



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2016



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 2nd February 2016 in the main hall of the Community Centre at 7pm

<p>Attended Councillors Franklin (in the Chair) (CF), M Connolly(MC), A Birch (AB), A Connolly (AC), S Fell(SF), M Gabriello (MG), R Gregory (RG), P Hedge(PH), H Jones (HJ), C Kemp(CK), E O’Connell(EO), B Pratt(BP), Col Lawton, S Anderton, T Dewey, F Galvin, L Swinyard-Jordan</p>		<p>1 Apologies –Cllrs A Hughes Absent: C’llr S Slater</p>
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
2	<p>Declaration of Interest – MC and HJ – Community engagement, Defibrillator – MC member of Area Board, HJ spouse chair of Health and Social Care group.</p>	
3	<p>General Public Questions: Col Lawton reported on a 3 Division exercise commencing 7th March 2016. The leisure centre has been closed several times due to boiler issues. Wiltshire Council have been in touch regarding erecting Home of British Army signs, MC was not aware of this as Wiltshire Councillor and Col Lawton said that Aldershot was in fact the home of the British Army. CF, the Clerk and other members had recently received complaints about the old Naafi site on Station Road, it has also been discussed on social media. CF ask Mr Galvin what the situation was, he advised that it would be getting cleaned up in the next few days, he reported that it seemed worse as army personnel had been throwing rubbish over the fence and he will be reporting this to Garrison.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting – Minutes of January 2016 had been circulated; MC asked for the following amendments: The MUGA would provide more parking. The Hawthorne Road application was for a house not extension. With the following amendments PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by EO, carried.</p>	
5	<p>Co-options – There are currently 4 vacancies on the council eligible for co-option. Three applications have been received. Their letters had been circulated. CF explained that when the applicants left the room the voting process would be as follows – Each applicant would be discussed then there would be a show of hands for and a show of hands against for the individual, this is to be recorded. Each applicant then spoke to the members briefly why they wished to join the</p>	

	<p>council and left the room along with all members of the public.</p> <p>Each applicant was then discussed. The vote was taken in the order the applications were received.</p> <p>A vote was then taken.</p> <p>S Anderton – 14 for 0 against</p> <p>F Galvin – 0 for 13 against, 1 abstained</p> <p>L Swinyard- Jordan - 7 for 6 against</p> <p>The applicants and members of public were invited back into the room. The successful applicants were invited to sit at the table but advised they could not vote until the next meeting and duly signed their Acceptance of Office.</p>	
6	<p>Wiltshire Councillors Report - MC reported the good news that Humber Lane pitches were now officially owned by the town council.</p> <p>Waiting restrictions for the Manor Rise development were now advertised.</p> <p>After 5 years of not raising council tax Wiltshire will be increasing its precept for 2016/17 as it needs to make £40million savings. This will mean a 25 increase on general council tax and an additional 2% levy for adult social care. The 4% increase will raise £8.6 million and an additional £7.3 million will be received from new houses. This means a further £25 million saving needs to be made.</p> <p>School funding cannot be touched and they do not want to touch the £179 million budget for vulnerable residents. This leaves universal services such as highways, libraries, waste, buses and leisure facilities. Savings of around 8% are needed on this part of the budget.</p> <p>It will continue to be difficult as the Government will reduce the grant to local authorities to nothing by 2019/20.</p> <p>The living wage will also make a heavy impact on social care with the pay budget increasing by £11 million by 2020.</p> <p>Government will be handing business rates to local authorities by 2020. However this does not mean Wiltshire will receive all rates from Wiltshire businesses. This year 38% will be received, in 2016/17 it will be 32% and by 2020 it will reduce further to 26 %. The money from business will be going to Northern authorities.</p> <p>However, money is still being invested in highways and Wiltshire are working more collaboratively with the police and fire service as a way to reduce costs and they are providing more affordable housing.</p> <p>MC will send the Clerk the public consultation slide show so those who wish to see the full budget proposals can do so.</p>	
7	<p>Mayors Report – CF reported that it had been a quiet month. He is awaiting the cheque from Persimmons for the War memorial funding. He showed the presentation piece he would be giving to Col Denny, all were in agreement that</p>	

