



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee July 2026

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 18th August 2026 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

Cllrs O Flower (OF), C Webb (CW), K Allen (KA), A Connolly (AC) S. Musikavanhu (SM),
C Danso (CD) arrival at 7.25pm
H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), R Mason (RM)
C. Lovell – Town Clerk
C. Baxter – admin
Guests:
E. Stead + 1

Item	Agenda Item	Action By
26/132E	1. Election of Chair CW nominated OF, Seconded by SM, OF accepted nomination. KA Put himself forward, Seconded by AC. After votes were a tie KA withdrew nomination. OF accepted role a Chair of Engagements.	
26/133E	2. Representative for Projects Committee AC volunteered, Seconded by KA. Carried	
26/134E	3. Apologies: Absent: M Anim (MA), <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>	All
26/135E	4. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i> None Declared.	All
26/136E	5. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the July Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in August 2026. No matters arising.	All

26/137E	6. Recent Event Feedback Tidworth Town Festival. Wonderful turnout from the community. Thanks were given to the volunteers who attended on the day. Feedback has been extremely positive from the event and new date has been set for 24th July 2027. The new walkie talkies which were bought for the event were not fit for purpose and have since been returned and refunded. CW proposed that 6 Motorola Walkie Talkies be purchased at a cost of £245 + VAT as these are the same brand as our original walkie talkies which work extremely well. Seconded by RM, carried.	All
26/138E	7. Litter Pick – 12th September 2026 10am – 12pm Donation of additional grabbers and hoops has been received from idverde and Wiltshire Council has been received. Additional Note: H's Ices is unavailable to attend the litter pick	CB
26/139E	8. Mortuary Chapel Open Day 19th September 2026 2pm-4pm CB has been updating the Mortuary Chapel information booklets, to include the bell restoration and the model. Quotes distributed to the Cllrs. OF proposed that 250 booklets be purchased from Bulpitt Print, Andover at a cost of £364. Seconded by AC, carried. CB to write up and frame a piece about the clapper to be displayed at the open day. Deputy Lieutenant Polly Nicholson DL has confirmed attendance and will ring the bell.. BBC Wiltshire has been invited to attend. CW proposed that 4 new banners be purchased from printedtoday.co.uk at a cost of £200 due to the previous banners becoming worn. Seconded by KA, carried. Quotes for additional hot water flasks discussed. OF proposed that 2 x 5ltr hot water dispensers be purchased at a cost of £50 from Amazon. Seconded by SM, carried. CW proposed a budget of upto £250 be given for a cool box to be purchased for the storage of the cakes. Seconded by RM, carried.	CB CB CB CB CB
26/140E	9. Halloween 2025 Sat 24th October 2026 2pm-4pm Details of the party discussed. PH proposed that a pack of 5 colour your own Halloween mugs be purchased as prizes for the fancy dress competition at a cost of £14 from Amazon. Seconded by HJ, carried. CB has approached Tesco Champion and has confirmed a donation of sweets is to be received. PH proposed that a Halloween themed GOBO disc be purchased for use in the outside projector at a cost of £207 from Blachere. Seconded by CD, carried.	CB CB
26/141E	10. Remembrance – 8th Nov 2026 10.30am RM provided update so far. Permission details for use of the minute gun are still being investigated. Fly-by is confirmed. Meeting to be arranged for the beginning of September with the GSM to discuss further details. Use of a saluting stand is being investigated for the day. Invites to VIPs to be sent out next month. RM to make contact with a bar to see if they can attend the Civic Centre on the day as a place for people to stay on afterwards. PH proposed that a Remembrance themed GOBO disc be purchased for use in the outside projector at a cost of £207 from Blachere. Seconded by RM, carried.	RM RM CB
26/142E	11. A Christmas Carol' Theatre Production – Tuesday 24th November 2026 7pm - 8.30pm Digital resources have been received. TTC to allocate the tickets for the event to ensure numbers do not go over 100. The WI will offer home-made goods from the kitchen at no charge - donations buckets may be used on the night. HJ proposed that a budget of upto £200 be given to the WI for ingredients that are needed for the evening. Seconded by AC, Carried. CB has approached Tesco Champion and has confirmed a donation of mince pies.	CB

