

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council
held on Monday 4 January 2021 at 6.30pm

(Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the Town Council met virtually
as authorised by the Regulations set out in Clause 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020.)

Ward	Councillors Present:
Sidmouth North	Charissa Evans
	Stuart Hughes
	Dawn Manley
	Jenny Ware
Sidmouth South	Denise Bickley
	Kelvin Dent
	Chris Lockyear (Vice Chair)
Sidmouth West	Louise Cole
Primley	Deirdre Hounsom
	Emma Murdoch
	Jeff Turner
Sidford	Jack Brokenshire
	Marianne Rixson
Sidbury	John Loudoun
Salcombe Regis	Ian Barlow (Chair)
Apologies:	none

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 8pm.

PART 'A'

192 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 7 December 2020 were signed as a true and accurate record.

193 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received for items on this agenda.

194 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

The Chair reported that having spoken to Di Fuller of Sid Valley HELP they were confident that they currently had sufficient resources to support the elderly and others needing additional support during the forthcoming Covid Lockdown restrictions.

195 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED: that the classification given to the documents to be submitted to the Council, be confirmed, and that the reports relating to exempt information, be dealt with under Part B.

196 Police Report

PC Rob Clatworthy presented the December 2020 Police Report.

RESOLVED: That the Police report be noted.

197 Committee/Working Group Reports

197.1 Planning Committee Reports

Councillor Dent, Chair of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Planning Committee meetings held on 2 and 16 December 2020.

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

197.2 Tourism & Economy Committee Report

Councillor Cole, Chair of the Tourism & Economy Committee, presented the report of the Tourism & Economy Committee meeting held on Monday 14 December.

RESOLVED: That the Tourism & Economy Committee report be noted.

197.3 Council Resources Review Working Group Report

Councillor Barlow, Chair of the Council Resources Working Group reported that an item would be discussed in Part B which was a recommendation from the Council Resources Review Working Group.

RESOLVED: That the Council Resources Working Group report be noted.

197.4 Live Sidmouth Website Working Group

Councillor Evans reported that the new website was now live and thanked partner company Zonkey and especially staff members Adele Salter and Liz Palmer for their hard work to transfer all the data onto the new website. As the site progressed a Facebook Council news site would be rolled out including automatic tagging and widgets to publicise stories and events.

RESOLVED: That Sidmouth Website Working Group report be noted.

197.5 Stowford Community Centre CIC

The Chair reported that the Stowford Community Centre CIC were looking for additional directors and committee members and asked Members to inform the Town Clerk if they knew of anyone who may be interested.

RESOLVED: That Stowford Community Centre CIC report be noted.

198 Reports from Members with Special Responsibilities

198.1 Finance Report

Councillor Lockyear presented the Finance Report for November 2020.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Report for November 2020 be noted and agreed.

198.2 Beach Management Plan Report

Councillor Lockyear gave an update from the latest meeting of the Beach Management Plan Committee:

- Beach Splash Wall – EDDC were being encouraged to follow a Managed Adaptive Approach, where new foundations could be installed early in the process that would enable a higher wall to be built, if necessary, in future years. This would be subject to planning permission and public consultation.
- East Beach Cliff Erosion – the Plymouth University study showed huge acceleration of the cliff erosion, but this was thought not to be an accurate modelling report. The Beach Management Plan committee were awaiting a statement from the District Council on their own consultant data.
- Beach Recharge and Replenishment – the District Council were currently not undertaking this work. It had been suggested that as an alternative, Geo

Tubes could be placed out to sea which would reduce the beach being washed away.

- EDDC Project Governance – this was currently under review and it was anticipated that given new governance there would be increased public communication in future.

Councillor Lockyear would give an additional report to the March Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Beach Management Plan report be noted.

199 Devon County Council (East Devon HATOC) (Traffic Regulation)

Amendment Order ENV 5806

Members were asked to consider the draft Traffic Orders and Regulations being consulted on by Devon County Council and comment where appropriate if desired. The deadline for comments was 15 January 2021.

RESOLVED: That with further discussion between DCC Councillor Hughes and Ward Members, the following amendments may be put forward for further consultation:

- ENV5806/028 Water Lane – to consider creating resident parking spaces.
- ENV5806/021 Manstone Avenue – to consider creating further disabled parking spaces in Ashley Crescent.
- ENV5806/017 Balfours – to consider implementing limited timed parking restrictions in Balfours instead of the proposed No Waiting at any Time; this would enable parents to drop off and pick-up school children.

200 Provisional List of Council and Committee Meeting dates

Members were asked to note the list of Council meeting dates to cover the period January 2020 to May 2021. Due to ongoing Government restrictions, during the Covid-19 pandemic, all Council and Committee meetings would continue to be held via Zoom until further notice.

RESOLVED: That the provisional list of Council and Committee meeting dates be noted.

201 Exclusion of the Public and Press

RESOLVED: That 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.

PART 'B'

202 Seafrost Amenity Building

The Chair gave a verbal report and asked Members to consider a recommendation from the Resources Working Group on the future use of the Interpretation Centre.

RESOLVED: That the Resources Working Group be recommended to further investigate the opportunity for alternative suggestions for possible uses for the Interpretation Centre; this should enable a blended/hybrid approach including possible commercialisation alongside potential usage as a seasonal information outpost for visitor information. A criterion of requirements would be drawn up and discussed at a future Council meeting.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL