



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee DECEMBER 2025

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 16th December 2025 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

Attended Cllrs C Daborn (CDB), C Webb, O Flower (OF), S Musikvanhu (SM) P Hedge (PH) H Jones (HJ) R Mason (RM) C Baxter - Admin Guests:		25/223E 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
25/224E	2. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>	All
25/225E	3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the November Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in December 2025. No matters arising.	All
25/226E	4. Recent Event Feedback Freedom of the Town Positive feedback was noted, the evening was a success, and Mr Connolly was well deserved of the award. Christmas Fair Overall, a great event which was well enjoyed by the public with extremely positive feedback. The queue system for Father Christmas was a great improvement on last year. The stall holder feedback was the majority had a great event with plenty of sales. Areas to improve are the car park situation – sadly not many members of the public used other car parks in the area and so the roads were extremely congested. OF suggested that next year we could invite local school for the children to do Carol singing or a mixture of story reading and singing. Cllrs also discussed about volunteers and potential ways to encourage more volunteers at events. The members were updated about an incident involving one of the fairground rides which is currently being investigated. Due to the nature of the investigation, this is not for public discussion.	CB
25/227E	5. Litter Pick High-viz for children CB to purchase as agreed as November's meeting	CB

25/228E	6. Santa Sleigh around Tidworth – Wednesday 17th December 25 Cllrs are looking forward to this exciting new addition to Tidworth. Operated by the Stonehenge Chamber and their volunteers. Some concerns were raised about the route but they are confident it will work.	CB
25/229E	7. Easter Party – Saturday 28th March 2026 Cllrs discussed plans for the Easter Party. CB to investigate and book a children's entertainer. CW proposed a budget of up to £500 for a children's entertainer, seconded by PH, carried CDB proposed a budget of up to £250 for costs involving easter eggs, chocolates and little teddy gifts, seconded by CW, carried. CW proposed to invite Rosie Cheeks facepainting back, last year's costs were £60 per hour per artists at 2 artists for 2 hours, seconded by SM, carried Cllrs also discussed other entertainment options	
25/230E	8. Tidworth Town Festival – Saturday 25th July 2026 Deferred until contact has been made with AJ Entertainment	
25/231E	9. Neighbourhood Watch OF has been investigating if there is still an active Neighbourhood watch programme in Tidworth and from initial enquiries there does look to be one. OF has reached out but no response yet. Still ongoing.	OF
25/232E	10. Future Events - The Cllrs discussed options for events of 2026. One option presented was for a laser and music show around bonfire night, but the worry was being very busy over a short space of time with the Halloween party and Remembrance Parade happening a few days either side of proposed dates so currently this is not for consideration. Cllrs will discuss more ideas in the New Year and have asked for a Cinema event to be added to January's agenda. Cllrs have been asked to think of new and fresh ideas for 2026	CB All
25/233E	11. Community Family Passes Passes Sold : Cholderton Farm – 72 Clown About – 52 CB has made contact with many organisations and businesses as potentials for next year and will update in January after all responses have been received.	CB
25/234E	12. Parish Magazine Input suggestions asked to be emailed through to CB for future issues	All/CB
25/235E	13. Budget - Deferred 2026 Budget being set this week, update to be provided in January	CL
25/236E	14. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates. Updates given to Cllrs regarding website and social media interactions. Youth Resilience UK has reached out to offer us fully funded spaces on their Mental Health First Aid training course. The training takes a full working day to complete and takes place virtually via Zoom. Dates available are the 13th, 15th or 16th January.	CB
25/237E	15. Date of Next Meeting: 27th January 2026 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 8.20pm.