

**TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL APRIL 2016**

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in the main hall of the Community Centre at 7pm.

<p><b>Attended: Councillors Franklin (in the Chair) (CF), M Connolly (MC), A Birch (AB), E O’Connell (EO), H Jones (HJ), S Anderton (SA), S Slater (SS), A Connolly (AC), P Hedge (PH), L Swinyard-Jordan (LSJ), S Fell (SF) R Gregory (RG), B Pratt (BP), C Kemp (CK) Town Clerk (CL), Admin Assistant (GH) F Galvin, S Lawton, A Dawson, N Arch, D Stevenson, Jo Steele &amp; Joe Faretra (Press)</b></p>		<p><b>Apologies: C’Ilr M Gabriello</b></p> <p><b>Absent: Police</b></p>
Item	Agenda Item	Action By
2	<b>Declaration of Interest – None</b>	
3	<p><b>General Public Questions</b></p> <p>D Stevenson advised the Tidworth War Memorial has now been granted planning permission, looking at June/July time for stone mason. Environment Agency has stated it needs to be 8m back from the river; fundraising is ongoing, with local businesses being contacted. D Stevenson will be Chair of the Cttee as of May 2016.</p> <p>Mr Galvin asked C’Ilr Franklin why he had been making unfavourable comments about him on social media. C’Ilr Franklin asked him for the evidence but also pointed out this was not the forum as this was a personal issue. Mr Galvin advised he was retracting his letter of application to join the Council. C’Ilr CK called a point of order.</p> <p>The police had sent a report which had been circulated to members (attached). As they had been unsuccessful in the bid for the drug forfeiture fund, C’Ilr CK advised she would be happy to take this forward with Marc Read from WCC. Police Report to be discussed further under Item 7.</p>	CK
4	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes of March 2016 meeting had been circulated. C’Ilr HJ proposed they were a true and accurate record, seconded by C’Ilr LSJ, carried.</p>	
5	<p><b>Co-Options</b></p> <p>There are currently 4 vacancies open for co – option. 2 applications had been received from Nigel Arch and Andi Dawson, letters from whom were read out by C’Ilr CF. Both candidates were asked if they wanted to add anything, to which they declined. Members were asked if they had any questions for the applicants, C’Ilr LSJ asked Mr Arch what his history was, to which he replied he moved to Tidworth 3 years ago from Reading, and that he was a taxi driver. C’Ilr SF asked</p>	

	<p>Mr Arch to confirm why he wanted to join the Council, Mr Arch advised it was not related to his work as a taxi driver.  MOP and Press were asked to leave.  C’Ilr CF explained voting would take place in alphabetical order as that was the order in which the applications had been received, and a majority result would be used. There was a short discussion followed by a show of hands.  N Arch – 9 for 5 against  A Dawson – 10 for 3 against 1 abstention  Applicants and MOP were invited back into the room. N Arch and A Dawson were invited to join the table but were advised they were unable to vote until the following months meeting and duly signed their Acceptance of Office.</p>	
6	<p><b>Wiltshire Councillors Report</b>  Further to issues raised by C’Ilr PH about the changes to pharmacy’s, C’Ilr MC had written to MP Claire Perry and a letter has been received which will be circulated to all members. There will be a £170m cut to funding for all pharmacy’s in 2016/17 and where there are clusters of 3 or more pharmacy’s, closure is possible. As both Tidworth and Ludgershall have only 1 pharmacy each, this particular cut would be unlikely to have an effect however; other cuts to funding would have an impact. C’Ilr PH advised the same fee has been received from prescriptions since 2005 and cuts in funding could result in staffing and service level problems. Cllr CF advised he would like TTC to get involved with this issue as it would have a direct impact on Tidworth residents as the Pharmacy here is one of Tidworth’s most valuable assets. C’Ilr PH advised consultation period ends on 24<sup>th</sup> May and takes place behind closed doors. C’Ilr CF suggested response from TTC is formulated for discussion at May’s TTC. There is a Strategic Planning meeting on 13th April to discuss married quarters associated with Army Basing, C’Ilr MC had requested that the meeting be held more locally so that those affected could more easily attend, however, Trowbridge has been chosen as the location.  The legal agreement of £80,000 from Taylor Wimpey for the new Civic Centre is to be chased as will the land and funding from Persimmon for the new play area.</p>	CL
7	<p><b>Mayors Report</b>  C’Ilr CF advised he is unhappy about the recent lack of attendance from the police at TTC meetings. He believes that there is a new Inspector although no introduction has been made, there has also been no confirmation as to whether the beat manager has passed her firearms course, an email has been sent to the police sergeant for confirmation of these details. C’Ilr HJ advised he believes Dave Minty from Amesbury is currently providing cover for the area, but has asked for confirmation, any response received will be circulated. C’Ilr Kemp stated that a frequent surgery had been promised by the police, Town Clerk advised she will chase this with Luke, Area Director.  C’Ilr AC stated reassurance for the community of a police presence is needed, police will be invited to attend Annual Town Meeting and a separate meeting will be arranged with the new Director.  Steve Lawton has a meeting arranged with the RMP Regiment Commander where he will confirm what the plans are with regards to RMP cover.  Operation Clean Sweep is being organised by the Army on 20<sup>th</sup> April as part of</p>	<p>CF  HJ  CL  CL/GH  SL</p>

	<p>their bi-annual tidy up, C'Ilr CF suggested a link with TTC's next Keep Tidworth Tidy day on 16<sup>th</sup> April so that Zouch estate is cleaned then and the Army makes use of a skip to be provided by TTC to clear away bigger community rubbish on 20<sup>th</sup> April. This is to be discussed further at Aprils Community Engagements Meeting.</p> <p>C'Ilr CF also reported that TTC had been unsuccessful in their claim in the small claims court against Flyers Direct for non-delivery of Tidworth Times as the company has now dissolved.</p>	
8	<p><b><u>Committee Reports</u></b></p> <p><b>Services</b> - minutes had been circulated C'Ilr AB proposed they were a true and accurate record, seconded by C'Ilr EO, carried.</p> <p><b>Engagements</b> – minutes had been circulated C'Ilr LSJ proposed they were a true and accurate record, seconded by C'Ilr BP, carried. The budget for Tidworth Town Festival was confirmed as £8,000, proposed by C'Ilr CK, seconded by C'Ilr SS, carried. The Easter event went well with a high level of attendees. Change of printers for Tidworth Times was discussed and Bulpitt Print Ltd at a quote of £450 per 2,500 issues was agreed, proposed by C'Ilr CK, seconded by C'Ilr HJ, carried.</p> <p><b>Leadership</b> – minutes had been circulated, C'Ilr MC discussed the fact that EU legislation for contracts had been taking into account when reviewing Standing Orders which will be of particular importance with tendering for the new Civic Centre. C'Ilr CK advised they were a true and accurate record, seconded by C'Ilr HJ, carried.</p> <p>JVT Consultancy fee of no more than £2,000 for drainage works had been proposed by C'Ilr HJ, seconded by C'Ilr RG, carried.</p>	
9	<p><b>Civic Centre Update</b></p> <p>C'Ilr AC advised a planning determination date of 30<sup>th</sup> April had been set.</p>	
10	<p><b>Business Between Meetings</b></p> <p>C'Ilr CF reported that a new strimmer had needed to be bought at a cost of £676.28 as the Town Stewards personal strimmer which was in use to trim the fields had broken. This strimmer will now be used for TTC use.</p>	
11	<p><b>Correspondence –</b></p> <p>Newsletters and reports were made available for inspection.</p>	
12	<p><b>Bills for Payment –</b></p> <p>C'Ilr CK proposed Bills for Payment totalling £11,270.40 were paid, seconded by C'Ilr PH, carried.</p>	
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 @ 7pm.</p>	

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.**