



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee NOVEMBER 2025

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

Attended Cllrs C Daborn (CDB), C Webb, O Flower (OF), P Hedge (PH), H Jones (HJ), R Mason (RM), S Musikvanhu (SM) C Baxter - Admin Guests: Kyle McCletchie – Stonehenge Chamber Damien Kuczera – Stonehenge Chamber		25/205E 1. Apologies: Absent: Cllr M Amin (MA), C Danso (CD) <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
25/206E	2. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>	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.	CB
25/209E	5. Litter Pick Quotes distributed to the Cllrs for children's high-vis vests. CDB proposed to purchase 40 vests in various sizes from Print & Craft Studio, Ludgershall at a cost of £7 per vest. Seconded by CW, carried.	CB

25/210E	<p>6. 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>RM volunteered to be Father Christmas for the event.</p> <p>Father Christmas costume, beard and accessories bought and fits well, HJ</p> <p>proposed 3 santa sacks in total be purchased from home bargains at £4.99 each for a total of £14.97. Seconded by SM, carried.</p> <p>Rosy Cheeks face painting booked 2 artists 11am-3pm.</p> <p>Jollypop entertainment: The Grinch and Cinderella booked.</p> <p>Reindeer 10.30 arrival for 3 hrs</p> <p>Photographer Nathan Read Photography confirmed 11am-3pm.</p> <p>Outdoor Rides confirmed</p> <p>WI have been WI invited to run a stand and accepted sausage rolls / quiche / Christmas cookies / gingerbreads / flapjack / Tea & Coffee</p> <p>Alex McCloy confirmed he will bring his converted horsebox drinks stand to sell mulled wine & hot chocolate.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Chocolate selection boxes purchased. Donation received from Tesco with CB to purchase additional Haribo sweets as per October's meeting.</p> <p>Booking time slots for Father Christmas to be trailed to reduce queues, CB has created a timetable and process</p> <p>CW proposed 50 books to be purchased from the works at a cost of £1 each as an alternative to selections boxes for children who have dietary restrictions. Total cost £50. Seconded by RM, carried.</p> <p>Rev Tembo confirmed he will read a Christmas Story to the children in between the Grinch & Cinderella shows – story to be confirmed by Rev Tembo.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
25/211E	<p>7. Indoor Christmas Tree Civic Centre – Installation Date 25 November</p> <p>10ft artificial tree from PHS Greenleaf ordered from their standard range in the colours red and gold.</p>	CB
25/212E	<p>8. Easter Party – Saturday 28th March 2026</p> <p>Deferred</p>	
25/213E	<p>9. Tidworth Town Festival – Saturday 25th July 2026</p> <p>Deferred</p>	
25/214E	<p>10. Freedom of the Town – 2nd Dec, by Invite Only</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 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, carried.</p> <p>CW proposed to purchase 3 additional red tablecloths be purchased. Seconded by CDB, carried.</p>	CB
25/215E	<p>11. Neighbourhood Watch</p>	OF

