



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Community Engagements Committee June 2026

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 16th June 2026 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

Attended Cllrs C Webb (CW), O Flower (OF), C Danso (CD), K Allen (KA) H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH) R Mason (RM) C Baxter - Admin Guests:		
Item	Agenda Item	Action By
26/097E	1. Apologies: Cllrs C Daborn (CDB), S Musikavanhu (SM) Absent: M Anim (MA), Chair of Engagements CDB has sent his apologies CW proposed OF acted as temporary chair for today's meeting, OF accepted. Seconded by KA, carried. <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.</i> <i>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>	All
26/098E	2. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>	All
26/099E	3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the May Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in June 2026. No matters arising.	All
26/100E	4. Recent Event Feedback Deferred - No events taken place since last month.	All
26/101E	5. Litter Pick – 4th July 2026 10am – 12pm Previous litter pick date of the 13 th June cancelled due to clash of dates with the trooping of the colour. Cllrs discussed various July dates. OF proposed the 4th July from 10am – 12pm. Seconded by CD, carried. KA to contact Idverde to discuss costs of buying additional pickers and hoops. 30 of each. CW proposed that a budget of £400 be given for the purchase of 30 grabbers and 30 hoops. Seconded by KA, carried. CB to advertise and email invitations out.	All KA CB
26/102E	6. Tidworth Town Festival – 25th July 12pm-10pm. Update given to the Cllrs, plans are nearly finalised. CW confirmed Tidworth's new Vicar Rev Harland will Bless the Event. Progress update meeting planned for the 18 th June with the event coordinator AJ.	

	CDB to investigate the cost to hire a van Friday to Monday – no update, CB to chase.	CDB
26/103E	7. Mortuary Chapel Open Day 19th September 2026 2pm-4pm Mortuary chapel Bell Restoration pins purchased and flowers have been ordered. Refreshments budget in April agreed of upto £200 from Waitrose. CB/CL to invite press and organise press release. The Cllrs discussed other key details including who was to inaugurate the bell. HJ to have a conversation with A. Birch as the local historian and it was discussed if the purchase of additional folding chairs would be necessary but it was felt that we had enough for the day. The hot water flasks to be used on the day.	CB CB/CL HJ
26/104E	8. Halloween 2025 Sat 24th October 2026 2pm-4pm Deferred until next month. Previous minutes listed as a point of reference. Photographer & Disco Dion Confirmed. CB to purchase decorations (£100 approved in March) Refreshment budget deferred – CB to gather quote options including healthy satsuma options. OF volunteered to create a nature activity again following on from last year's success.	CB CB CB OF
26/105E	9. Remembrance – 8th Nov 2026 10.30am N Read Photography confirmed. CB has heard back from the Stonehenge Chamber. It was discussed that though they have confirmed they will be able to provide volunteers to perform the road closure and we can purchase the signage through their supplier, the Cllrs felt that due to our event increasing in size and the Stonehenge Chamber already organising the Amesbury Remembrance Parade, concerns were raised around how many volunteers would be available. CB had received a quote from Chevron Traffic Management who facilitated last years and have quoted for the signage and closure (not including traffic cones) CW proposed that Chevron Traffic Management be confirmed for the Remembrance Closure at a cost of £920. Seconded by HJ, carried CW offered to inform the Stonehenge Chamber of the council's decision CB to send paperwork to Wilshire Council apply for the road closure. A working group has been put together in order to have separate meetings and make decisions for remembrance as and when needed so that quicker decisions can be made. It was agreed by the committee this would comprise of RM, OF, CB, and SS (Cllr Sela) plus other vital members as needed such as the GSM. Flyby proposal: Sponsorship has been received and invoice paid to confirm the fly-by on Remembrance Day. It is likely this cannot be advertised in the run up as part of the event as it would be against MAA regulations but this needs to be confirmed. 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. It was discussed about extra speakers to be aimed towards the road so more people can listen to the service.	CB RM RM CB CW All
26/106E	10. A Christmas Carol' Theatre Production – Tuesday 24th November 2026 7pm - 8.30pm 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.	CB
26/107E	11. Christmas Fair 5th December 2026, 10am-11am SEND Santa visit, 11am – 3pm Fair RM kindly volunteered to be Father Christmas. Santa beard budget agreed in May, CB to investigate closer to the date when more options are available.	CB

	Rosy Cheeks Face painting 2 artists 11am-3pm. Nathan Read Photography and Reindeer are confirmed. Fairground confirmed. CB awaiting quotes from Jollypop entertainment: The Grinch and 1 other. In order to secure booking CW proposed that a budget of upto £750 be given to confirm the grinch and 1 other at the Christmas Fair. Seconded by OF, carried. CB to contact Tina and Holy Trinity Church closer to the date to run the crafts table. CB to invite Castledown FM. CW to approach Rev Harland closer to the date to ask him to read a story to the children.	CB CB CB CW												
26/108E	12. Future Events. Cllrs discussed the possibility of a community competition with utilising the community family passes as prizes. Various ideas were discussed and a Tidworth Calendar is to be investigated. Residents could enter photos for each month, each monthly winner to win a prize and at the end of the year the combined entries can be compiled to create a calendar. CB to gather prices for production of a calendar.													
26/109E	13. Community Family Passes <table><tr><td>2026/2027 Season,</td><td>4 kingdoms – 67</td><td>Army Flying Museum – 35</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>National Trust – 64</td><td>Bowood House – 47</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Clown About – 10</td><td>Cholderton Farm – 9</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Bridge End Alpacas – 12</td><td></td></tr></table> The cost of the 2026/2027 passes has now been covered, this takes into account the profit from 2025/2026. Any further passes sold will result in profit that can be utilised to purchase more passes next year. CB has spoken with National Trust; due to its popularity they have send TTC an additional 100 passes. CB has also been approached by Amesbury TC to see how the scheme was created as they are interested in setting up similar for their residents due to popular feedback and demand from the community.	2026/2027 Season,	4 kingdoms – 67	Army Flying Museum – 35		National Trust – 64	Bowood House – 47		Clown About – 10	Cholderton Farm – 9		Bridge End Alpacas – 12		
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26/110E	14. Parish Magazine Input suggestions asked to be emailed through to CB for future issues.	ALL												
26/111E	15. Tesco Armed Forces Day – 27th June 10am-4pm Quotes distributed to the Cllrs for weights for the gazebo. After discussion it was decided not to purchase any as they have pegs for the grass and felt for a one off event on concrete it was not required. Emails have been sent to ask Cllrs availability, not many responses have been received so far. Neighbourhood watch has kindly agreed to provide leaflets and maybe stickers to TTC for distribution on the day.	ALL												
26/112E	16. TTC Crest Pins It was agreed last month to order 10 crest pin badges. The cost for 20 individual pearlized enamel badges was USD \$225.60 / £165 from gsjj.co.uk. HJ had originally proposed that 10 badges be purchased and if they were ok then 10 more be ordered as that by placing 2 separate orders this would avoid any import duty as it would be under the value. CB had looked to get a price for 10 but this came to USD \$203.90 / £149.85. Alternative quotes were discussed but due to minimum numbers and high costs they did not compare. CW proposed to purchase 20 pins at the original cost of USD \$225.60 / £165 and pay any import fees as this would be cheaper overall. Seconded by RM, carried.	ALL												
26/113E	17. Budget Monthly expenditure distributed to the Cllrs.	CL												

26/114E	18. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates. Nothing arising	
26/115E	19. Date of Next Meeting: 14th July 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 8.40pm.