

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Enforcement Sub Committee held at Council Chamber, Blackdown House, Honiton on 2 April 2025

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The meeting started at 12.00 pm and ended at 12.21 pm

35 Minutes of the previous meetings held on 29 January and 12 February 2025

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 29 January and 12 February 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

36 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

37 Matters of urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

38 Confidential/exempt items

There were no confidential or exempt items.

39 Application for a Street Collection Permit - Sidmouth

The purpose of the item was to determine an application under the Police, Factories etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 for a Street Collection Permit to permit a collection outside the terms of the Council's policy.

The Chair introduced the members of the Sub Committee and the officers in attendance.

The applicant, Mr Rafferty for the Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub CIC, was present.

The Legal Advisor, Giles Salter, outlined the procedure to be followed.

The Licensing Manager, Phillippa Norsworthy, presented the report which outlined the application for multiple street collections across a number of dates on Saturdays between 7th June and 27th September 2025 to be held at Millennium Walk, Sidmouth. A total of fifteen dates had been applied for, which was an increase of five collection dates from 2024.

It was noted that the applicant had submitted the required return for 2024. One other non-related application for a street collection in Sidmouth town centre had been applied for since the report had been published. This would not affect, or be affected by, the application under consideration.

There were no questions from Members or from the applicant for the Licensing Manager.

The applicant, Mr Rafferty, advised the Sub Committee that the primary reasons for the application were to raise awareness, provide information and gather support for the installation of a disabled ramp at Chit Rocks on Sidmouth beach. The project was included as part of the larger beach management scheme for Sidmouth for economies of scale.

The application sought more collection dates than in 2024 as bad weather had meant that some collection dates had not gone ahead. The current application took into account that some dates might also be lost in the coming year.

In response to questions from Members, the applicant advised that the organisers had been very pleased with the support they had received in 2024. The multiple collection dates had kept the project in the public's awareness. The application had excluded the dates during Sidmouth Folk Week, however, the applicant was now minded to include 2nd and 9th August in the application. The Sub Committee agreed to consider the additional dates as part of the application.

The Chair thanked the applicant for attending and advised that the Sub Committee would retire to make its decision which would be notified within five working days.

The applicant left the meeting.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

K Bloxham (Chair)
T Dumper (Vice-Chair)
R Jefferies

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

Officers in attendance:

Sarah Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer
Phillippa Norsworthy, Licensing Manager
Giles Salter, Solicitor

Councillor apologies:

O Davey

Chair

Date: