



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2017



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2017 in the main hall of the Community Centre at 7pm

<p>Attended C’lrs M Connolly (in the Chair) B Pratt, H Jones, B O’Connell, S Anderton, D Wright, P Hedge, N Arch, S Slater, S Fell, R Gregory, A Birch, M Gabriello Col S Lawton, T Pickernell (TCAP), Rev A Copeland, T Dewey, D Foster (Honeystone) F Galvin, D Ball, L Kitchener-Pain Louise Wells - Town Correspondent</p>		<p>1 Apologies Absent: C’lir A Dawson</p>
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
2	<p>Declaration of Interest SA – Fencing Quote</p>	
3	<p>General Public Questions:</p> <p>Police report had been circulated.</p> <p>Col Lawton gave a brief update on Army 2020. 35 Eng Regt will no longer be coming, however the numbers coming to Tidworth are slightly higher than first reported. Aspire have won the maintenance contract. He also announced that he will be retiring in June 2017.</p> <p>T Pickernell informed the members that this year’s Community Awards were to be held on 22nd April.</p> <p>He had recently attended a promoting towns meeting and a project has been set up whereby towns are paired up and visit each other to see how they do things and exchange ideas. Tidworth have been paired with Westbury, the members feel this is a very good initiative.</p> <p>Mr Galvin asked who was responsible for the road at the back of Wellington Academy as it is not adopted. He was advised that it is MOD.</p> <p>Laura Kitchener Pain informed the members that there was now a Tesco Community page on Facebook.</p> <p>David Foster from Honeystone (Website provider) gave the members a presentation on the proposed online booking system. This will be invaluable when the new Civic Centre is built as the Community Centre booking already take a lot of administration time, it will also make booking a lot easier for customers.</p> <p>MG proposed that Honeystone continue to work on and integrate the booking system at a cost of £5,000.00 seconded by BP, carried.</p>	

4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</p> <p>Minutes of January 2017 meeting had been circulated. SA proposed they were a true and accurate record, seconded by NA, carried.</p>	
5/6	<p>Wiltshire Councillors/Mayors Report</p> <p>C'llr Connolly reported that there has been a fantastic response regarding the Perham Footpath and lots of residents have requested Evidence Statements to complete. DIO have dedicated land to Wiltshire from where the privately owned stretch ends to the first junction, plus land going down to Kennet Road alongside the married quarters. Wiltshire are currently undertaking design work for a dual foot and cycle path. S106 money which has to be allocated by September 2017 will be used for this. Residents of Riverbourne Fields have asked for a footpath to be provided alongside the A338 from the roundabout to the tank crossing. He has spoken with DIO regarding permission and also Persimmon for a contribution. The transfer documents for the land at the bottom of Connolly Way have now been signed. The money for play equipment and maintenance will be transferred in the near future. Wiltshire Council will be setting its budget on 21st February 2017. The proposal is for a 5% increase, he explained this will be 2% for general Council Tax and 3% for adult social care. He said that he now has the difficult decision on whether to support the 5% increase but still have to make £13.3 million savings or support a 4% increase where £15.5 million savings need to be made. Either way the increases will be difficult for the low paid and the smaller increase would mean cuts affecting the vulnerable. He informed the members that he has contacted Claire Perry MP about how he feels on the matter. He is hoping to meet with the Chief Executive of Aspire on the near future.</p>	
7	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Services</p> <p>SS reported on a meeting held on 17th January 2017</p> <p>NA proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate copy, seconded by EO, carried.</p> <p>The defibrillator has now been delivered and due to be installed in the next few weeks. There were no major grounds maintenance issues to report. The Clerk has been chasing the grit bins for the Riverbourne Field estate however there have been some issues due to the roads not yet being adopted. A quote of £4782.77 from Shire Fencing for the fencing at the Mortuary Chapel had been received this was considerably lower than those previously received. However, it did not include the clearance work.</p> <p>BP proposed the quote is accepted, seconded by PH, carried.</p> <p>A quote of £600.00 from Lucas Landscapes to carry out the clearance work at the Mortuary Chapel had been received.</p> <p>EO proposed that the quote is accepted, seconded by RG, carried.</p> <p>Community Engagement</p> <p>MG reported on a meeting held on 21st January 2017</p> <p>SF proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by BP, carried.</p> <p>Claire Langard had attended the meeting to explain to the members the role and work of Street Pastors. The date for this year's Easter Event is 15th April 2017, there will be an Easter egg hunt</p>	

	<p>and crafts organised by Rev Copeland.</p> <p>After following the tendering process AJ Mayhew has been employed as event organiser for the Town Festival. His fee will be £2200.00.</p> <p>BP had discussed Dementia Friends</p> <p>Jessica from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust had attended to update the members on their recent work, including a combined litter pick/nature walk for children.</p> <p>Leadership</p> <p>MC reported on a meeting held on 31st January 2017</p> <p>AC proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by MC, carried.</p> <p>The old NAAFI site on Station Road has been purchased by a company called Sydenams. Hopefully an application for funding for the Civic Centre will be submitted within the next four weeks.</p> <p>The Clerk is to look into corporate wear and long service recognition, the members like the idea of a scroll.</p> <p>Through negotiations the Clerk has made some savings on utility bills, she is also in talks with a company who may be able to obtain a rate rebate.</p>	
8	<p>Town Correspondent</p> <p>AC introduced Louise Wells the newly appointed Town Correspondent. As previously discussed Louise has been employed as the members feel that the good work done within the community is lost and not reported. Louise has come from a customer service/HR background and AC welcomed her to the team. He encouraged the members to introduce themselves to Louise.</p>	
9	<p>Tidworth Community Area Dementia Action Alliance</p> <p>BP advised the members in order for the town council to become a 'Dementia Friend' they need to agree on three actions.</p> <p>The members have agreed the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage new members to do the Dementia Friends training • The Community Centre to be a Safe Places location • Appoint a Champion/Deputy for training which RG has agreed to do 	
9	<p>Business Between Meetings</p> <p>A section 137 grant application for the sum of £2080.00 had been received from Holy Trinity Church for the grass cutting at the grave yard, this will cover 8 cuts between March-October.</p> <p>MC proposed that the grant is awarded, seconded by SS, carried.</p>	
10	<p>Correspondence – Newsletters and reports available for inspection.</p>	
11	<p>Bills for Payment</p> <p>Bills for payment totalling £13080.23 had been circulated.</p> <p>SA proposed Bills for Payment totalling £13080.23 be paid, seconded by SS carried.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>7th March 2017 @ 7pm</p>	<p>Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting</p>

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.15pm

Agreed as a true record..... Mark Connolly, Chairman