



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee January 2017

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 24th January 2017 in the Community Centre at 7pm.

Attended: Cllrs M Gabriello - in the Chair (MG) R Gregory (RG), S Fell (SF), D Wright (DW), M Connolly (MC)		Apologies: Cllrs A Connolly, A Dawson
Guests: L Kitchener-Pain (Tesco), Marc Reed (Wiltshire), Jessica Thimbelby (Wiltshire Wildlife Trust), Claire Lingard (Street Pastors)		
Item	Agenda Item	Action By
2	Declaration of Interest None	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of November 2017 meeting ratified at December 2016 Full Town meeting. No matters arising	
4	Street Pastors Claire Lingard attended the meeting to inform the members about the work Street Pastors do. They are a Christian Charity who were formed when the licencing laws were changed to take away some of the burden from the Emergency Services in towns at night time. There are 97 active organisations and they primarily work Thursday, Friday, Saturday evening, also holidays and special events. Examples of the work they do are to provide girls who have taken off their shoes flip flops ,give out lollipops, bottles of water and make sure people get into taxis safely. They also speak to rough sleepers and advise them of safer areas to be. They are now branching out to provide counselling in schools and on trains. They also attend festivals and work alongside St Johns Ambulance. Claire emphasised the pastors make no attempt to proselytize The committee praised the organisation for the work they do and thanked Claire for coming. The feeling of the committee was that there is not a regular need for Street Pastors in Tidworth; but they would be most welcome to attend events and possibly have a presence in the lead up to deployments and the few days after return from deployment. Claire was invited to attend TT Festival as this would provide an opportunity to share the good work they do and provide a good opportunity for recruitment. Claire said that she would be delighted to attend and that Street Pastor could	

	potentially share a stand with St Johns Ambulance.	
5	<p>Events</p> <p>Easter The following was agreed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date – 15th April 2017 2pm-4pm • Rev Copeland to attend with crafts as in previous years • SF to organise, with support from other members Easter egg hunt • Easter Bonnet competition to be judged by Rev Copeland • Jessica from Wiltshire Wildlife will see if anyone is available to run an activity. <p>Festival</p> <p>Having gone out to tender for an Event Organiser, there had been some interest. BP, MG and Cllr Slater along with the Clerk had that day met with AJ Mayhew who had submitted a very professional proposal and a fair quote of £2200.00 for his services. They have agreed to employ him for the festival upon receipt of references.</p> <p>MG proposed that subject to satisfactory references AJ Mayhew be contracted as Event Organiser for TTF 2017, seconded by BP, carried.</p>	
6	<p>Updates</p> <p>Due to AD not being in attendance there were no updates for Safe Places or Neighbourhood Policing, however, MC said that it has been reported to him that the new system is working, unfortunately though due to sickness Tidworth and Ludgershall are currently only covered by one PCSO.</p> <p>Dementia Friends- BP is keen for TTC to become a Dementia Friend, he advised that to do so three actions need to be implemented. The members agreed on the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage new members to do the Dementia Friends training • The Community Centre to be a Safe Places location • Appoint a Champion/Deputy for training, RG agreed to take on this role <p>Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – Jessica is organising a combined litter pick and nature walk for children. BP suggested the back of Sidbury Circular Road. She is also planning a half day upcycling workshop in half term.</p> <p>As the contract will be coming to an end in April she would like to have a celebration event at the end of March and welcomed ideas. After some discussion re suitable sites and projects the committee agreed to reflect further upon an appropriate project</p> <p>Jessica has been working closely with Wellington Academy on a Litter Campaign project which will encourage residents to re-use and recycle household rubbish more effectively</p>	
	<p>Date of Next Meeting 21st February 2017 The members have agreed to trial a 6.30pm start for this meeting.</p>	

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8pm.