



**TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
Community Engagements Committee April 2025

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

<b>Attended Cllrs L Coleman (LC) in the chair, C Daborn (CDB), R Gregory (RG), C Baxter - Admin</b>  <b>Guests:</b> <b>Cllrs H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH)</b> <b>Voting rights given to HJ and PH for todays Engagements meeting. Proposed at and carried at March engagements meeting 25/066E</b>		<b>25/067E 1. Apologies: C Webb, A White, D Wright, C Danso</b> <i>Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record to be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Town Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.</i>
Item	Agenda Item	Action By
25/068E	<b>2. Declaration of Interest</b> <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>	
25/069E	<b>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Minutes of the February Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in April 2025. No matters arising.	All
25/070E	<b>4. Easter Event</b> Thanks given to Cllr Daborn for providing music on the day as well as Holy Trinity Church for providing a craft table for the children. Feedback of the event discussed, everything was well organised and set up. Children's entertainer Mad Pete was enjoyed by everyone and great attendance on the day. Charity Cake stall run by Tina's granddaughter raised £65.00 for the Southampton Cancer Unit.	All
25/071E	<b>5. Litter Picks</b> Cllrs discussed how good the turnout was from the community and the huge amount of rubbish collected. Errors were discovered after the event as official branded blue blags should have been used. A stock of this has since been received from IdVerde. New date discussed and agreed for the 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025 10am-12pm.	All
25/072E	<b>6. VE Day – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 7pm.</b> Beacon to be lit 9.30pm. Complimentary Piper is confirmed thanks to GSM. Padre Graeme McConville is confirmed Deputy Lieutenant Mr S Warrack DL confirmed and due to arrive at 7.30pm Fish and Chip supper booked for 60 (take approx. 30-45 minutes) starting at 7.30pm. Refreshments to be discussed with Ezra's café, CB to email.	CB

	<p>Running order of the evening discussed and finalised. CDB to put Winston Churchill's speech on audio to play on the night. Tony Smykowski to attend with his 1952 willy jeep and military weapons to put on display.</p> <p>T. Pickernell contacted to donate items for a stand/display, no response yet; CB to ring Mr Pickernell to discuss.</p> <p>LC and R.Mason have both volunteered to take photographs on the evening CDB providing musical entertainment and to do a quiz. CB to email quiz over.</p> <p>Pop-Up Sparklz is a new local balloon business and Maria has kindly offered 2 complimentary balloon columns for the event.</p> <p>Themed Tablecloths, napkins, decorations discussed <b>LC proposed a budget of £60 given for additional union flag themed decorations, seconded by CDB, carried.</b></p> <p>Volunteer fire safety for the event still be confirmed.</p> <p>Cllr Jones has kindly leant an empty propane bottle for us to use. <b>LC proposed that £32 to be paid to local supplier for refill of the Calor Propane bottle as well as the purchase of a Telescopic Electric lighter to be purchased from Amazon at a cost of £19.99 to be used to light the beacon on the night. Seconded by RG, carried</b></p> <p>CB has contacted local schools for copies of artwork/written work to create a display of their learning &amp; involvement. Mears Group have kindly leant display pin boards for the event</p> <p>Tom Weir &amp; Paul Johnson confirmed at attend from RBL Tidworth as well as Karen Stanbrook – The Official Poppy Appeal Organiser.</p> <p>Ludgershall resident Pat Brice has researched the soldiers listed on the Tidworth War Memorial (also the Ludgershall War Memorial) and is in the process of printing A5 booklets from Bulpitt Print Andover, for the anniversary of VE.</p> <p>Tidworth Council have been asked if they would like any additional copies printing. <b>CDB proposed 40 copies of the Tidworth War Memorial book be purchased from Bulpitt Print at a cost of £200 for display. Seconded by PH, 2 for, 1 against, carried</b></p>	<p>CDB</p> <p>CB</p>
25/073E	<p><b>7. Tidworth Town Festival &amp; Skatepark Jam – 26<sup>th</sup> July 12pm-10pm</b></p> <p>Deferred to next month.</p> <p>Update meeting due tomorrow (23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025) with event organiser AJ Entertainment.</p>	
25/074E	<p><b>8. VJ Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025 – 7pm</b></p> <p>Deferred</p> <p>Awaiting Quotes for food options.</p> <p>LC volunteered to photograph event on the day.</p> <p>CDB volunteered to provide music entertainment with Castledown FM.</p> <p>Mentioned about the potential of it being a more outdoor style event with a bouncy castle/ kids entertainment?</p>	
25/075E	<p><b>9. Mortuary Chapel Open Day 20<sup>th</sup> September 2pm-4pm</b></p> <p>Cllrs discussed catering, suggestions of 6 cakes to be purchased from Waitrose along with a tea &amp; coffee stand. They felt that a generator wasn't required as flasks should work.</p> <p>LC volunteered to take photographs on the day.</p> <p>Quote received from Katie Wright at Love the Flower Boutique to ask her to pencil us in on the day for flowers. <b>CDB proposed that £177 to be paid to Love the Flower Boutique for 1 large Floral Display "Altar", 1 medium Floral Display "Altar" and 1 medium Floral Barrier Arrangement with the option to add additional floral sprays closer to date at an addition quote. Seconded by HJ, carried</b></p>	CB
25/076E	<p><b>10. Halloween 2025 Sat 25<sup>th</sup> October 2pm-4pm</b></p> <p>Cllrs discussed that they would like to see if Mad Pete would be available for</p>	CB

