



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Community Engagements Committee May 2026

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 19th May 2026 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

<p>Attended Cllrs C Daborn (CDB), C Webb (CW), O Flower (OF), H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH) R Mason (RM) C Baxter - Admin</p> <p>Guests: 2 x Neighbourhood Watch Representatives (NHW)</p>		
Item	Agenda Item	Action By
26/077E	<p>1. Engagements Committee Chair Election CW proposed CDB to be Chair, seconded by OF. CDB stated he was able to accept the nomination. There being no other proposals or nominations, the Committee voted in favour of CDB to be Chair.</p>	All
26/078E	<p>2. Apologies: S Musikavanhu (SM), K Allen (KA), T Smith-Turner (TST) Absent: M Anim (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></p>	All
26/079E	<p>3. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i></p>	All
26/080E	<p>4. Volunteers of representative for Projects Committee Cllrs CDB and OF volunteered to go into the Projects Committee, seconded by CW, carried.</p>	
26/081E	<p>5. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the April Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in May 2026. No matters arising.</p>	All
26/082E	<p>6. Recent Event Feedback Deferred - No events taken place since last month.</p>	All
26/083E	<p>7. Litter Pick – TBA June 2026 10am – 12pm H's Ices currently unavailable on 20th June as previously voted. H would like to attend and provide free ice-creams if date could be amended CW proposed that date be changed to the 6th or 13th June depending on H's Ices availability. Seconded by CDB, carried. CB to confirm date with H and feedback to the Council</p>	All

	<p>/dverde contacted re borrowing equipment and to book in litter collection. They have confirmed to loan additional equipment. Hoping to get 20 of each item, maybe more but depends on what they stock they have returned after the GBSC.</p> <p>CB to advertise and email invitations out once date has been confirmed.</p>	
26/084E	<p>8. Tidworth Town Festival – 25th July 12pm-10pm.</p> <p>Update given to the Cllrs, plans are coming along well. All Acts are confirmed bar 1. CW to ask Tidworths new Vicar to Bless the Event</p> <p>CDB to look into the cost to hire van Friday to Monday.</p>	CB
26/085E	<p>9. Mortuary Chapel Open Day 19th September 2026 2pm-4pm</p> <p>Quotes presented to the Councillors from local florists. CW proposed that flowers to be booked through Katie Wright at a cost of £184.50 Seconded by OF, carried.</p> <p>CB to ask Katie for TTC colours (red & yellow) if not then seasonal colours.</p> <p>Local Decorator has been contacted for a quote as previously painted in 2008.</p> <p>CB to purchase more mortuary chapel pins as agreed at Aprils meeting. Images distributed to the Cllrs and agreed on the final design.</p> <p>Refreshments budget in April agreed of upto £200 from Waitrose.</p> <p>CB to invite press and organise press release.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CW/CL</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
26/086E	<p>10. Halloween 2025 Sat 24th October 2026 2pm-4pm</p> <p>Deferred until next month. Previous minutes listed as a point of reference.</p> <p>Photographer & 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>CB</p> <p>OF</p>
26/087E	<p>11. Remembrance – 8th Nov 2026 10.30am</p> <p>N Read Photography confirmed.</p> <p>Military March: CB is looking into this and liaising with The Stonehenge Chamber for the road closure but no response so far. CB to get gets from traffic management companies as comparison as the paperwork needs to be sent to Wilshire Council June/July in order to get the approval for closure.</p> <p>Flyby proposal: Investigations are ongoing regarding CAA / MAA regulations no further update as of yet. Sponsorship is confirmed should we be able to proceed.</p> <p>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 & safety, risk assessments and distance /sound regulations have been investigated</p> <p>It was discussed about extra speakers to be aimed towards the road so more people can listen to the service.</p> <p>Extra meetings to be arranged going forward purely for Remembrance Day due to the event being more large-scale and the need to be discussed more in-depth.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>RM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>CDB</p> <p>All</p>
26/088E	<p>12. A Christmas Carol’ Theatre Production – Tuesday 24th November 2026 7pm - 8.30pm</p> <p>Deferred until July CB to coordinate with This is My Theatre to discuss advertising planning starts June/July for Christmas dates as they are currently busy with their summer shows.</p>	CB
26/089E	<p>13. Christmas Fair 5th December 2026, 10am-11am SEND Santa visit, 11am – 3pm Fair</p> <p>RM kindly volunteered to be Father Christmas. It was discussed that the beard last year was very uncomfortable, poor quality. CDB proposed that a budget of £150 be given for multiple beards to be ordered and unsuitable ones be returned for a refund. Seconded by HJ, carried.</p>	CB

