



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee OCTOBER 2025

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 21st October 2025 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

Attended Cllrs C Daborn (CDB), C Danso (CD), O Flower (OF) C Webb, P Hedge (PH), H Jones (HJ), R Mason (RM) C Baxter - Admin Guests:		25/188E 1. Apologies: S Musikanhu (SM) 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
25/189E	2. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>	All
25/190E	3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the August Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in October 2025. No matters arising.	All
25/191E	4. Recent Event Feedback Mortuary Chapel Open Day was a big success despite the weather, thank you to all the Cllrs who attended and helped. Fantastic feedback from the day and it was lovely to see St Mary's Church open to tie in with the chapel open day. Trophy has arrived and will be presented to the winner of the stained-glass window picture competition in due course. OF made the suggestion that next year we could look at ringing the bell at the chapel. The October litter pick was another success, extremely well attended and great weather. Feedback involved the council investing in children's size high-viz jackets as we are getting more and more children attend. Massive thank you to H's Ices providing free ice-cream on the day to all who attended, the Cllrs think this was a great incentive and to look at having an ice-cream van there going forward to encourage turn-out.	
25/192E	5. Litter Pick Children's loyalty stamp system discussed. Great initiative and may look to start this in the future but not at this current time. Cllrs think a free ice-cream is more of an appeal and something we could look at arranging with a local company at future events.	CB

25/193E	6. Halloween 2025 Sat 25th October 3pm-5pm The Halloween party preparations are completed, there are volunteers ready to help decorate on Friday morning. There will be Children's entertainer Mad Pete, Castledown FM, Craft table set-up, lucky dip, goodie bags and prizes for competitions. Cllrs agreed to take photos on the day themselves rather than hire a photographer. Sweets donation has been gratefully received from Tesco.	All
25/194E	7. Remembrance – 9th Nov 2025 10.20am N Read Photography confirmed. Military March. Road closure approval was granted by Wiltshire Council on the 29th August for a 15 min window to take place on the 9th Nov 10.20-10.35am. GSM has confirmed that Tidworth Military Band will be in attendance. Road Closure Signage confirmed and booked through Chevron Traffic Management. CB has asked again for the cadets to attend, no response as of yet. OF will chase up Plans for the parade are in place, CB to email admin instructions to all veterans, groups and attendees who have been in touch. Rehearsal on Thursday 6th at 9am for those taking part in the march and 10.30am for the Civic Centre attendees only. Wreaths ordered through the local poppy appeal organiser Karen Stanbrook PA system being provided complimentary through Andy Pates, GoCinemas Castledown FM have a PA system on standby, they are unable to broadcast live due to double booking. BBC Radio Wiltshire has been invited – they will update once they know if they have a presenter available to attend. Larger Applique Sewn Flag - £129 ordered as per email on 8/10 Tommy silhouettes to go up at the Civic Centre Padre Gary Birch confirmed to attend and take part in service. VIPs, local schools and groups have all been invited, CB has a list of confirmed attendees. Fijian Methodist Fellowship Church Choir confirmed – CB to email to ask if they would like to bring more members due to having calculated the space being able to accommodate them. CB to arrange printing of the 'Order of Service'.	OF CB GSM/RM /CB CB CDB All CB CB
25/195E	8. Christmas Fair 6th Dec, 10am-11am SEND, then 11am – 3pm Fair 10am – 11am SEND time for Father Christmas. 11am – 3pm Christmas Fair RM volunteered to be Father Christmas for the event. Father Christmas costume, beard and accessories bought and fits well, CB to look into purchasing a large red sack for Santa's presents. Rosy Cheeks face painting booked 2 artists 11am-3pm. Jollypop entertainment: The Grinch and Cinderella booked. Reindeer 10.30 arrival for 3 hrs (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. Outdoor Rides, CB has emailed to book but not yet invoiced. WI have been WI invited to run a stand and accepted sausage rolls / quiche / Christmas cookies / gingerbreads / flapjack / Tea & Coffee Alex McCloy confirmed he will bring his converted horsebox drinks stand to sell mulled wine & hot chocolate. Fees for stallholders discussed and it was agreed to charge £15 for 1 table and £10 for a second. Number of tables on the day to be determined once set up planning commences.	RM CB CB

	Holy Trinity Church have kindly offered to do craft table at this year's event CW proposed to provide a budget of £75 to be used to purchase items for the craft table to help cover costs. Seconded by OF, carried. Chocolate selection boxes ordered through Spar Pennings Rd (was originally to be ordered direct from Cadbury but Spar have offered us a better cost so have ordered through them instead) CB has put a request into Tesco for donations (preferable Haribo crackers) Snow machine discussed but decided not to go ahead. Booking time slots for Father Christmas to be trailed to reduce queues, CB has created a timetable and process CB to distributed prices for Haribo sweet boxes as a dairy alternative. CW proposed to purchase 50 Haribo cracker sweets at £1.75 each, for the Christmas Fair meeting Santa. Seconded by PH, carried. CB to get prices for books as an alternative to selection boxes if have any other dietary requirements. CB to contact Rev Tembo to ask if he would read a Christmas Story this year to the children in between the Grinch & Cinderella shows.	CB CB CB CB
25/196E	9. Indoor Christmas Tree Civic Centre – Installation Date 25 November 10ft artificial tree from PHS Greenleaf ordered from their standard range in the colours red and gold.	CB
25/197E	10. Tidworth Town Festival – Saturday 25th July 2026 Quote given for the Skate Park Jam to attend the 2026 Tidworth Town Festival. Due to the lack of attendance to the skatepark at this year's festival CDB proposed not to hold the Skatepark Jam on the same day next year but could potentially look at having a separate event another time. Seconded by CW, carried.	
25/198E	11. Freedom of the Town – 2nd Dec, by Invite Only Scroll to be presented to Mr Connolly as the successful nominee, as voted in July, to be given Freedom of the Town at the Full Town Meeting in December. Nibbles and Drinks to be served prior to the Full Town Meeting which is by Invite Only. Balloon Arch confirmed through Dotty Dot Balloons. Budget voted at Septembers meeting, set at £250 for Prosecco (CW to purchase whilst on offer), Waitrose sandwich platters and flowers which CB will order.	CW CB
25/199E	12. Future Events - Pumpkin Trail Proposal was not a success due to the lack of uptake from businesses. Community Awards discussed and concluded it was losing impact and to look at holding these bi-annually, therefore not hold them for 2026. 2026 Easter Party was discussed CDB proposed to host the 2026 Easter Party on Saturday 28th March. Seconded by HJ, carried. Cllrs have been asked to think of new and fresh ideas for 2026	All All
25/200E	13. Community Family Passes Update given to Cllrs on number of passes sold since starting the initiative. The costs of the original purchase price has now been covered. 4 kingdoms – 72 Cholderton Farm – 67 Clown About – 47 Cllrs extremely pleased the Family Passes are being well received by the community. 4 Kingdoms pass expiry date – 2nd Nov due to close down for Christmas. CB to add to agenda to re-purchase another pass in January onwards due to its popularity and	CB

	CB will investigate other pass options as potentials for next year.	CB
25/201E	14. Parish Magazine Input suggestions asked to be emailed through to CB for future issues	All/CB
25/202E	15. Budget Monthly expenditure distributed to the Cllrs.	CL
25/203E	16. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates. Updates given to Cllrs regarding website and social media interactions. Email received from the GSM distributed to the Cllrs to request attendance and support at the Anti-drug & Anti- County lines meeting on the 4 th November. Santas Sleigh around Tidworth & Perham Down is being investigated.	CW
25/204E	17. Date of Next Meeting: 18th November 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.