

**TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Community Engagement Committee 2016

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November in the Community Centre at 7pm.

<b>Attended: C'Ilrs B Pratt (in the Chair), R Gregory, S Fell, M Gabriello, D Wright, M Connolly</b> <b>L Kitcherner-Pain – Tesco</b>		<b>Apologies: A Dawson – housing issue</b> <b>A Connolly – Work Commitments</b> <b>Apologies accepted by the Cttee.</b>
Item	Agenda Item	Action By
2	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> None	
3	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Minutes of October meeting ratified at November Full Town.	
4.	<b>Christmas</b> Plans for the Christmas event on 3 <sup>rd</sup> December are being finalised. Horse Drawn Pro are providing a professional Santa, 2 elves and reindeer which the children will be able to pet and feed. Skys the Limit Entertainment are providing an inflatable grotto and a Rodeo Reindeer ride which will be fully staffed. BP advised costings for all these were still below price for ice rink. Event is once again free to the public, with any donations given going towards the Mayors Charity. 2 Porta Loos have been booked which will be placed in the car park alongside the buggy shelter. Rodeo Reindeer will be placed in the car park alongside the front of the CC, Hog Roast stall will also provide hot drinks. A number of other stalls have been booked, these will go on the field along the Wylve Road fence line, all stall holders are being advised they will be on the field and to bring their own table, weather proofing equipment etc. Only stalls inside will be Holy Trinity stall and Lovely Little Bakery food stall. Again, there is no pitch fee, however, stall holders have been advised a donation towards the Mayors Charity from any profits made would be welcomed. RG advised he will arrive at 7am to direct stall holders etc, and will stay until 10am. He will then return at 7pm to help with the clear up. SF and MG both stated they would be available to help on the day. Rev. Copeland will be hosting carols around the Christmas tree from 6-7pm.	
5.	<b>Halloween Party</b> TTC were approached to host this due to recent issues with holiday clowns in the local area. TTC provided hall and catering with party bag donations from Tesco, remainder was arranged by the parents. Was a hugely successful event, Cttee was asked if they would like this to be a regular event? General feeling that this should be an event that is led by the parents but that TTC would be happy to support. However, more notice to be given next year. Some discussion over what date it should be held, as Halloween next year falls on a Tuesday. Parents to be contacted Aug/Sept time to begin planning.	

6.	<p><b>Tidworth Times</b></p> <p>Current issue has been delayed due to staff issues, however, allows for an article to be included on the Remembrance Service. Christmas event details to be front page article.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Safe Places Update</b></p> <p>AD had supplied a written report for this due to unforeseen absence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tesco management structure in store to be confirmed; IE what the management turnover is like? It is a great idea to have Tesco on board - happy with the idea of the management being called in the event of a Safe Place incident - but if the management changes too frequently, then it would be the same issue. - Laura advised during the meeting that management turnover is quite small, checkout staff has a much higher turnover</li> <li>• Several taxi drivers want to sign up - the size of the sticker has been looked at and it is felt that it would not be too obtrusive in the back window. This would mean we have late night Safe Places (the drivers are aware this scheme does not include a free ride home, but that they can at their discretion).</li> <li>• Confirmation that ALL of the venues that originally signed up with Brian are happy to continue - Susan Connolly has asked for fresh stickers and packs for the two Spar shops.</li> <li>• Yet to find out who the replacement for Diane Jenkins is – or, in fact, if she has yet been replaced. – BP advised during the meeting that he will email MR to confirm who her replacement is.</li> </ul> <p>BP stated he would contact Natalie Cleife to ask for Safe Places usage stats.</p>	<p>BP</p> <p>BP</p>
8.	<p><b>Neighbourhood Policing Update</b></p> <p>AD had supplied a written report for this due to unforeseen absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the new policing model, it was unknown if the Neighbourhood Tasking Group would still be continuing – this has now been confirmed, but with a twist: The new Inspector would like the meetings opened up to more of the community – business owners, manual labourers, doctors, retirees, etc. – allowing the meeting to give a much broader range of the communities’ issues. The next meeting is expected to be a LOT bigger than previous ones.</li> <li>• It was felt that having the meetings in Tidworth Police Station each time was impractical if more of the community would be coming (the meetings include the rural areas, etc. too). The meetings will now rotate around the area, with the next being in Ludgershall Council Chambers at the</li> </ul>	

	<p>Memorial Hall on December 13<sup>th</sup>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marc Read has now taken over the arduous task of organising these meetings as it was felt that he had the connections needed to enlarge the meetings.</li> <li>• Tidworth has been pretty quiet over the last 3 months – no target area of crime was set for this period as there was nothing to warrant it.</li> </ul>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Budget</b></p> <p>MC gave a brief run through of proposed figures for the next financial year based on current year's usage.</p> <p>Training and Conferences for C'Ilrs currently set at £1,000 with current spend to date of £438. More likely to be used next year for new councillor training etc.</p> <p>Christmas lights, a new 3 year contract has been agreed this year, figure of £14,000 to remain.</p> <p>Civic Regalia currently set at £1500, very little of this has been spent so far, this to be reduced to £1,000 for next financial year. GH to look for crest pins and 20 year pins, should more need to be ordered.</p> <p>Community Events figure is currently set at £16,000, this is to be increased by £7,000 to £23,000 to take into account increased costs for Festival (and Christmas?)</p> <p>Memorial – RP advised funding for lighting is yet to be received due to issues with locating original signatories for the bank account. Memorial is to be built ready for lighting to go in, so that this can be added at a later date if funding cannot be found prior to build completion. If issues with the bank are resolved and all outstanding funds are received, the lighting costs will be covered, if not, TTC may be asked for another grant. Would estimate total costs of £25,000. Advised if there are any monies left over once the build is completed, this will be handed over to TTC for upkeep and maintenance.</p> <p>Chairs Allowance is to remain at £500.</p> <p>Newsletter costs have been reduced due to new contract being agreed in March at a cost of £450 per 2,500 issues, therefore Newsletter budget to be reduced to £2,000 for next financial year.</p> <p><b>MC proposed new budget of £45,650 seconded by RG, carried.</b></p>	<p>GH</p>
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm – TBC</p>	

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.**