Members to see at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the poster be displayed in the pre-planning room.

12:01/16 FLORAL PLANTERS & TOWN ENTRY BEDS

As agreed at the December meeting of the Council a letter was sent to Boyce & Co thanking them for the excellent displays at the town entrances during 2011 and of course the floral planters throughout the town. It was reported earlier that there was an expected overspend of £2,234.40, but this had proved not to be as much as anticipated and was expected to be £1,598.20.

Boyce & Co had been asked to quote again for 2012 (to be reported at the budget meeting on the 23rd January) it was assumed that the Council would want the consistency of contractor whilst Sidmouth was representing the South West in the UK Finals. If a new contractor was to be considered for 2013 then work on this would need to start as soon as possible.

Councillor Hollick gave a verbal report regarding the former committee of Sidmouth in Bloom.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and agreed.

12:01/17 STREET COLLECTIONS 2012

Attached to the agenda was a copy of the list of Street Collections to be carried out in Sidmouth during 2012.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

12:01/18 PINK LADIES DAY INVITATION

Enclosed with the agenda was an invitation for Members to attend a Pink Ladies Day to be held on Sunday 15th January from 2pm to 6pm at Kennaway House. Funds raised would go to the charities Coppafeel, Force and The Willow Foundation.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

12:01/19 NORTHERN DEVON HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST

Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust was applying to become an NHS Foundation Trust and as the only provider of acute services in Northern Devon it had strong clinical networks with the Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust. A three month consultation process had been launched and feedback was valued from town and parish councils and individuals. Consultation documents were available in the office or could be accessed online at www.northdevonhealth.nhs.uk/ft.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be sent:

1. The number of East Devon representatives on the Board of Governors be increased to 5 to reflect the geographical size of the area and its demography. It was hoped that at least one of the five representing East Devon would come from Sidmouth.
2. Co-ordinated care arrangements with the Royal Devon & Exeter Trust need to be clearly and fully developed.
3. The Trust needs to ensure that the well-supported community hospitals, like that at Sidmouth, are fully integrated and valued within its arrangement. The Council strongly emphasised the importance of the community hospitals and wanted to see positive steps being taken by the Trust to ensure they did not miss out as a result of the re-structure. The hospitals and their services needed to be protected for the benefit of the local population.
4. Limit the cost of changing the arrangements and structures to avoid drawing funding away from front line services.
5. Take steps to increase mental health facilities, with specific emphasis on dementia, and acute care provision,
6. Make sure that the proposed governance arrangements are genuine public consultations to improve services provided and not just a public relations exercise.

12:01/20 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT GROUP

Members were invited to propose items for the next meeting of the Traffic Management Group.

RESOLVED: That the following items be added to the next agenda of the Traffic Management Group:

- Cllr. Liverton – one way system from Blackmore Drive to All Saints roundabout.
- Cllr. Addis – Crossing at The Mocha needs to be repainted
- Cllr. Mrs. Jolly – Dangerous parking in Alexandria Road
- Cllr. Mrs. Baldwin – Slow sign on road at Peak Hill needs to be repainted.
- Cllr. Brokenshire – Fry's Lane during road works intolerable for residents

12:01/21 ROAD CLOSURES & TRAFFIC INFORMATION

Notification had been received of the following road closures:-

- Core Hill Road, Sidmouth – Monday 30th January to Wednesday 1st February 2012 to enable drainage works.
- Road past Hatway Cottage Farm, Sidbury – Monday 6th to Tuesday 7th February 2012 to enable drainage works.
- Peaslands Road, Sidmouth – Thursday 22nd to Monday 26th March 2012 to enable South West Water to carry out essential sewer works.
- York Street, Sidmouth – Thursday 22nd to Wednesday 28th March 2012 to enable South West Water to carry out essential sewer works.
- Lower Brook Meadow, Sidmouth – Friday 16th to Tuesday 20th March 2012 to enable resurfacing work.
- Windsor Mead, Sidmouth – Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd March 2012 to enable resurfacing work.
- Ford crossing between Milford Road and Mill Street, Sidmouth – Monday 27th February to Friday 23rd March 2012 to enable repairs to the ford.

RESOLVED: That these be noted.

12:01/22 DOCUMENTS AND PERIODICALS

The following had been received and were available in the office:-

- Devon Association of Local Councils – DALC Newsletter Jan/Feb 2012
- Campaign to Protect Rural England – Planning explained
- Travel GBI – December 2011
- Community Council of Devon – Village Green Winter 2011
- South Western Ambulance Service – TwentyfourSeven Edition 14

RESOLVED: That these be noted.

TRUSTEE MATTERS

12:01/23 THE HAM

A letter had been received from Sidmouth Sailing Club to request permission to use The Ham for boat parking during the following 2012 events:

- 26th and 27th May – Scorpion Open
- 7th and 8th July – Mirror Open & South West Travellers
- 29th July – Topper Open
- 9th September – Laser Open & South West Grand Prix

In addition the Sailing Club would be hosting the 2013 Scorpion National Championships and requested permission to use The Ham for boat parking from 17th to 23rd August 2013.

It was confirmed that the use would be restricted to boat and trailer parking only and that no vehicles would be allowed access to the area.

RESOLVED: That all the programmed dates for 2012 were agreed, with the exception of 29th July 2012 which was not available as the marquee for the Folk Week productions would already be in position. The dates outlined for 2013 for the Scorpion National Championships were also discussed and agreed.

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.

12:01/11 SIDMOUTH FOLK WEEK

John Braithwaite and John Radford attended the meeting to make a report on Sidmouth Folk Week.

RESOLVED: That up to a maximum of £5,000 be granted for 2012; specifically to promote Social Dance at Stowford Rise Community Centre. It will be essential that Sidmouth Town Council's involvement be well advertised.

12:01/24 STAFF ISSUES

Members were asked to consider a recipient for a Sidmouth Plaque.

RESOLVED: That the proposed recipient of a Sidmouth Plaque be agreed and this would be presented at the February meeting.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL