



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL – February 2015



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3rd February 2015 in the main hall of the Community Centre at 7.00pm

| Attended Councillors Franklin (in the Chair), A Birch, A Connolly, M Connolly, S Dagger, S Fell, M Gabriello, R Gregory, P Hedge, H Jones, S Miles, E O’Connell, B Pratt, S Slater, D Stevenson Fred Galvin Jo Steel | | 1 Apologies – C’lir M Smith, PC Lenanne Absent: C’lir C Thomas |
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| Item | Agenda Item | Action by |
| 2 | Declaration of interest C’lir Franklin – <i>Bills for payment</i> | |
| 3 | General Public Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Galvin informed the council that Jean Ward had passed away. Most councillors were already aware Councillors Birch and O’Connell had attended the funeral. | |
| 4 | Minutes of Previous Meeting C’lir Jones corrected SGT Lane to PC Lenanne. C’lir Jones proposed that January 2015 minutes were a true and accurate record, seconded by C’lir Pratt, carried. | |
| 5 | Wiltshire Councillors Report C’lir M Connolly reported that Core Strategy is now formally adopted and the Old Kennet Local Plan is defunct. Wiltshire Council will set at 0% increase again but next year will be 1.99%. Despite having to make £30M savings next year, the next two years will require similar savings which will affect services. Government funding has reduced by 47% since 2010 with an additional £15M reduction in 2015/16. Inflation and growth services due to demographics and ageing population account for another £17M of savings required. Savings so far have been mainly in staff, supplies and contracts totalling approximately £22M. Other areas will be street lighting, garden waste being charged for, charging for new bins, opening hours of HRCs, pensioners only getting free buses after 0930 on weekdays and Parish/Town Councils will have to fund elections. He also reported that fees will rise by an average of 5%. Wiltshire Council is still investing £56M over six years in highways, broadband and the Science Park at Porton. An additional £500K is being put into flood defences in Wiltshire. C’lir M Connolly suggested purchasing grit bins for £139 to avoid a yearly cycle of requests. He has spoken to Area Board members, who would support any bid from the Town Council to help fund the initial cost. It was agreed to be added as an agenda item on the next services meeting. | |
| 6 | Mayors Report C’lir Franklin reported that he had received several complaints about litter and dog fouling, he had arranged meetings with the individuals however none had attended. He attended the Tidworth war memorial meeting last week which is ongoing and he has a meeting with the Minister of defence on Monday to discuss quarters. | |

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| 7 | <p>CCTV – quotation for expansion of coverage C’Ilr Franklin had received a quote for the sum of £993 + VAT to upgrade the recorder box and install 4 additional external cameras. CCTV was installed in the first place with the intention of being able to remotely access footage however this requires a fixed IP address. C’Ilr Franklin suggested putting it back to Services. C’Ilr Stevenson agreed it would be better to look into a fixed IP address before upgrading or spending any further money.</p> | |
| 8 | <p>Committee Reports Community Engagement – C’Ilr A Connolly reported on the meeting held on 20th January 2015, minutes had been circulated. C’Ilr Pratt proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by C’Ilr Dagger, carried C’Ilr A Connolly gave an update on the photography competition; he had sent the poster to the Head Teacher of Wellington Academy but had not yet received a reply. The committee had reviewed the layout of the Tidworth Times newsletter and agreed to have a larger input in content. C’Ilr Connolly also reported that local University student Ella-Louise Baldwin had attended the meeting but the committee agreed there was no way forward to commission a piece of artwork at this present moment. Community Services – C’Ilr Stevenson reported on the meeting held on 13th January 2015, minutes had been circulated. C’Ilr Jones proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by C’Ilr Stevenson, carried. C’Ilr Stevenson gave an update on the Mortuary Chapel; A specification for repair work had been sent out to several contractors and quotes are to be discussed at the next meeting. There had been a general consensus from the committee to keep the hanging baskets. C’Ilr Hedge proposed that the hanging baskets remained as is for the time being, seconded by C’Ilr Jones, carried C’Ilr Stevenson had received a quote for the repair of the buggy shelter for the sum of £460. C’Ilr Stevenson proposed that the Police contact the parents of the boy who damaged the buggy shelter and request they pay £460 for repairs, seconded by C’Ilr Miles, carried.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>Business between Meetings A grant application for the sum of £500 had been requested by the Army Welfare Service to be used for arts and crafts materials. C’Ilr Jones proposed that the grant be accepted and the sum of £500 be given to the Army Welfare Service, seconded by C’Ilr Kemp, carried.</p> | |
| 10 | <p>Correspondence Relevant newsletters and reports, were available for inspection</p> | |
| 10 | <p>Bills for Payment C’Ilr Jones proposed that the bills for payment totalling £7626.82 be paid seconded by C’Ilr Miles, carried.</p> | |
| 11 | <p>Date of next meeting 3rd March 2015</p> | <p>Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before meeting</p> |

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.10pm

Agreed as a true record..... Chris Franklin MBE, Chairman