



**TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
Community Engagements Committee MARCH 2026

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

<b>Attended Cllrs C Daborn (CDB), C Webb (CW), C Danso (CD)</b> <b>P Hedge (PH)</b> <b>R Mason (RM)</b> <b>C Baxter - Admin</b>  <b>Guests:</b> <b>GSM K Tomlinson (GSM)</b> <b>Rupert Gergory (RG)</b>		<b>26/040E 1. Apologies: O Flower (OF), S Musikvanhu (SM)</b> <b>Absent: Cllr M Amin (MA),</b> <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
26/041E	<b>2. Declaration of Interest</b> <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>	All
26/042E	<b>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Minutes of the February 2026 Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in March 2026. No matters arising.	All
26/043E	<b>4. Recent Event Feedback</b> No events occurred this month.	
26/044E	<b>5. Litter Pick – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026 10am - 12pm</b> Everything is ready for the event. Volunteers to arrive at 0930 for set-up H's Ices confirmed to attend.	All
26/045E	<b>6. Easter Bunny around Tidworth – Easter Weekend</b> Due to timing and volunteer availability, The Stonehenge Chamber are unable to go around Tidworth but had allocated a 3pm stop for the Easter Party. Damian has asked if TTC would provide Crème Eggs for them to give out to the children attending the party, so they don't come empty handed. GSM has offered to run this by the Garisson Commander to ask to cover the donation as this benefits military families locally.	CB
26/046E	<b>7. Easter Party – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026 2pm - 4pm</b> Disco Dion confirmed. Face painters confirmed. Holy Trinity Church have confirmed to attend to run a craft table for the children. Stonehenge Chamber bringing the Easter Bunny to the party at 3pm CB has ordered all craft supplies, Easter decorations, Easter eggs and snacks.	Tina E  CB
26/047E	<b>8. Tidworth Town Festival – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2026 12pm-10pm</b> Meeting has taken place with AJ Entertainment, all plans area coming along nicely. There are	

	enquiries still taking place but overall, no issues with the preparations that are currently underway. Face painters booked, 2 artists from 12pm-5pm in line with the stall holder timings.	
26/48E	<b>9. Mortuary Chapel Open Day - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026 2pm - 4pm</b> <b>Deferred – Refurbished bell due to be rehung 25<sup>th</sup> March.</b>	
26/049E	<b>10. Halloween Party - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026 2pm- 4pm</b> Photographer & Disco Dion Confirmed. <b>CW proposed that £100 budget to be set to buy Halloween decorations. Seconded by PH, carried.</b>	CB
26/050E	<b>11. Remembrance – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2026</b> Investigations are ongoing into the potential for an aircraft fly-by, including the possibility of securing sponsorship from local businesses to cover associated costs. Confirmation is still awaited. It was noted that a minute gun could be used to mark the start and end of the minute’s silence, potentially located on the Esso field. GSM raised concerns regarding distance regulations and sound levels in relation to public safety. Relevant paperwork, including risk assessments, to be investigated. <b>CDB proposed that, subject to regulations permitting, funding be allocated for the minute gun at a cost of £90. Seconded by CW, carried.</b> It was agreed that the march will be planned again for 2026. CB to apply for the necessary closure via Wiltshire Council and investigate suitable traffic management options. Concerns were discussed regarding the number of available volunteers on the day in comparison to the expected attendance, and the actions required to ensure the event runs smoothly. CB raised the possibility of appointing additional event staff via an agency if necessary. The committee agreed that this would be a viable option, should the need arise. *Afternote – After discussion with the Town Clerk, CB will provide a report of where support was lacking in 2025 and where help was offered but didn’t happen. CB will include what she thinks the requirements for 2026 will be.	RM GSM/RM RM/CB CB CB
26/051E	<b>12. Christmas Fair – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2026. 10am SEN Hour, 11am-3pm Fair</b> Nathan Read Photography confirmed. Rosie Cheeks Face Painting booked, 2 artists for 4 hours. Reindeer Hire Confirmed. Discussed the option to have the fairground. CB to gather quotes for 3 rides to attend. Discussed the option to purchase or hire artificial Christmas Trees (one for Tedworth Hall and one for The Perham Suites) – Deferred until after the build of the new external store.	CB
26/052E	<b>13. Neighbourhood Watch - Deferred</b>	OF
26/053E	<b>14. Future Events</b> Unfortunately, the outdoor theatre production for William Shakespear ‘As you like it’ was full so could not be booked as voted at last month’s meeting. As an alternative a production of ‘A Christmas Carol’ by This Is My Theatre was available to book for either 24 <sup>th</sup> November or 9 <sup>th</sup> December. This would be indoors for up to 100 people. Councillors were split evenly on date choice and thought best to have a have it in November due to the December date being very close to the Christmas Fair. <b>CDB proposed to book the 24<sup>th</sup> November at a cost of £1500 + VAT and if not available to book the 9<sup>th</sup> December as second date choice. Seconded by PH, carried.</b>	CB
26/054E	<b>15. Community Family Passes</b> Update given to Cllrs on the number of passes sold since starting the initiative. 2026 Season,                      4 kingdoms – 18                      Army Flying Museum – 9 National Trust – 16                      Bowood House – 4 2025/2026 season              Clown About – 70                      Cholderton Farm – 93	

	<p>Feedback from the community and Cllrs is extremely positive.</p> <p>CB to renew the Clown About Pass in May as agreed at January's meeting.</p> <p>Cholderton Farm pass expires on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. Based on the 2025/2026 price it cost £275 for 2 adults and 3 children but there may be a slight price increase after April. <b>CW proposed to repurchase Cholderton Farm in April in line with our current pass expiring at a cost of up to £350. Seconded by PH, carried.</b></p>	<p>CB CB</p>
26/055E	<p><b>16. Parish Magazine</b></p> <p>Input suggestions asked to be emailed through to CB for future issues.</p>	All/CB
26/056E	<p><b>17. Budget – Deferred</b></p> <p>Budget distributed to Cllrs</p>	CL
26/057E	<p><b>18. Correspondence, Website &amp; Social Media Updates.</b></p> <p>Invitations have been received from Wiltshire Council for the Tidworth Community Health &amp; Wellbeing Event on 1st June, offering a stand. It was noted that HJ will be attending the event as a representative of TTC; however, the committee agreed to decline the offer of a stall.</p> <p>Tesco has also invited TTC to attend their Tesco Armed Forces Day event with a stall. This was agreed, in order to provide members of the public with information on local offerings and services available through the council.</p>	All
26/058E	<p><b>19. Date of Next Meeting: 21st April 2026</b></p> <p><b>All agenda items to be with the Town Clerk 7 working days prior to the meeting.</b></p>	All

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.**