



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee JANUARY 2026

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 27th January 2026 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

Attended Cllrs C Daborn (CDB), C Webb (CW), O Flower (OF), S Musikvanhu (SM) P Hedge (PH) H Jones (HJ) R Mason (RM) C Baxter - Admin Guests: J Booth, Tesco Champion (JB)		26/001E 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
26/002E	2. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>	All
26/003E	3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the December 2025 Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in January 2026. No matters arising.	All
26/004E	4. Recent Event Feedback No events occurred this month	
26/005E	5. Litter Pick – Saturday 21st March 2026 10am - 12pm The Great British Spring Clean runs between 13 th -29 th March so next litter pick to run in line with this. H's Ices has kindly confirmed attendance and will provide free ice-cream to all litter pickers on the day. CB to contact all Cllrs and local groups to invite.	CB
26/006E	6. Easter Bunny around Tidworth – Easter Weekend Operated by the Stonehenge Chamber and their volunteers they would like to add Tidworth to their route. CB to co-ordinate route and timings and distribute once confirmed.	CB
26/007E	7. Easter Party – Saturday 4th April 2026 2pm - 4pm Disco Dion confirmed. Face painters confirmed. Holy Trinity Church have confirmed to attend to run a craft table for the children. CB to approach the Stonehenge Chamber to ask if they would do a visit with the Easter Bunny to the party in line with the visit to Tidworth, should they be unable to attend PH has kindly offered to be the back-up-bunny.	CB

	<p>CW proposed a budget of up to £100 for additional craft supplies, seconded by CDB, carried.</p> <p>CDB proposed a budget of up to £200 for Easter decorations, PH proposed to increase the budget to £500. CW seconded £200 budget, 4 agreed, 1 abstention, carried.</p> <p>CDB proposed to purchase an Easter themed GOBO disc from Blachere Illuminations at a cost of £195 +VAT + postage. Seconded by HJ, carried.</p> <p>Cllrs noted that at the previous Halloween party there were several mums and crawling babies on the floor and they felt floor mats would be beneficial for comfort.</p> <p>CW proposed to purchase padded click together floor mats at a budget of up to £100, seconded by OF, carried.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
26/008E	<p>8. Tidworth Town Festival – Saturday 25th July 2026 12pm-10pm</p> <p>Deferred until contact has been made with AJ Entertainment.</p> <p>Castledown Radio has confirmed attendance and will be broadcasting live on the day.</p> <p>CB has been tasked to gather quotes for large battery powered portable floodlights to use for clean-up.</p>	<p>CB</p>
26/009E	<p>9. Mortuary Chapel Open Day - Saturday 26th September 2026 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>Date discussed and confirmed.</p>	
26/010E	<p>10. Halloween Party - Saturday 31st October 2026</p> <p>Date discussed.</p> <p>CW proposed that TTC Disco Dion if available at a budget of up to £275, seconded by PH, carried.</p>	<p>CB</p>
26/011E	<p>11. Remembrance – Sunday 8th November 2026</p> <p>RM is investigating the potential of having an aircraft fly-by at Remembrance. There are many things to investigate to see if this is achievable due to various CAA rulings so no update to be given currently.</p> <p>Parade to be planned again for 2026, CB to apply for road closure via Wiltshire Council and investigate traffic management options.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>CB</p>
26/012E	<p>12. Christmas Fair – Saturday 5th December 2026</p> <p>Date discussed and confirmed.</p>	
26/013E	<p>13. Photographer Quotes</p> <p>Nathan Read has provided quotes for 2026 events, Cllrs discussed that he did an excellent job for the 2025 events attended and would like to book him again. CW proposed to book Nathan Read Photography for the Easter Party, 2 hours at a cost of £130. Remembrance, 1.5hrs at a cost of £100. Halloween, 2 hours at a cost of £130. Christmas Fair, 4 hours at a cost of £250. Seconded by RM, Carried</p>	<p>CB</p>
26/014E	<p>14. Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>OF has been investigating if there is still an active Neighbourhood watch programme in Tidworth and from initial enquiries there does seem to be one. Contact has been made with Wiltshire co-ordinator Rob Greenwood. OF to make contact with the members of the Neighbourhood Watch to invite them to a Full Town meeting to advise of their events/educational sessions/security info they provide.</p>	<p>OF</p>
26/015E	<p>15. Future Events</p> <p>The Cllrs discussed options for events of 2026. Various ideas were brought up by the Cllrs but no dates or definitive details voted on. CB to investigate some of the suggestions given.</p>	<p>CB</p>

26/016E	<p>16. Community Family Passes CB made contact with many organisations and businesses to gather quotes for more corporate passes. Cllrs discussed how popular the ones we currently have are and how beneficial to the community to make family days out more affordable year-round.</p> <p>CW proposed to renew the Clown About Pass in May at a cost of £350. Repurchase 4 Kingdoms Pass at a cost of £500 and to buy additional passes for The Army Flying Museum at a cost of £600. PH proposed that in addition to the ones mentioned Bowood House & Gardens Pass be also purchased at a cost of £660. Seconded by CDB, Carried.</p> <p>CB has been in contact with The National Trust and in line with their organisational strategy of ending unequal access to nature, beauty and history are in support of Tidworth Town Council’s passes and have sent 100 family passes which can be used at any National Trust site. These have been sent complementary to the Council but CDB Proposed in order to keep them in line with the other passes, an admin fee of £5 to be charged in total when distributing, this money will be then be re-invested to purchase additional passes to benefit the community.</p> <p>The Cllrs also discussed they would like to re-purchase Cholderton Farm Pass, CB to get a quote in April as the current pass expires 4th June.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
26/017E	<p>17. Parish Magazine Input suggestions asked to be emailed through to CB for future issues.</p>	All/CB
26/018E	<p>18. Budget - Deferred Budget distributed to the Cllrs.</p>	CL
26/019E	<p>19. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates. Due to the original committee disbanding and the Armed Forces Day Event no longer happening in 2026, JB – Tesco Champion is currently organising a Tesco Armed Forces Day on the 27th Jun –10am-4pm. The location and size of the event is still in the planning stages but is looking to be bigger than last year’s which was held in the Tesco car park. Cllrs have been invited to attend and have a gazebo. NHS Venue Development Team have been in touch, and they are very keen to have Blood Donation sessions at the Civic Centre. On-site assessment has taken place and so far it looks very promising for the future.</p>	ALL
26/020E	<p>20. Date of Next Meeting: 17th February 2026 All agenda items to be with the Town Clerk 7 working days prior to the meeting</p>	All

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.