	this would be the town councils presentation in the future.	
8	Flood Warden Report – AC updated the members and reported that he had recently walked the river route. It is currently running from Leckford Bridge to Leckford Cross but fades out at the tank tracks. There seems to be a lot of rubbish accumulated again, this is due to it not running.	
9	<p>Committee Reports-</p> <p>Community Services – no meeting held.</p> <p>Community Engagement - CK reported on the meeting held on 19th January 2016. Minutes had been circulated.</p> <p>SF proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by BP, carried</p> <p>Festival plans are coming together and there have been several meetings. The Easter event will be on Saturday 26th March 2016 at the Community Centre.</p> <p>BP is putting together plans for Clean for the Queen to be held on 4th, 5th, 6th March.</p> <p>The first Memory Café held on 18th January 2016 was successful.</p> <p>The committee recommend that TTC buy 25 copies of the Parish Magazine at a cost of 30p each.</p> <p>Proposed by BP, seconded by MG, carried.</p> <p>It was suggested at the Area board that TTC and the Area Board pay 50/50 for a defibrillator to be installed at Tesco.</p> <p>CK proposed that TTC make no more than £1000.00 contribution towards a defibrillator (through the Health and Social Care group), seconded by BP, carried.</p> <p>Leadership – MC reported on a meeting held on 26th January 2016. minutes had been circulated.</p> <p>CK proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ, carried.</p> <p>The vacancies had been discussed. The Clerk needed to contact WALC to find out how a meeting is calculated as quorate when there are so many vacancies. She confirmed that it is worked out on the current number of councillors not the size of the council.</p> <p>Both the Administration Assistant and Town Steward have completed their probation successfully.</p> <p>The interim audit picked up that the Clerk has been underpaid, once the amount has been confirmed by the accountant she will be reimbursed.</p> <p>The Admin Assistant has opted into the pension scheme.</p> <p>The Interim Internal Audit had been circulated, the main point raised was that there should be more scrutiny from the members. The Town Clerk has put in place new internal controls which will now be signed off monthly commencing at March full town meeting.</p> <p>CF proposed that the audit be accepted and actioned (MC and Town Clerk to do so), seconded by CK, carried.</p> <p>As recommended by Community Engagement the committee had agreed that TTC should make a £2000.00 grant to the Drug Forfeiture fund, on the</p>	

	<p>proviso feedback is given.</p> <p>AC proposed that a grant of £2000.00 is made, seconded by CF, carried.</p> <p>Following on from an incident at a hiring at the Community Centre the committee had discussed the deposit rates.</p> <p>CK proposed that booking for functions after 6pm the deposit be £100.00 and the booking time allowed increased to 11pm, seconded by HJ, carried.</p>	
10	<p>Civic Centre</p> <p>AC reported that there have been requests for further reports to support the planning application.</p> <p>Three quotes for a drainage report had been received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JVT Consulting - £1540.00 + VAT • MJA Consulting - £1750.00 + VAT • Abley Letchford Partnership - £3250.00 + VAT <p>AC proposed that JVT to instructed to carry out the report at a cost of £1540 + VAT, seconded by MC, carried</p>	
11	<p>Business Between Meetings</p> <p>HJ reported that there will be an Economic and Built Environment meeting at the community centre on 22nd February 2016, the main item for discussion will be the Naafi site at Station Road.</p>	
12	<p>Correspondence – Newsletters and reports were made available for inspection.</p>	
11	<p>Bills for Payments – AC proposed that the bills for payment totalling £6514.35 are paid, seconded by CK, carried</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting 1st March 2016</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 8.20pm

Agreed as a true record..... Chris Franklin MBE, Chairman