



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL JANUARY 2021

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 virtually on Google Meet at 7pm

<p>Attended C’Ilr’s M Connolly (in the Chair), A Allen (AA), A Birch (AB), R Gregory (RG), P Hedge (PH), H Jones (HJ), D Kofita (DK), E O’Connell (EO), G Paine (GP), E Stead (ES), C Webb (CW), D Wright (DW) C Lovell Town Clerk (CL) Andrew Brown Oxford Architects Wayne Thompson Tidworth Town Football Club (TTFC) D Kyfinn Lt Col N Turner M Fell F Galvin</p>		<p>20/109 1 Apologies C’Ilr D Ahern (illness), C’Ilr A Russell, C’Ilr S Anderton (work)</p> <p>Absent C’Ilr K Kataria 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 the Local Government Act1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.</p>
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
20/110	<p>2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</p>	
20/111	<p>3. Public Questions:</p> <p>Lt Col Turner attended to answer any questions regarding Garrison matters.</p> <p>F Galvin asked what was happening about the damaged bridge at the bottom of Ordnance Road. MC will speak with Andy Cole at Wiltshire. He also asked about the removal of the waste where the trees have been cut at Humber Lane. CL will investigate.</p> <p>Andrew Brown from Oxford Architects gave a presentation on the Civic Centre. He said that the War Memorial was a key design driver and the building had been designed with different spaces for different needs.</p> <p>AA questioned the eco friendliness of the build it was explained that there will be solar panels, air source heat pumps which are 20% more efficient amongst other things. He also asked about parent/child parking, it is deemed not practical as some events would require more parent/child spaces than practical to provide.</p> <p>M Fell asked about function use as noise could be an issue. This has been taken into consideration and various reports have been completed.</p> <p>Everyone was encouraged to make comment via email before the consultation ends.</p>	

20/112	<p>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:</p> <p>Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 2nd December 2020 had been circulated.</p> <p>GP proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ, carried.</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>	
20/113	<p>5/6. Wiltshire Councillors Report/Mayors Report</p> <p>MC advised that both the Riverbourne Corridor and Phase 2 play area site plans have been agreed. Persimmon had included the footpaths and street lighting, which he refused and TTC are now going to be responsible for just the grassed area of the play area site. Access arrangements now need to be agreed.</p> <p>The lease for TTFC is being drawn up.</p> <p>He had been approached by the Castle Practice before Christmas to request the TLC to be used as a COVID vaccination centre for the Tidworth and Amesbury areas. This started the previous week and appears to have gone very well.</p> <p>He has been discussing with the Garrison Commander to see if it would be possible to provide a few pieces of kit for skating/BMX on the Esso field now the roadworks have been completed.</p> <p>As Wiltshire Councillor he had attended a budget meeting. In addition to TTC increasing its precept by £1.17 per month for a Band D property, the Police will be raising its precept by £1.25 per month. Wiltshire Council is likely to be 4.99% (£75 for a Band D property) due to the Government again allowing for adult social care increases.</p>	
20/114	<p>7. Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Services PH reported on a virtual meeting held on 8th December 2020, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH carried.</p> <p>PH was elected as the new Chair of the Committee.</p> <p>The traffic survey order process had been circulated.</p> <p>A quote for the Defibrillator contract renewal had been received.</p> <p>HJ proposed that the quote for £2160.00 (inc VAT) for a 4 year contract be accepted, seconded by PH, carried.</p> <p>Projects ES reported on a virtual meeting held on 10th December 2020, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. There were no questions. MC proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried.</p> <p>Kitchen requirements had been discussed and the pros and cons of certain equipment including such factors as hygiene and maintenance.</p> <p>Community Engagement GP reported on a virtual meeting held on 15th December 2020, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. There were no questions. GP proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by CW, carried.</p> <p>There had been excellent community and school engagement with the Listening Tree, with over 300 baubles. Over 200 selection boxes had been delivered by Councillors.</p> <p>Because of an overspend on the Regalia budget due to repairs the Clerk had requested that £1000.00 be transferred from the Events budget.</p> <p>AB proposed the movement of £1000.00 from the Regalia budget from the Events budget, seconded by ES, carried.</p> <p>In a bid to support local businesses the Committee have agreed that is they sign up to advertising in two editions then they will receive advertising for free in two editions.</p>	

