

**TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Community Engagements Committee 2016

Minutes of the Community Engagements Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April in the Community Centre at 6.45pm.

<p><b>Attended:</b> Cllrs C Kemp (Chair CK), B Pratt (BP), S Slater (SS), A Dawson (AD), R Gregory (RG), S Fell (SF), M Gabriello (MG), L Swinyard-Jordan (LSJ) and Admin G Hopper (GH)</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Marc Read (MR) – CEM, Wiltshire Council, Jessica Thimbleby (JT) – Wiltshire Wildlife Trust</p>		<p><b>Apologies:</b> None</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Cllr A Connolly</p>
Item	Agenda Item	Action By
2	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b> None</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Minutes of March 2016 meeting ratified at April 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 Full Town.</p>	
4	<p><b>Festival</b> Headline act <b>Not the Rolling Stones</b>, has been booked, along with 4 other acts. Children’s Fairground ride, ice cream vans and slush puppy stalls have also been booked. Steve Slater will have a musical slot, Andi Dawson has also requested one. CK has rec’d lots of requests for stalls. The stage and PA is booked; Castledown Radio will be doing announcements etc. throughout the day, with a drip feed build up to the festival with regular radio slots for Rick Young to advertise the event. There will be a fee for Castledown Radios services of approx. £300 which has been paid in previous years and has been included in the budget. AD stated from next month he will be doing a regular radio programme from 3 – 5 on Tuesdays and will promote the festival.</p>	
5	<p><b>Benchmarking</b> Results of the 2015 Tidworth Town Council Benchmarking report have been received; a short precis of the main points was circulated by BP. Overall very positive outcome, especially with regards to business confidence and the fact that the majority of the businesses along Station Road are independent. GH to circulate report to Cttee. Possibility that findings could be posted on FB and Website, to be discussed again as an Agenda item at May CEC.</p>	<p>GH</p> <p>GH</p>
6	<p><b>Keep Tidworth Tidy (KTT)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Big Tidy Up – BP advised the Keep Tidworth Tidy event 16<sup>th</sup> April was a success, with litter pickers being joined by the scouts and a number of Cllrs. He would like to build on the success of these events and supply refreshments at a central location afterwards. It was also suggested that a central meeting point, such as the CC be chosen, to allow those who join halfway through the event to be handed litter pickers and bin bags. BP &amp; GH to meet 22<sup>nd</sup> April to discuss CC availability. Thanks by the Chair were officially extended to BP for his involvement and enthusiasm for this project. Cttee to feed ideas to BP about possible organisations to involve.</li> </ul>	<p>BP &amp; GH</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<p>Jessica Thimbleby from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, who attended the KTT event, spoke about her wish to involve TTC with recycling waste, something that the Town Clerk has been trying to arrange for a number of years. A list of potential waste recyclers was passed to GH to follow up and CK will refer details to Services Cttee to discuss. JT is also looking at involving the local schools, MR invited her to attend Head teacher's Cluster Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May to discuss further.</p> <p>Operation Clean Sweep – this is being organised by the Army on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, TCC have organised a skip for their use. CEC to tie in with next Operation Clean Sweep event in November. <b>Ongoing item for agenda in September and October.</b></p>	GH CK
7	<p><b>Social Media Policy</b></p> <p>A draft policy had been circulated to the Cttee prior to the meeting. CK to circulate amended policy. Cttee members to read and feed back any suggestions for GH to amalgamate.</p> <p>Suggestion that social media training maybe useful, GH to investigate.</p>	GH GH
8	<p><b>Tidworth Community Market Car Boot &amp; Crafts</b></p> <p>Tidworth Community Market &amp; Car Boot are ready to begin the new season. Last season TTC supported this event by providing our field FOC. As it is now a new business year TTC will be charging the hirer standard rates for this season unless approached by the hirer to renegotiate. This is still a project TTC wishes to see succeed.</p>	GH
9	<p><b>War Memorial Plaques</b></p> <p>RG advised that Tidworth War Memorial Cttee (TWMC) had requested the possibility of having a plaque installed on the exterior of the new Civic Centre on the wall facing the War Memorial. The aim of the plaque would be to recognise those who had contributed towards the cost of building the memorial. Within the CEC there were generally 2 viewpoints;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes - it would be a nice way of recognising those who supported the work in building the memorial and</li> <li>2. No - such a plaque could be seen to cheapen the overall aim of the memorial itself, which is to honour those who gave their lives for the country.</li> </ol> <p>There was a suggestion made that a plaque recognising those supporting individuals could be inside the new building (Reception Area?) in the vicinity of the Book of Remembrance instead. CK advised this was a matter to refer to the next FTC meeting in May as others were entitled to join the discussion and have their views heard. It was established that contributing companies, individuals or business would receive a Certificate and a formal letter of thanks signed by the Tidworth Mayor. They could also be reported in the newsletter and have a permanent inclusion to the War Memorial page on TTC website. RG advised he would report back to the TWMC meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April that the smatter would be discussed at May's FTC.</p>	CK
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 @ 6.30pm.</b></p>	

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.**