26/143E	12. Christmas Fair 5th December 2026, 10am-11am SEND Santa visit, 11am – 3pm Fair Discussed the possibility of Castledown FM attending to run music and the PA AC will investigate.	AC
26/144E	13. Christmas Tree. Quotes were distributed to buy a Christmas trees for Tedworth Hall. After discussion they have asked CB book in with a company so that an artificial tree, ideally between 10ft and 16ft can be hired over the Christmas Period to include setup and take down. CW proposed a budget to be set of up to £1500. Seconded by SM, one abstention, carried. CB to gather prices for the purchase of a Christmas tree for the Perham Suites	CB CB
26/145E	14. Santa Sleigh Visit CB to get in touch with the Stonehenge Chamber to ask when they intend to start planning their route for the sleigh and to ask if they can visit Tidworth & Perham Down this year. Ludgershall Town Council have also approached them so it may work out as a joint visit between the two towns.	CB
26/146E	15. Future Events. Community Awards - Date set for the 24th February 2027. Discussions were had about a food festival in Tidworth. Information from eat:Festivals Was distributed. They have over 14 years' experience and they provide one day, free to attend events. They source local vendors within a 30-mile radius of the host town and they organise everything themselves. The cost is between £2000- £5000 due to different local authorities having different fees for instance if road closures were needed. If a food festival was to take place on the Esso field the cost would end up being on the lower side of the scale. 2027 availability is running low 17th October is a possibility as well as the 9th October. Alternatively, they are taking bookings in for 2028. RM proposed that Tidworth Town Council commission eat:Festivals to provide a food festival in October 2027 - ideally the 17th October. This will take place on the Esso field. Seconded by AC, carried.	CB
26/147E	16. Tidworth Calendar Competition. CB to start advertising and for the competition to start in October/November. Winners per month to receive a complimentary family pass at the end of 2027 calendars to be purchased for each winner and the possibility of having a digital version as well as hard copies to be purchased.	CB
26/148E	17. Website CL presented prices to the committee for a new website provider Aubergine who are one of the UK's leading experts in building compliant websites for parish and town councils and recommended by SLCC and WALC. More details to follow in due course.	CL
26/149E	18. Request for Big Screen. Mr E Stead approached the Council to ask that a big screen be considered for the opening game of the Euros in 2028. Qualifications take place in March 2028, and the football tournament is from 9 th June – 9 th July. Due to not knowing when England will be playing and the costs involved in hiring a large screen and unknown timings he asked for the opening ceremony to be considered. The Cllrs discussed this at length with opinions varying. SM expressed that if it was done for football then it would be wrong to exclude other popular sports such as Rugby, Cricket, Tennis etc. KA proposed that it be kept on the agenda for next year to be discussed in full closer to the time. Seconded by PH 1 abstention, carried.	ALL
26/150E	19. Community Family Passes Passes are extremely popular within the community. Current profit = £1625 Cholderton Farm, Bowood House & 4 Kingdoms are our most popular – constantly sold	

	out each day during a half term/school holiday. Each venue will allow multiple passes to be booked. As Bowood House and 4 Kingdoms are seasonal and expire in November it was decided to wait until next year to repurchase those. PH proposed that there be an additional pass purchased for Cholderton Farm at a cost of £300 to allow 2 families to attend on the same day. Seconded by CD, carried. CB to enquire about costs to hire out the TLC for pool use for one day to offer discounted rates to the public.	CB CB
26/151E	20. Parish Magazine Input suggestions asked to be emailed through CB for future issues.	ALL
26/152E	21. Budget The budget was distributed to the councilors.	CL
26/153E	22. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates. Correspondence has been received from Warm & Safe Wiltshire who are a free energy advice service that helps residents of Swindon and Wiltshire live in warmer, safer and healthier homes. They administer the Wiltshire Crisis and Resilience Fund for Oil, a government fund that supports low-income households in Wiltshire with the price of heating oil. They contact local council in an area where heating oil is commonly used to heat homes and would like to work with you to spread the word about the fund to the people in your local community. It was discussed that we could liaise with Ludgershall Town Council as they have many residents who use oil and offer complimentary use of the Civic Centre to Warm & Safe Wiltshire as a base to offer free advise and information about the fund. HJ proposed to allow a room to be offered to Warm & Safe Wiltshire should they wish to use the Civic Centre as a base for a one-off community advise event. Seconded by CD, carried.	CB
26/154E	23. Date of Next Meeting: 15th September 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 8.55pm.