



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL MAY 2020



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 5th May 2020 virtually on Google Meet at 7pm*

<p>Attended: C’Ilr’s M Connolly (MC), S Anderton (SA), G Paine (GP), P Hedge (PH), Humphrey Jones (HJ), D Neil (DN), B Pratt (BP), M Shepherd (MS), S Slater (SS), D Wright (DW) C Lovell Town Clerk K Mooney/A Nicholls – Admin support</p> <p>Guests: Jessica Williams (JW) (Press) Daniel Ahern and Beth Dean (DA and BD) (Home Farm) James Kyfinn (JK) (Home Farm) Anna Sharlott (AS)</p>		
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
20/001	<p>Election of Chair / Mayor BP announced that he would be standing down as Chair. Nominations for Chair were requested. GP nominated MC, seconded by DW . The Clerk asked for any counter proposals which there were none. A vote took place. 9 for 1 abstention. MC thanked all and announced that C’Ilr A Connolly had resigned. All agreed as one of the longest standing members of the council he would be greatly missed.</p>	
20/002	<p>Declaration to Continue Mayor Status - As in previous years all were in agreement that to continue with Mayoral status could only benefit the Town. Therefore, TTC resolved to continue with Mayoral status.</p>	
20/003	<p>Election of Vice – Chair / Deputy Mayor Nominations for Vice Chair were requested. MC nominated HJ, seconded by DW. There were no counter proposals All were in favour.</p> <p>As Committees were not on the Agenda, MC stated all places would remain the same unless anybody wished to change. If they did, contact him or the Clerk. MC confirmed that all Chairs had stated before the meeting that they were happy to remain in place. MC stated that with AC’s resignation, a Chair of Policies was required. An email would be sent to ALL members the following day with his suggestion for Chair of Policies and to give those not at the meeting the opportunity to comment. All were in agreement.</p> <p>The Clerk will email members to ask which external bodies they represent.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>CL</p>
20/004	<p>Apologies for Absence: 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</p>	

	<p>the Local Government Act1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.</p> <p>C’llr R Gregory, C’llr B O’Connell, C’llr A Birch, C’llr N Arch.</p> <p>SA proposed that apologies for absence were accepted, seconded by DN.</p>	
20/005	<p>Declaration of Interest -None.</p>	
20/006	<p>General Public Questions</p> <p>DA and BD had previously made a request to use the field on Humber Lane (Home Farm) for grazing, the members agreed in principle but have advised they would like to check the legalities before committing.</p> <p>JF attended the meeting to request an update on the marketing of the Humber Lane field. MC advised there currently was none. JF commented that he would also be interested in using the land for grazing.</p> <p>MC asked JW if she wished to speak, there was no response. He repeated the offer several times throughout the meeting but no response was received.</p> <p>MC asked AS if she wished to speak but she had left the meeting due to technical issues.</p>	CL
20/007	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>Minutes from March 2020 meeting had been circulated.</p> <p>GP proposed these were a true and accurate record, seconded by DW, carried.</p> <p>Minutes, including Part twos, from the Extraordinary meeting held on 17th March 2020 had been circulated.</p> <p>SA proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by SS, carried.</p>	
20/008	<p>Wiltshire Councillor Report</p> <p>MC stated that the last couple of months have been extraordinary for everyone. He said that the panic buying and abuse that some emergency service personnel have faced are some of the worst behaviours but the many volunteers helping their neighbours and the community is outstanding.</p> <p>Locally, since the lockdown he has invited all his Facebook friends to join one of the local support groups, Tidworth, Bulford and surrounding area COVID19 support group, which has over 1400 members. He has also worked with another group, Help your Neighbour Wiltshire and been proactive in circulating information. Thanks was given to Rev Tim Laundon and his team have done some magnificent work in helping get prescriptions and food to those in need.</p> <p>He advised that he has helped a number of businesses get their £10K grant from Wiltshire Council. Several of these businesses were from outside of Tidworth.</p> <p>He reported that Wiltshire Council itself has changed the way it works and relocated many staff into areas to provide support for residents and businesses alike. He commented that the binmen have been doing a sterling job despite both the change in system and staff self-isolating.</p> <p>Some services have ceased for the lock-down, such as leisure services, libraries and HRCs. It is hoped that the latter will reopen soon with social distancing in operation so there will be queues. Leisure and libraries have done online work for health and fitness and education.</p> <p>The Council have also set up a Wellbeing Hub of over 80 staff to help the vulnerable in Wiltshire. Some 7000 people were contacted in the first two weeks and emergency food packages delivered where needed. The hub is very much active. Around 40 staff have been transferred into the revenue and benefits team to help with the increased demand for things like housing benefits.</p> <p>The Council has also put together online volunteer packs, posters for people in self-isolation to put on their doors.</p>	

