



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee FEBRUARY 2026

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 17th February 2026 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

Attended Cllrs C Daborn (CDB), C Webb (CW), P Hedge (PH) H Jones (HJ) R Mason (RM) C Baxter - Admin Guests:		26/021E 1. Apologies: O Flower (OF), S Musikvanhu (SM) 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
26/022E	2. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>	All
26/023E	3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the January 2026 Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in February 2026. No matters arising.	All
26/024E	4. Recent Event Feedback No events occurred this month.	
26/025E	5. Litter Pick – Saturday 21st March 2026 10am - 12pm H's Ices has kindly confirmed attendance and will provide free ice-cream to all litter pickers on the day. CB has invited local groups and businesses. CDB proposed 100 disposable cups be purchased at a cost of £10. Seconded by CW, carried.	CB
26/026E	6. Easter Bunny around Tidworth – Easter Weekend Operated by the Stonehenge Chamber and their volunteers. CB meeting with a representative to discuss and see if this is a possibility – CB will update accordingly.	CB
26/027E	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

	Budgets agreed at previous meetings for craft supplies, Easter decorations, Easter eggs and snacks. CB in the process of ordering everything.	CB
26/028E	<p>8. Tidworth Town Festival – Saturday 25th July 2026 12pm-10pm</p> <p>Deferred until March as meeting booked in Feb with AJ Entertainment for update. There has been some confusion about Armed Forces Day and the public thinking that the Tidworth Festival is the AFD. There was a suggestion made to move the Festival to June for 2027 and rename to include the AFD/TTF. The Cllrs decided to defer this to a later date due to prioritising this year's planning.</p> <p>Quotes were given to the Cllrs. CDB proposed that Rosie Cheeks Face painting be booked for the festival at a cost of £60per hour per artist. 2 artists from 12pm-5pm in line with the stall holder timings. Total cost £600. Seconded by CW, carried.</p>	
26/029E	<p>9. Mortuary Chapel Open Day - Saturday 26th September 2026 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>Cllrs are looking to hold a celebration service at the open day including ringing of the Mortuary Chapel Bell as the work for the new bell will be completed March/April time.</p>	
26/030E	<p>10. Halloween Party - Saturday 24th October 2026 2pm- 4pm</p> <p>The original date for the Halloween party was originally 31st October, due to issues securing an available children's entertainer.</p> <p>CDB proposed that the date be amended to the 24th October should Disco Dion be available. Seconded by HJ, carried.</p>	CB
26/031E	<p>11. Remembrance – Sunday 8th November 2026</p> <p>Investigations are still ongoing for the potential of having an aircraft fly-by at Remembrance alongside sponsorship from local businesses to cover costs. 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>	RM CB
26/032E	<p>12. Christmas Fair – Saturday 5th December 2026</p> <p>Nathan Read Photography confirmed.</p> <p>Quotes were given to the Cllrs CW proposed that Rosie Cheeks Face painting be booked for the Christmas Fair at a cost of £60per hour per artist. 2 artists for 4 hours. Total cost £480. Seconded by PH, carried.</p> <p>CDB proposed that we ask reindeer for hire to return for the 2026 fair at a cost of £1525 for 2 reindeer. Seconded by CW, carried.</p>	
26/033E	13. Neighbourhood Watch - Deferred	OF
26/034E	<p>14. Future Events</p> <p>Quotes give to the Cllrs for various outdoor theatre company productions. The Cllrs felt this was a good option and something different to offer to the community and worth a risk to see if is well attended. Dates and availability discussed and CDB proposed book the William Shakespeare show 'As you like it' on the 11th August at a cost of £2375 + Vat. Seconded by CW, carried. CB has since contacted the theatre company, and this date is now allocated. Alternatives being investigated.</p>	CB
26/035E	<p>15. Community Family Passes</p> <p>Update given to Cllrs on the number of passes sold since starting the initiative.</p> <p>2026 Season, 4 kingdoms – 10 Army Flying Museum – 9 National Trust – 12 Bowood House – Opens 27th March 2025/2026 season, Cholderton Farm – 79 Clown About – 66</p> <p>Feedback from the community and Cllrs is extremely positive.</p>	

	CB to renew the Clown About Pass in May as agreed at January's meeting. CB to get a quote for Cholderton Farm in April as the current pass expires on the 4 th June.	CB CB
26/036E	16. Parish Magazine Input suggestions asked to be emailed through to CB for future issues.	All/CB
26/037E	17. Budget – Deferred Budget unavailable due to staff annual leave – to be distributed to Cllrs next week.	CL
26/038E	18. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates. PH received an email from a member of the public, a 14-year-old local boy (R), who has requested for a fishing pond to be created in the Tidworth area as an initiative to give local youths something to do as well as the greater community. The Cllrs discussed the Riverbourne Corridor, but it felt that it would significantly affect the water table and pose a risk of water logging, which could then in turn damage with the surround land and infrastructure. It was concluded that as much as it is a lovely idea Tidworth Town Council does not have any land suitable to create a pond on. A thank you letter is to be written in response to R to update and thank him for his interest.	CL/CW
26/039E	19. Date of Next Meeting: 17th March 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 8.30pm.