	<p>Halloween and to see if he could accommodate a 2.30pm start time again. CB to look into a craft table option. Face painter not required as most children will be in masks/Halloween make-up Costume competition.</p> <p><b>LC proposed an initial budget of £300 be given for Halloween to book Mad Pete Children's entertainer and to go towards craft items and decorations. Seconded by CDB, carried</b></p>	CB
25/077E	<p><b>11. Remembrance – 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 10.30am</b> N Read Photography confirmed. Military March through the town is being investigated as would involve the closure of the roundabout. CB is looking this and liaising with Wiltshire Council.</p>	CB
25/078E	<p><b>12. Christmas Fair 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am-11am SEND, then 11am – 3pm Fair</b> 10am – 11am SEND time for Father Christmas. 11am – 3pm Christmas Fair CB has received some quotes for Father Christmas, still waiting for more to come back. AW may be available as a volunteer Father Christmas but will let us know circumstances asap. Rosy Cheeks face painting booked 2 artists 11am-3pm. Jollypop entertainment: The Grinch and Cinderella booked. Reindeer are already rebooked in for 2025 (no extra cost due to being booked and paid for, for 2024 Christmas Fair, but due to the weather had to cancel) Photographer Nathan Read Photography confirmed 11am-3pm. Quotes received from Walls Funfair. <b>LC Proposed that Lifting Jet planes ride, Hot air balloon ride, Big buggy trucks ride and the Activity play centre be booked through Walls Funfair at a total cost of £2880.00. Seconded by CDB, 1 abstention, 2 for, carried.</b></p>	CB
25/079E	<p><b>13. Indoor Christmas Tree Civic Centre</b> CB to gather more quotes for an artificial tree – focussing on pre-lit artificial trees.</p>	CB
25/080E	<p><b>14. Silent Disco</b> Deferred until May. Quotes Received. Cllrs discussed this would be a good option for Teenagers and that many of the events are aimed more towards younger children or adults.</p>	
25/081E	<p><b>15. Corporate Passes</b> Cllrs discussed proposal presented to them: The purchase of annual corporate passes from the following businesses in order to be able to sell individual day passes to local families at a greatly reduced rate. This will make days out more affordable to those in the community as well as offer these passes to residents - not just military families. By selling these passes, it will help to cover the annual cost, and should any profit be made from them can be invested into the purchase of further passes the following year (should it be so wished) Cholderton Charlies Rare Breeds Farm; annual pass cost £275. 4 Kingdoms Adventure Park; annual pass cost £500. Outburst Salisbury (Children's soft play); annual pass cost £300 Cost for individual entry of 2 adult and 3 children to 4 Kingdoms = £89.75 Recommended total cost to residents: £10 (50 tickets to break even) Cost for individual entry of 2 adult and 3 children to Cholderton Farm = £37-£42 (day dependant) Recommended total cost to residents: £5 (55 tickets to break even) Cost for individual entry of 3 children to Outburst = £19.50 Recommended total</p>	CB

	<p>cost to residents: £5 (60 tickets to break even)</p> <p><b>HJ proposed £275 annual pass be purchased from Cholderton Charlies Rare Breeds Farm. Seconded by PH, carried.</b></p> <p><b>HJ proposed £500 annual pass be purchased from 4 Kingdoms Adventure Park. Seconded by PH, carried.</b></p> <p><b>HJ proposed £300 annual pass be purchased from Outburst Salisbury (Children's Soft Play). Seconded by PH, carried.</b></p>	
25/082E	<p><b>16. Event Equipment</b></p> <p>Cllrs discussed that now the council have the space and storage of equipment hire it would be a good time to purchase equipment and decorations that can be reused annually. They were shown some ideas of items that could be of use and have asked CB to get more options such as balloon holders and carafes for floral centrepieces.</p> <p><b>HJ proposed a new TTC Roller banner be purchased from instantprint.com for a cost of £80 to replace the broken one the TTC currently have. Seconded by PH, carried.</b></p> <p><b>LC proposed a £50 budget be given for the purchase of a backdrop holder and a variety of backdrops focussing on Halloween and Christmas from Shein.com Seconded by CDB, carried.</b></p> <p><b>PH proposed £10 budget be given for the purchase of serving bowls and platters from B&amp;M for use at future events. Seconded by RG, carried.</b></p>	
25/083E	<p><b>17. Outdoor Projector</b></p> <p>Awaiting to hear back from Wiltshire Council to see if this is a possibility. CB to make contact with planning officer for an update.</p>	
25/084E	<p><b>18. Tidworth Times</b></p> <p>Discussed at Full Town meeting and deferred until after the elections in May</p>	
25/085E	<p><b>19. Town Council Website</b></p> <p>Layout and additions to the website were discussed last month, many felt unhappy with the current look, but no suggestions were made as to improvements or changes.</p> <p>CB mentioned about the possibility of a calendar of events as well as an additional section listing where to report issues, i.e. Wiltshire Council website and the app. Defib info. Cllrs agreed this would be a good option and asked CB to investigate the possibility of this – this is still ongoing.</p>	
25/086E	<p><b>20. Budget</b></p> <p>The budget was initially introduced by the Town Clerk as a tool to work out monies for the following year precept and is therefore not required until later in the year.</p>	CL
25/087E	<p><b>21. Correspondence, Website &amp; Social Media Updates.</b></p> <p>Nothing arising</p>	
25/088E	<p><b>22. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>20<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b></p> <p><b>All agenda items need to be with the Town Clerk 7 working days prior to the meeting</b></p>	ALL

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.**