



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee September 2026

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 15th September 2026 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

Clrs O Flower (OF), C Webb (CW), K Allen (KA), L Sarjant (LS)
H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH),
C. Baxter – admin
Guests:

Item	Agenda Item	Action By
26/155E	1. Apologies: S. Musikavanhu (SM), A Connolly (AC) 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>	All
26/156E	2. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i> None Declared.	All
26/157E	3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the August Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in September 2026. No matters arising.	All
26/158E	4. Recent Event Feedback The Litter Pick took place on the 12 th September. A quieter event compared to previous turnouts with approximately 25 residents attending but 42 bags of rubbish were collected from the area so overall a success. It was discussed that a target area list would be a good idea to have ready for future events.	All
26/159E	5. Mortuary Chapel Open Day 19th September 2026 2pm-4pm Set-up times and volunteer availability discussed including tasks that needed to be completed before the day. CB to ensure that the grass cutting has been completed.	All CB
26/160E	6. Halloween 2025 Sat 24th October 2026 2pm-4pm Budget for sweets and refreshments discussed OF proposed that a budget of upto £250 for the purchase of sweets, snacks and drinks. Seconded by CW, carried. CB will organise collection of the donated sweets from Tesco. CB to send email to the Clrs asking for volunteers on the day	CB CB CB
26/161E	7. Remembrance – 8th Nov 2026 10.30am OF provided update so far. So far plans are coming along well. Use of a Saluting stand has been confirmed. It has also been confirmed that Sims hospitality will have a bar in the car park of the Civic Centre – they will obtain any relevant licenses and it has been negotiated that they will charge the public a discounted rate on the day - at minimum £1 per pint cheaper in agreement that no vendor fee is charged. Meeting took place at	RM

	the beginning of September with the GSM, the band is confirmed. Invites have been sent. CB to create a downloadable PDF order of service. CW proposed that 350 order of services be purchased from Bulpitt Print Andover at a budget of upto £200. Seconded by OF, carried.	
26/162E	8. A Christmas Carol :Theatre Production – Tues 24th November 2026 7pm - 8.30pm All arrangements are complete. Website set up to book the free tickets. Advertisement posters being sent to CB asap. CB to email link to all Cllrs.	CB CB
26/163E	9. Christmas Fair 5th December 2026, 10am-11am SEND Santa visit, 11am – 3pm Fair Costs to stall holders discussed. KA proposed that charges remain same as last year £15 for the 1st table and £10 per additional table. Seconded by HJ, carried. CB to investigate music and PA options on the day. Volunteers are needed on the day, email to be sent to all Cllrs asking for support and time to ensure the event runs smoothly.	CB CB ALL
26/164E	10. Christmas Tree. Christmas tree hire confirmed for Tedworth Hall. CB distributed prices for the purchase of a 7ft Christmas tree for the Perham Suites as well as decoration examples CW proposed a budget to be set of up to £575 for the purchase of a pre-lit Christmas tree, storage, decorations and inflatable. Seconded by LS, carried.	CB
26/165E	11. Santa Sleigh Visit No update yet CB to chase.	CB
26/166E	12. Community Awards CW proposed the date be amended to the 4th March 1800-2000 due to the Civic Centre being booked out on the original date. Seconded by PH, carried.	CB
26/167E	13. Eat:Tidworth - Tidworth Food Festival After a teams meeting with the Eat:festivals organiser it may be an option to move the date to the 4th or 5th of weekend in September 2027. It was agreed this would be better timing wise and hopefully better weather. CW proposed the date of the food festival to be changed to September 2027 if able to do so. Seconded by KA, carried.	
26/168E	14. 'Our Tidworth' Calendar Competition. T&C's had been distributed to the committee in advance. These were checked and approved for compliance by the Town Clerk. The entry forms were shared for the committee to check. Slight re-wordings to be made which CB will action. Once poster has been created CB will begin to advertise.	CB
26/169E	15. Community Family Passes Secondary pass for Cholderton has now been purchased and active. Current profit = £1455 CB to approach the Arcade in Andover to see if they would offer a pass option.	CB
26/170E	16. Parish Magazine Input suggestions asked to be emailed through CB for future issues.	ALL
26/171E	17. Budget The budget was distributed to the councilors.	CL
26/182E	18. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates.	
26/183E	19. Date of Next Meeting: 20th October 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 8.28pm.