



## TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee April 2026

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

<p><b>Attended Cllrs C Daborn (CDB), C Webb (CW), C Danso (CD), S Musikvanhu (SM), O Flower (OF), T Smith-Turner (TST)</b>  <b>H Jones (HJ)</b>  <b>P Hedge (PH)</b>  <b>R Mason (RM)</b></p> <p><b>C Baxter - Admin</b></p> <p><b>Guests:</b></p>		<p><b>26/059E 1. Apologies:</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></p>
Item	Agenda Item	Action By
26/060E	<p><b>2. Declaration of Interest</b>  <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i></p>	All
26/061E	<p><b>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>            Minutes of the March 2026 Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in April 2026. No matters arising.</p>	All
26/062E	<p><b>4. Recent Event Feedback</b>            Litter Pick – March’s litter pick was a resounding success over 100 attendees and with nearly as many bags of rubbish collected. It was noted that the attendance was very diverse in age, gender and nationality. It was discussed how there was not enough equipment and if it would be worthwhile to purchase more. It was decided to revisit this topic after another litter pick to see if this was a one-off or if attendance will continue to be high in the future. Large thanks were given to H’s Ices for attending on the day and providing complimentary ice-cream to all who attended.            Easter Party – April’s Easter Party went well; Disco Dion was loved by all who attended. It was noted that there were many younger children in attendance and less children aged 9 and up. There were discussions as to how this could be overcome in the future but with tickets being allocated on a 1<sup>st</sup> come basis it would be hard to monitor this especially when many families have younger children who would wish to attend also. On the day there were approx. 20 children were allocated tickets but didn’t attend and it was proposed for future dates to give out 110 tickets but advertise for 100 and this way more families will be able to attend with the 10% who do not show accounted for. The unused Easter Eggs were donated to the Tidworth Foodbank. The Stonehenge Chamber kindly attended the event on their wonderful trailer with the Easter Bunny and his friends. They had photos with all who attended and gave everyone Crème Eggs which were generously donated by the Garrison Commander.</p>	
26/063E	<p><b>5. Litter Pick – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 2pm - 4pm</b></p>	

	<p>New date for a litter pick discussed <b>CW proposed Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm for 2 hours. Seconded by PH, carried.</b></p> <p>CB to approach H's Ices to see if he is available to attend and enquire about costs.</p> <p>CB to approach idverde to ask about the possibility of borrowing extra equipment as back up if higher number of attendees.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
26/064E	<p><b>6. Tidworth Town Festival – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2026 12pm - 10pm</b></p> <p>Deferred - Meeting due to take place with AJ in May for full update.</p> <p>Face painters booked, 2 artists from 12pm-5pm in line with the stall holder timings.</p>	<p>CB</p>
26/065E	<p><b>7. Mortuary Chapel Open Day - September 2026 2pm - 4pm</b></p> <p>Due to wishing to invite the bell hangers to this year's open day it was discussed to change the date. <b>CW proposed that the date be changed to the Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Seconded by CDB, 1 abstention. Carried.</b></p> <p>The restored bell has now been rehung, CB to ask Services to chase the removal of scaffolding. Mortuary Chapel pins, there are currently 33 left from last years purchase, it was discussed if more should be bought and if so what design. <b>CDB proposed that, 100 more badges be purchased from trophiesplusmedals.com at a cost of £1.45 per badge incorporating a centrally positioned bell as the primary focal point. Seconded by RM, carried.</b></p> <p>CB to invite the press and organise a press release</p> <p>Quote received from Love the flower boutique, no response from other businesses so far.</p> <p>Refreshments discussed and it was agreed to have a variety of cakes and drinks – no scones.</p> <p><b>CW proposed that a budget of up to £200 to be set to buy cakes and drinks from Waitrose. Seconded by HJ, carried.</b></p>	<p>LC</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB/CL</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
26/066E	<p><b>8. Halloween Party - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026 2pm - 4pm</b></p> <p>Photographer &amp; Disco Dion Confirmed.</p> <p>CB to purchase decorations (£100 approved in March)</p> <p>Refreshment budget deferred – CB to gather quote options including healthy satsuma options.</p> <p>OF volunteered to create a nature activity again following on from last year's success.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>OF</p>
26/067E	<p><b>9. Remembrance – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2026</b></p> <p>Investigations are ongoing into the potential for an aircraft fly-by.</p> <p>Budget agreed for a minute gun to mark the start and end of the minute's silence, potentially located on the Esso field should it be approved to use once health &amp; safety, risk assessments and distance /sound regulations have been investigated.</p> <p>Refreshments were discussed but no decision concluded, deferred until next meeting.</p> <p>CB to apply for the necessary closure via Wiltshire Council and investigate suitable traffic management options.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
26/068E	<p><b>10. 'A Christmas Carol' Theatre Production – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2026 7pm - 8.30pm</b></p> <p>Clr's discussed preferred start time and if there was to be an interval it was decided that 7pm start and no interval required. It was agreed to ask for advertising to state suitable for aged 11 and upwards due to the type of production.</p>	
26/069E	<p><b>11. Christmas Fair – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2026. 10am SEN Hour, 11am-3pm Fair</b></p> <p>Nathan Read Photography and Reindeer Hire confirmed.</p> <p>Rosie Cheeks Face Painting booked, 2 artists for 4 hours.</p> <p>RM volunteered to be Santa, queuing system in place as last year.</p> <p>Quotes discussed for the fairground from Walls funfair and Stokes Funfair. Clr's felt that for the price difference there were more choices of rides that were popular with the children with Walls funfair – primarily the activity centre. <b>CW proposed to book Bernice Wall, specific rides and budget not discussed. 1 abstention. Seconded by PH, carried.</b></p> <p>The purchase or hire of an artificial Christmas Trees is deferred until after the build of the new external store.</p>	<p>CB</p>

26/070E	<b>12. Neighbourhood Watch – Deferred</b>	OF
26/071E	<b>13. Future Events</b> Cllrs discussed potential new options including coffee and rave during the day aimed at adults as well as a beer or food event. CB has been tasked to generate a Facebook poll for feedback.	CB
26/072E	<b>14. Community Family Passes</b> Update given to Cllrs on the number of passes sold since starting the initiative. 2026 Season,                      4 kingdoms – 42                      Army Flying Museum – 26 National Trust – 66                      Bowood House – 21 2025/2026 season              Clown About – 87                      Cholderton Farm – 115  Feedback from the community and Cllrs is extremely positive. CB to renew the Clown About Pass in May as agreed at January’s meeting and to renew the Cholderton Farm pass which expires in June as agreed at March’s meeting.	CB
26/073E	<b>15. Parish Magazine</b> Input suggestions asked to be emailed through to CB for future issues.	All/CB
26/074E	<b>16. Budget – Deferred</b> Budget to be emailed to the Cllrs	CL
26/075E	<b>17. Correspondence, Website &amp; Social Media Updates.</b> Chair of services emailed to raise the query of purchasing a Gobo disc for the outdoor projector featuring the TTC logo which could be used when no others are being used. <b>CDB proposed that a TTC logo GOBO disc be purchased from Blachere at a cost of £195 + VAT Seconded by CW. Carried</b> The Council received correspondence regarding the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS), open for applications until August 2026. Following discussion, Councillors agreed not to progress with the scheme at this time, as it was considered to impact a limited number of residents, would require a significant amount of work from both Councillors and residents, and there is no guarantee that the scheme would be delivered at no cost to residents.	CB
26/076E	<b>18. Date of Next Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b> <b>All agenda items to be with the Town Clerk 7 working days prior to the meeting.</b>	All

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