



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Community Engagements Committee June 2025

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 17th June 2025 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

Attended Cllrs C Daborn (CDB), C Webb (CW), C Danso (CD), O Flower (OF), S Musikanhu (SM) H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), R Mason (RM) C Baxter - Admin Guests:		25/112E 1. Apologies: Absent: Cllr M Amin (MA) <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
25/113E	2. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>	All
25/114E	3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the May Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in June 2025. No matters arising.	All
25/115E	4. Litter Pick – 31st May 2025 Cllrs discussed last month's litter pick, thanks given to the Nepalese Community for their invaluable support with a great turn out of individuals. Rubbish collection provided by IdVerde who were very prompt and efficient. Discussed that maybe the next litter pick date should not be during the school holidays to see if this would encourage more involvement from other members of the community. CB to add an agenda item next month to discuss purchase of additional equipment.	CB
25/116E	5. Tidworth Town Festival & Skatepark Jan – 26th July 12pm-10pm. Update given to the Cllrs, plans are coming along well. Premises Licence is approved. Bands are confirmed as well as bins, rides and face painters. Infrastructure and equipment is being organised through the AJ Entertainment event manager and a meeting is taking place tomorrow (18/6/25) Artwork due to be provided this week, then advertising for stall holders to commence. It was asked that all Cllrs provide time on the day to volunteer at the event and to advise of timings that they are able to commit to. A suggestion was raised for the Cllrs to have a group chat on WhatsApp or messenger but they were advised that	CB

	written communications must go through their TTC emails and to speak with the Town Clerk should they have any queries regarding this.	
25/117E	<p>6. VJ Day – Friday 15th August 2025 – 8.30pm onwards</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the possibilities for VJ Day. Concerns were raised that due to low numbers in attendance for VE Day that VJ Day would be a similar turn out, with the risk of less people due to it being school holidays and residents being away. It was felt that the cost of a longer event wouldn't be a wise investment of money and so a shorter commemoration would be more suitable.</p> <p>Cllrs agreed on a 8.30 pm start time and to provide tea & biscuits.</p> <p>Castledown FM will provide music entertainment.</p> <p>A colouring in competition is to be created in advance to advertise to the community to encourage learning and involvement to younger generations.</p> <p>Deputy Lord Lieutenant Michael Hodges is confirmed to attend to light the Beacon at 21:30.</p> <p>Mr R Gregory has kindly agreed to make the beacon collar for VJ Day.</p> <p>CB has created sheets for table activities on the evening including Bingo and a morse code challenge.</p> <p>CB provided quotes for lamppost poppies from the RBL website as an option, these could then be re-used in the future for Remembrance Day.</p> <p>CW proposed that upto £300 budget to be set for the purchase of lamppost poppies and addition bunting to ensure it surrounded the entirety of the Civic Centre railings. Seconded by PH, SM abstained, carried.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CDB CB</p> <p>RG CB</p> <p>CB</p>
25/118E	<p>7. Mortuary Chapel Open Day 20th September 2pm-4pm</p> <p>CB has confirmed flowers are booked through Katie Wright at Love the Flower Boutique.</p> <p>Approved budget of upto £300 for the purchase of 6 Cakes from Waitrose (25/098E)</p> <p>LC volunteered as photographer</p> <p>Generator discussed in Feb and agreed to just use flasks.</p> <p>HJ proposed that three additional 5ltr flasks be purchased due to damage of previous flasks. A budget of £25 per flasks. Seconded by PH, carried.</p> <p>Quote received for metal and woven fabric badges to give to visitors/brownies etc as a memento. Cllrs discussed and had mixed opinions on whether should look to purchase or not. The outcome was that it was minimal cost and that it would be a nice memento for individuals to receive after visiting and would encourage talking points and more visits in the future.</p> <p>CDB proposed that upto £100 budget to be set for the purchase of metal pin badges. Seconded by RM, SM and CW abstained, carried.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CB LC</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
25/119E	<p>8. Halloween 2025 Sat 25th October 3pm-5pm</p> <p>Face painter not required as most children will be in masks/Halloween make-up</p> <p>Costume competition.</p> <p>Childrens entertainer Mad Pete is confirmed.</p> <p>Budget – £300 initial budget for entertainer and craft items voted for in April</p> <p>Craft table items to be purchased closer to date</p> <p>Goodie Bags discussed and Cllrs liked the idea of mini cauldrons/pumpkins filled with sweets – CB to gather quotes</p> <p>CB to look in a lucky dip bucket & prizes option inc slap bands etc.</p> <p>Quotes have been requested for photographer, still awaiting responses.</p> <p>Snacks and sweets budget not discussed yet but CB has emailed Tesco champion to request a sweets donation, Halloween stock usually arrives in September.</p>	<p>CB CB</p> <p>CB CB</p>
25/120E	<p>9. Remembrance – 9th Nov 2025 10.30am</p> <p>N Read Photography confirmed.</p>	CB

	<p>Military March through the town is being investigated. This would involve the closure of the roundabout. CB is looking into this, liaising with Wiltshire Council and awaiting quotes for signage. Unlikely to know the outcome before September.</p> <p>CB to investigate costs for soldier silhouettes.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
25/121E	<p>10. Christmas Fair 6th Dec, 10am-11am SEND, then 11am – 3pm Fair</p> <p>10am – 11am SEND time for Father Christmas.</p> <p>11am – 3pm Christmas Fair</p> <p>Cllr RM volunteered to be Father Christmas for the event</p> <p>CB to gather quotes for a good quality Father Christmas Costume no more than £500, budget not voted but this gives scope to find a quality costume which can be reused at future events.</p> <p>Rosy Cheeks face painting booked 2 artists 11am-3pm.</p> <p>Jollypop entertainment: The Grinch and Cinderella booked.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Photographer Nathan Read Photography confirmed 11am-3pm.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>CB</p>
25/122E	<p>11. Indoor Christmas Tree Civic Centre</p> <p>CB has received quotes from various companies, Cllrs have asked for the images of trees to be sent out so they can be viewed and then a vote be taken next meeting as to which company to go through and which tree the majority prefer.</p>	<p>CB</p>
25/123E	<p>12. Silent Disco - Deferred.</p> <p>Cllrs had had feedback from local teens to say this would not be of interest. They felt it was more appealing to younger children or adults. It was asked if contact could be made to local schools for suggestions from teens of what would potentially be of interest instead.</p>	<p>CB</p>
25/124E	<p>13. Community Family Passes</p> <p>Update given to Cllrs on number of passes sold since starting the initiative last month</p> <p>4 kingdoms – 19</p> <p>Clown About – 13</p> <p>Cholderton Farm – 2</p> <p>Cllrs extremely pleased they are being well received by the community.</p>	
25/125E	<p>14. Event Equipment -</p> <p>CB to get prices for event equipment such as balloon holders and options for small floral centrepieces, HJ kindly informed the committee he has small vases he will happily donate.</p>	<p>CB</p>
25/126E	<p>15. Outdoor Projector</p> <p>CB contacted Wiltshire Council and the pre-planning application team. The report has come back with the conclusion that this would likely be approved. The Cllrs discussed if they thought this would be a good option.</p> <p>PH proposed to go forward with enquiries and to gather quotes. Seconded by OF, RM abstained, carried.</p>	<p>CB</p>
25/127E	<p>16. H's Ices</p> <p>H's Ices has approached the Council to enquire about a collaboration to raise money for an undetermined charity. Cllrs were very interested in the idea but with other projects taking place currently it was felt that this year may not be the right time, there was also a query as to whether this is permitted due to legislation which would need to be investigated by the Town Clerk.</p>	<p>CL</p>

	CDB proposed to defer until January onwards. Seconded by CW, OF abstained, carried.	
25/128E	17. Parish Magazine Input suggestions asked to be emailed through to CB for future issues	All/CB
25/129E	18. Budget Monthly expenditure not distributed. Following on from the internal auditor report the town clerk is looking to update the procedure in due course.	CL
25/130E	19. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates. HJ attended Tidworth's Area Board - Health & wellbeing meeting on the 16 th June. Many in Attendance with no particular crisis reporting currently. Feedback from Castle Practice is that it is doing very well. Andrea Feeney, Centre for sustainable energy is working with Warm & Safe Wiltshire and has massive access to food vouchers as well as being able to help individuals who are in fuel debt. Nicola Harris, Wiltshire Family Hub also reported that she is in Tidworth Library every Wednesday, is speaking to many families and proving to be a positive support asset to the community.	All
25/131E	20. Date of Next Meeting: 15th July 2025 All agenda items to be with the Town Clerk 7 working days prior to the meeting	All

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.