



## TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### Community Engagements Committee August 2025

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

<b>Attended Cllrs C Daborn (CDB), C Webb (CW), C Danso (CD), O Flower (OF), H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH)</b>  <b>C Baxter - Admin</b>  <b>Guests:</b> <b>Mr R Gregory</b>		<b>25/152E 1. Apologies: S Musikanhu (SM)</b> <b>Absent: Cllr M Amin (MA)</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
25/153E	<b>2. Declaration of Interest</b> <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>	All
25/154E	<b>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Minutes of the July Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in August 2025. No matters arising.	All
25/155E	<b>4. Recent Event Feedback</b> Cllrs discussed events that have taken place since last month's meeting. Tidworth Town Festival & Skatepark Jam: Thank you cards have been sent to those who helped with the festival. The wrap-up meeting with the event manager was positive. Lots of positive feedback throughout the community and areas for improvement noted for next year's event (should it be voted in) including additional crew members' salaries, employment of litter pickers, sponsorship, and cost of children's rides. VJ Day Beacon Lighting Ceremony: Thanks given to those who assisted in making the event a success especially to Keith Allen for assisting to organise for the Wiltshire Caledonian Pipes and Drums and Mr R Gregory for making the beautiful beacon collar. Cllrs agreed it was a lovely event, and everything went well but that more Cllrs attending would be appreciated for future events.	All
25/156E	<b>5. Litter Pick</b> Future date discussed – CB to contact Scouts and Brownies and other groups to see if they might be available and what dates. Children's loyalty stamp system discussed. Cllrs overall supported the idea but queried as to how it would be managed. CB to investigate options. Additional equipment has been purchased and Wiltshire Council alongside idverde	CB    CB

	has generously donated 15 new bag hoops as well as additional gloves and Hi-Viz jackets for our community litter picks.	
25/157E	<p><b>6. Mortuary Chapel Open Day Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2pm-4pm</b></p> <p>CB confirmed flowers are booked through Katie Wright at Love the Flower Boutique. Approved budget of up to £300 for the purchase of 6 Cakes etc from Waitrose (25/098E)</p> <p>LC volunteered as photographer</p> <p>Additional flasks have been purchased for the event, so no generator required.</p> <p>Metal pin badges have been purchased.</p> <p>CB to investigate a colouring competition sheet.</p> <p>Brownies and Guides will be in attendance – Timings TBA</p> <p>Scouts and Beavers unable to attend but will arrange a private visit soon.</p> <p>HJ has volunteered to provide information about the chapel and talk to visitors about its history.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CB</p> <p>LC</p> <p>CB</p> <p>HJ</p>
25/158E	<p><b>7. Halloween 2025 Sat 25<sup>th</sup> October 3pm-5pm</b></p> <p>Face painter not required as most children will be in masks/Halloween make-up.</p> <p>Costume competition.</p> <p>Children's 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>Up to £200 budget for goodies bags and lucky dip voted for in July.</p> <p>£50 budget for snacks and sweets voted for in July.</p> <p>Cllrs agreed to take photos on the day themselves rather than hire a photographer.</p> <p>CB has also emailed Tesco champion to request a sweets donation; Halloween stock usually arrives in September.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>All</p> <p>CB</p>
25/159E	<p><b>8. Remembrance – 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 10.30am</b></p> <p>N Read Photography confirmed.</p> <p>Military March. Road closure has been applied for through Wiltshire Council, consultations period is taking place between 14<sup>th</sup> August – 28<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p>Road Closure Signage has been voted for in July to be arranged through Chevron Traffic Management should the Military March be approved.</p> <p>CB to investigate if a deposit can be paid and if there would be any cancellation charges involved should the closure not be approved by Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>CB has Invited cadets, awaiting a response.</p> <p>RM has been in discussions with Veteran Soldiers, local Gurkha regiment and other groups and are all keen to be involved with the march. RM will coordinate with CB and GSM regarding this only if temp traffic regulation order is approved.</p> <p>CB to investigate the purchase of wreaths.</p> <p>PA system to be investigated, including costings for purchase of our own.</p> <p>Castledown FM to transmit at Remembrance.</p> <p>BBC Radio Wiltshire to be invited – for interviews only, no vehicle this year due to the restrictions to grounds and access issues.</p> <p>CB distributed costings for soldier silhouettes <b>CW proposed to purchase 2 single silhouettes from the RBLI shop at £175 each, totalling £350. Seconded by PH, carried.</b></p> <p>CB to invite Danny Kruger MP, PCC, Chief Constable, Inspector Gavin Brewster, Ass inspector, local schools and groups.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>RM/CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CDB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>

25/160E	<p><b>9. Christmas Fair 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am-11am SEND, then 11am – 3pm Fair</b></p> <p>10am – 11am SEND time for Father Christmas.</p> <p>11am – 3pm Christmas Fair</p> <p>RM volunteered to be Father Christmas for the event.</p> <p>Quote distributed to the Cllrs for the purchase of a Father Christmas Costume.</p> <p>Father Christmas costumes shown to Cllrs, discussed and unwanted costumes to be sent back for refund.</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>Outdoor Rides, CB has emailed to book but not yet invoiced.</p> <p>WI have been invited to run a cake and drink stand and have accepted.</p> <p>CB to contact Alex McCloy to enquire about outdoor mulled wine &amp; hot chocolate drinks stand</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
25/161E	<p><b>10. Indoor Christmas Tree Civic Centre</b></p> <p>10ft artificial tree from PHS Greenleaf ordered from their standard range in the colours red and gold. CB to ask for delivery date to be in the last week in November.</p>	CB
25/162E	<p><b>11. Future Events -</b></p> <p>Cllrs have been asked to think of new and fresh ideas for 2026.</p> <p><b>CDB proposed that £25000 budget to be set for Tidworth Town Festival 2026. Seconded by CW, carried.</b></p>	All
25/163E	<p><b>12. Community Family Passes</b></p> <p>Update given to Cllrs on number of passes sold since starting the initiative.</p> <p>4 kingdoms – 60</p> <p>Cholderton Farm – 46</p> <p>Clown About – 34</p> <p>Cllrs extremely pleased the Community Family Passes are being well received by the community and have asked CB to investigate other pass options as potentials for next year.</p>	CB
25/164E	<p><b>13. Event Equipment</b></p> <p>CB tasked to investigate prices for new storage bags for existing gazebos and for an additional headtorch to replace the one missing after the festival took place.</p>	
25/165E	<p><b>14. Parish Magazine</b></p> <p>Input suggestions asked to be emailed through to CB for future issues</p>	All/CB
25/166E	<p><b>15. Budget</b></p> <p>Monthly expenditure will be distributed to the Cllrs next week</p>	CL
25/167E	<p><b>16. Correspondence, Website &amp; Social Media Updates.</b></p> <p>Updates given to Cllrs regarding website and social media interactions.</p>	
25/168E	<p><b>17. Date of Next Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b></p> <p><b>All agenda items 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 8.35pm.**