	<p>Rosy Cheeks Face painting 2 artists 11am-3pm. Nathan Read Photography and Reindeer are confirmed.</p> <p>CB to gather quote from Jollypop entertainment: The Grinch and 1 other.</p> <p>Rides options for Walls Funfair given to the Councillors CW proposed that the Activity Play Centre, the Big Trucks Ride and the Mini Ferris Wheel be booked at £750 per ride total cost £2250.00. Seconded by CDB, carried.</p> <p>CB to gather quotes for an air con unit as it was very hot last year</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>									
26/090E	<p>14. Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Two representatives from Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch attended to explain how the local neighbourhood watch groups are formed and how we can advertise this to the public. Schemes aim to raise awareness and to also help the police to work more effectively. There are 800 schemes in Wiltshire and Swinden with 5 schemes in Tidworth and it is free to join, anyone who wishes to start a scheme, all you need is 1 person and you would need to go through an interview process. CB to put information on the website and social media.</p>	<p>OF</p> <p>CB</p>									
26/091E	<p>15. Future Events.</p> <p>Poll Update created on facebook to ask the residents what type of events they would be interested in in the future. Food fest, Outdoor Cinema & Family Fun Day top 3 responses.</p>										
26/092E	<p>16. Community Family Passes</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2026 Season,</td> <td>4 kingdoms – 53</td> <td>Army Flying Museum – 28</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>National Trust – 42</td> <td>Bowood House – 33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025/2026 season</td> <td>Clown About – 88</td> <td>Cholderton Farm – 126</td> </tr> </table> <p>To break even £325. This takes into account the renewal costs for cholderton & clown about as well as profit made from the 2025/2026 passes.</p> <p>Bridge End Alpacas have contacted us to get involved as a venue. They proposed a trial run from now until the end of September for either a farm walk (including "meet and feed" sessions) for up to four people or a cheaper "meet and feed" only option.</p> <p>Councillors agreed this appears to be a strong additional option for the community that differs from what is already available. CW proposed the Farm Walk and Meet and Feed option at a cost of £300 be purchased as it was felt this would have more appeal to the community. Seconded by PH, carried.</p>	2026 Season,	4 kingdoms – 53	Army Flying Museum – 28		National Trust – 42	Bowood House – 33	2025/2026 season	Clown About – 88	Cholderton Farm – 126	<p>CB</p>
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26/093E	<p>19. Parish Magazine</p> <p>Input suggestions asked to be emailed through to CB for future issues.</p>										
26/093E	<p>20. TTC Crest Pins</p> <p>Quote distributed to the Cllrs for a Crest pin badge. Proof received for 20 individual pearlized enamel badges at a cost of USD \$225.60 / £165 from gsji.co.uk HJ proposed the 10 badges be purchased and if they are ok then 10 more be ordered. Ordering as 2 separate orders this would avoid any import duty as it would be under the value. Seconded by PH, carried.</p>	<p>ALL</p>									
26/094E	<p>21. Budget</p> <p>Monthly expenditure distributed to the Cllrs.</p>	<p>CL</p>									
26/095E	<p>22. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates.</p> <p>Nothing arising</p>										
26/096E	<p>23. Date of Next Meeting: 16th June 2026</p> <p>All agenda items to be with the Town Clerk 7 working days prior to the meeting</p>	<p>ALL</p>									

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9pm.