

TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee NOVEMBER 2025

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 18^{th} November 2025 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

(OF), P Hed Musikvanhu C Baxter - A Guests: Kyle Mcclet		25/205E 1. Apologies: Absent: Cllr M Amin (MA), C Danso (CD) Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 19 requires a record to be kept of the members and that this record form part of the minute meeting. Members who cannot attend a me should tender apologies to the Town Clerk a usual for the grounds upon which apologies tendered also to be recorded. Under Section the Local Government Act1972, members po must decide whether the reason(s) for a me absence are accepted.	s present es of the eeting es it is are 85(1) of resent
Item	Agenda Item		Action By
25/206E	2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).		All
25/207E	3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the October Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in November 2025. No matters arising.		All
25/208E	4. Recent Event Feedback Halloween: Mad Pete was enjoyed by the children, from an adult's perspective it was hard to hear his show and wondered if he had a mic, it would make the audience feel more involved. Sitting area set up was cramped especially for mums with babies. Needed more volunteers to help run the various areas of the event. The Land art section was a new activity for the children and was extremely well used and enjoyed. When the sweets were placed out for the children it was very chaotic and maybe individual sweet bags to be handed out to families on arrival instead. Remembrance: Amazing turnout from the community. The parade was a huge success, special thanks given to the GSM for co-ordinating the march and to Rev Birch for taking the service. CB to request a review meeting with the GSM and RM for a full review of the event. One addition would be somewhere specifically for individuals to place wooden crosses. Overall, a huge success.		СВ
25/209E	5. Litter Pick Quotes distributed to the Cllrs for childr purchase 40 vests in various sizes from of £7 per vest. Seconded by CW, carried	Print & Craft Studio, Ludgershall at a cost	СВ

25/210E	6. Christmas Fair 6 th 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.	RM
	Father Christmas costume, beard and accessories bought and fits well, HJ	
	proposed 3 santa sacks in total be purchased from home bargains at £4.99 each	СВ
	for a total of £14.97. Seconded by SM, carried.	
	Rosy Cheeks face painting booked 2 artists 11am-3pm.	
	Jollypop entertainment: The Grinch and Cinderella booked.	
	Reindeer 10.30 arrival for 3 hrs	
	Photographer Nathan Read Photography confirmed 11am-3pm.	
	Outdoor Rides confirmed	
	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.	
	Holy Trinity Church have kindly offered to do craft table at this year's event. CB has	
	purchased addition items for the craft table to cover costs as agreed in October.	
	Chocolate selection boxes purchased. Donation received from Tesco with CB	СВ
	to purchase additional Haribo sweets as per October's meeting.	
	Booking time slots for Father Christmas to be trailed to reduce queues, CB	
	has created a timetable and process	
	CW proposed 50 books to be purchased from the works at a cost of £1 each as an	СВ
	alternative to selections boxes for children who have dietary restrictions. Total	
	cost £50. Seconded by RM, carried.	
	Rev Tembo confirmed he will read a Christmas Story to the children in between the	СВ
	Grinch & Cinderella shows – story to be confirmed by Rev Tembo.	С
25/211E	7. 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.	СВ
25/212E	8. Easter Party – Saturday 28 th March 2026 Deferred	
25/213E	9. Tidworth Town Festival – Saturday 25 th July 2026 Deferred	
25/214E	10. Freedom of the Town – 2 nd Dec, by Invite Only	
23/217	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 purchased, Waitrose sandwich	
	platters and flowers ordered, additional refreshments to be purchased from Tesco	СВ
	on the day. CW proposed to pay Ben's drycleaners Andover to wash the 16 table	
	clothes used at remembrance at a cost of £6.95 per cloth due volunteers being	
	unable to wash and dry them before next use. Total cost £111.20 Seconded by OF,	
	<mark>carried</mark> .	
	CW proposed to purchase 3 additional red tablecloths be purchased. Seconded by CDB, carried.	
25/215E	11. Neighbourhood Watch	OF

	Deferred	
25/216E	12. Tommy Silhouettes Discussed if Cllrs would like to make these a permanent feature at the Civic Centre. The conclusion was the risk of vandalism and damage is currently too high, and it was decided to put the silhouettes into storage for future use at remembrance.	
25/217E	13. Future Events - Mr Mccletchie and Mr Kuczera from the Stonehenge Chamber were invited to attend the meeting to discuss a Santa Sleigh around Tidworth. They confirmed they would be able to bring their sleigh on Wednesday 17 th December, expected timing are from 5pm-8pm. CB to co-ordinate with KM to finalise route and times which will them be distributed to the Cllrs and public. Ludgershall to cover the Perham Down area as they have done previously. Stonehenge Chamber are very keen to work with Tidworth Town Council to provide complimentary and discounted options such as events and services to the community of Tidworth and Perham Down going forward which is greatly appreciated and welcomed by the Cllrs. Cllrs have been asked to think of new and fresh ideas for 2026	CB
25/218E	14. Community Family Passes Update given to ClIrs on number of passes sold since starting the initiative. The costs of the original purchase price has now been covered. 4 kingdoms – 74 Cholderton Farm – 71 Clown About – 52 ClIrs extremely pleased the Family Passes are being well received by the community.	
	4 Kingdoms pass expiry date -2^{nd} 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 will investigate other pass options as potentials for next year.	CB CB
25/219E	15. Parish Magazine Costings given to the Cllrs regarding the retrospective bill from the parish magazine and it was discussed on whether it was worthwhile to continue and if it reached that many Tidworth residents. The Cllrs decide to continue until the end of the financial year and then review. Input suggestions asked to be emailed through to CB for future issues	All/CB
25/220E	16. Budget Deferred due to budget setting meeting due	CL
25/221E	17. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates. Updates given to Cllrs regarding website and social media interactions. Mortuary Chapel Bell update given to the Cllrs. The bell tower is in very bad shape, extensive rotting to the wood and the chains are also misshapen and rusty which means refurbishments is needed asap. Quotes are being obtained, and the services committee will ultimately take lead. The bell itself may date back to the 1600's but unsure at this point if it is cracked.	CB RM
25/222E	18. Date of Next Meeting: 16 th December 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 8.50pm.