



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL – May 2015



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 5th May 2015 in the main hall of the Community Centre at 8.40pm

Attended Councillors Franklin (in the Chair), A Birch, M Connolly, S Dagger, S Fell, M Gabriello, R Gregory, H Jones, C Kemp, S Miles, E O’Connell, B Pratt, S Slater, D Stevenson Fred Galvin Jo Steel (Press) T Dewey A Hughes		1 Apologies –Cllrs A Connolly, M Smith Absent: C’Ilr Thomas
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
1	Election of Chair/Mayor C’Ilr Miles nominated C’Ilr A Connolly as Chair/Mayor. C’Ilr A Connolly was not at the meeting and following a discussion which established he had no desire to be Chair C’Ilr Miles withdrew his proposal. C’Ilr Jones proposed that C’Ilr Franklin continue as Chair of the Town Council, seconded by C’Ilr Gregory, carried. C’Ilr Franklin thanked the members for the continued support and returned to the table.	
2	Resolution to continue Mayor Status – It is the wish of the whole Council to continue with Mayor Status	
3	Election of Vice Chair/Deputy Mayor – C’Ilr Franklin proposed that C’Ilr M Connolly be Deputy Mayor, seconded by C’Ilr Kemp, carried. C’Ilr M Connolly said he was happy to take the role as Deputy Mayor but due to being a Wiltshire councillor and his other commitments within the community he wished to stand down from the Community Services committee. He will however keep the Clerk up to date with issues for her to report. The Council were in full agreement of this.	
4	Apologies – Listed above	
5	Declaration of Interest – C’Ilr Franklin – Bills for Payment expenses	
6	General Public Questions – Due to the lengthy Annual Town Meeting all question had been answered	
7	Co-option – Amanda Hughes (in attendance) letter was read to the members and she was duly asked to leave the meeting. There followed a brief discussion C’Ilr Dagger proposed that Amanda Hughes be co-opted onto the council, seconded by C’Ilr Jones, carried. Amanda was invited to sit at the table.	

8	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Services - C’Ilr Stevenson reported on the meeting held on 14th April 2015, minutes had been circulated. C’Ilr Birch proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by C’Ilr Hedge, carried. The committee have decided that the container should be painted in a neutral colour.</p> <p>C’Ilr Jones proposed that 15l of rust-oleum paint was purchased at a cost of no more than £300.00, seconded by C’Ilr Birch, carried. Only one quote had been received for the Grounds Maintenance contract from Aspire. The committee recommend that the 3 year option is accepted at a cost of £10,479 (to increase annually with inflation). Proposed by C’Ilr Birch, seconded by C’Ilr Jones, carried. The committee have reviewed cemetery fees and have agreed to no increase.</p> <p>Community Engagement - C’Ilr Gabriello reported on the meeting held on 21st April 2015, minutes had been circulated. C’Ilr Dagger proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by C’Ilr Pratt, carried. A public opinion survey about the new Civic Centre is to be linked from the Tidworth Times to the website. The committee have agreed that the Town Festival is to be held on 25th July 2015 with a budget not to exceed £5500. Proposed by C’Ilr Gabriello, seconded by C’Ilr Gregory, carried. The Christmas event is to be one day only this year and will be held on 5th December 2015.</p>	
9	<p>Formation of Committees - Following discussion the following changes are to be made:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C’Ilr Dagger to move to Community Services due to his involvement with the skate park project. • C’Ilr Kemp to return to chair of Community Engagement due to her no longer being Deputy. • C’Ilr Gregory to join projects. 	
10	<p>Business between Meetings</p> <p>Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – Both documents had been circulated and apart from grammatical and spelling errors the Leadership had recommended that both documents are adopted.</p> <p>Standing Orders proposed by C’Ilr Stevenson, seconded by C’Ilr Dagger, carried</p> <p>Financial Regulations proposed by C’Ilr Hedge, seconded by C’Ilr Miles, carried.</p>	
11	<p>Correspondence – The Clerk read a letter received by Col Denny thanking the council for the S137 grant for TCAP. All other newsletters and reports were made available</p>	

12	Bills for Payment – C’lir Slater proposed that the bills for payment totalling £5955.49 are paid, seconded by C’lir Dagger, carried	
13	Date of next meeting 2nd June 2015	Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9.15pm

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