	<p>He reported that there will be night road closures on all approaches to the Hampshire Cross traffic lights on the nights of 18 to 21 May from 8PM to 6AM.</p> <p>The report ended on a positive note with MC telling the members that Wiltshire Council has set up a VE Day stay at home party toolkit with fun VE Day themed games, singalong lyrics to popular 1940s songs, tasty 1940s recipes, posters and links to national VE Day toolkits.</p>	
20/009	<p>Mayors Report</p> <p>BP had no outgoing report to give.</p>	
20/010	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Policies and Procedures March 2020</p> <p>Minutes for the meeting held on 18th March 2020 had been circulated. MC asked each member if they had any questions, there were none.</p> <p>GP proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ, carried.</p> <p>Policies and Procedures April 2020</p> <p>Minutes for the meeting held on 24th April 2020 had been circulated. MC asked each member if they had any questions, there were none.</p> <p>HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by GP, carried.</p> <p>The Committee had recommended the adoption of the Equal Opportunities Policy. It had been circulated 7 days prior to the meeting, there were no questions.</p> <p>GP proposed that the Equal Opportunities Policy be adopted, seconded by SA, carried. 1 abstention.</p> <p>Community Services March 2020</p> <p>Minutes for the meeting held on 18th March 2020 had been circulated. MC asked each member if they had any questions, there were none.</p> <p>SA proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ, carried.</p> <p>The Committee had discussed Community Centre hire fees and recommended they should remain the same.</p> <p>SS proposed that the hire fees should remain the same for 2020/21, seconded by DW, carried.</p> <p>The Committee had also discussed Cemetery fees and agreed they should remain the same. SS proposed that the hire fees should remain the same for 2020/21, seconded by DW, carried.</p> <p>A quote of £975.00 from SG Barclay to remove the separating wall in the admin office and paint afterwards was recommended by the Committee. SA proposed that the quote of £975.00 from SG Barclay be accepted, seconded by HJ, carried.</p> <p>Following on from previous discussions the Committee recommended that the quote from the current contractor for a deep clean of the Youth Shelter and 2 shelters opposite Trinity View totally £60.00 be accepted. DN proposed that the quote for £60.00 for the additional shelter cleaning be accepted, seconded by HJ, carried.</p>	
20/011	<p>Town Clerks Update</p> <p>Due to time constraints a vote regarding the Civic Centre planning application had taken place electronically, ALL members had been given the opportunity to vote. CL reported on the results of the two proposals put to the members.</p> <p>Proposal One: Do you wish for Castledown FM to remain included in the revised plan? (CDFM will fund the fit out of this space)? 11 Voted, 7 for, 2 against, 2 abstained.</p> <p>Proposal Two: Do you wish for Plan 1803/060/A to proceed to being costed and full planning consent to be sought in partnership with Wiltshire PCC as soon as possible. 11 voted, all were in favour.</p>	

	SA asked for clarity as his understanding was that the decision whether to include CDFM was to be made at a later date. It was confirmed to him that this was not the case and that was what the vote had been for.	
20/012	Correspondence/Newsletters: MC asked each member if they had any correspondence or updates. DN made an enquiry to ask if it was still the will of TTC to have a Youth Council, which it is.	
20/013	Bills for Payment Due to no meeting in April 2020 there were two months bills for payment to be approved. April 2020 Bills for payment totalling £13,783.73 had been circulated. GP proposed that bills for payment be approved, seconded by SS, carried. May 2020 Bills for payment totalling £9,858.11 had been circulated. DN proposed that bills for payment be approved, seconded by MS, carried.	
20/014	Date of next meeting 2 nd June 2020 @ 7pm	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 7.50pm

Agreed as a true record..... Mark Connolly, Chairman

* MC/CL asked each member in alphabetical order if they had a comment to make for each agenda item. Votes were also taken in this way.