20/114	<p>8. Civic Centre</p> <p>MC advised that work on the draft contracts for our professional team is ongoing. The Heads of Terms are nearing completion – this is the overarching agreement between TTC and the PCC/WP.</p> <p>The final public consultation meetings will be taking place on Wednesday. The targeted meetings with Aster, the Clarendon schools and the Garrison went very well last month. The public meetings not so well. Nobody attended the first one and two on the second meeting.</p> <p>He added that a revised drainage system had to be designed as Wiltshire Council did not like the first due to the high rain water run-off into the River Bourne. Access and refuse arrangements have also been submitted to Wiltshire Council highways. There will only be one access – the present one but slightly widened. This allows for refuse lorries to navigate.</p> <p>All surveys are complete and final versions to be issued Friday for review by the team next week. Final cost plan will be issued by middle of next week. Project Board will meet again on 25 Jan to review the plans and costs to decide if planning should be submitted on 1 Feb or slightly delayed if costs need to be brought down.</p> <p>The planning application will cost a total of £6006.00, which is half of normal cost for a Town Council. 70% of this will be funded by TTC with the remaining 30% being paid by PCC as per the agreement with the police.</p> <p>MC proposed that TTC pay the £6006.00 for the planning application, and seek 30% (£1802) from Wiltshire Police, seconded by GP, carried.</p> <p>He informed the members that they also needed to approve the fees for going to Stage 4 design, which is the technical design, which we will run in parallel with the planning application. By having consulted Wiltshire Council on many issues before the application being submitted, it should have reduced the risk in doing this considerably and any changes to the build required can be added to the Stage 4 design at minimal cost. Waiting for planning permission before proceeding with Stage 4, would mean losing at least three months in the timeline. These works will take us up to June 2021.</p> <p>The fees are OA are £54.75K, Web Yates £46,250, Hydrock £36K, Cook Brown £6,200 and South West Project Management £13,650. Wiltshire Police will pay 30% of these costs upon receipt from TTC.</p> <p>MC proposed that the fees for Stage 4 design are approved, seconded by HJ, carried.</p> <p>He provided an update on the timeline which was - Planning application 1 Feb 2021; permission Jun 2021; seek tenders late summer; tender returns 5 Nov 2021; preferred bidder Jan 2022; build commence Jun 2022; completion 30 Oct 2023.</p> <p>The Tidworth Area Board will hopefully provide a grant of between £5K and £9K from its climate change fund later this month. This will help pay for the electric car charging points in the main car park.</p> <p>He ended the update by saying he had submitted a bid for a grant to the National Lottery of £1.25M. The bid was agreed by Leadership as well as the project manager and architect. This is only an initial application TTC will know by March if they are going to be considered further.</p>	
20/115	<p>9. External Audit Report</p> <p>Not available</p>	

20/116	<p>10. Local Plan</p> <p>There are various consultation meetings that are being held online this month for each of the various Community Areas. To register to attend can be done on the Wiltshire Council website. Tidworth is on 20 January 2021 at 7PM. The consultation ends on 9 March 2021.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council has assessed growth for the area from 2016 to 2036. With housing already delivered and those in the pipeline (including Drummond Park – the old Med Centre), Wiltshire Council has assessed that a further 165 houses are required in the area by 2036.</p> <p>MC said there are three core questions for the Tidworth and Ludgershall area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How much should the towns grow?</i> • <i>What priorities should we tackle?</i> • <i>Where should development take place? None of the sites for Tidworth are acceptable in his view.</i> <p>On employment land, it says a further 5ha of land is required on top of Castledown Business Park, of which only 2ha has been developed and 10ha is still to be developed, or 5ha of Castledown needs to be developed up to 2036.</p> <p>MC advised that the aims of the Plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Plan for a level of housing growth to meet local needs, including that from those leaving military accommodation and moving into civilian housing.</i> • <i>Respond to market needs in diversifying the employment offer across the two towns, including facilitating the delivery of Castledown Principal Employment Area and provision for small and medium business enterprises. Tidworth</i> • <i>Promote and encourage regeneration of Tidworth Town Centre (Station Road). He is unsure how this could happen as there is no chance of expanding.</i> <p>Ludgershall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Support local road improvements to ensure any growth is suitably integrated into the local transport network. Including support for the continuation of Empress Way to the south-east of the town.</i> • <i>Encourage the balancing of commercial leisure uses and community facilities to support housing delivery at Ludgershall.</i> • <i>Explore long-term opportunities to open the MOD railhead as a commercial line to Andover and the east.</i> <p>He put forward further questions for the members to consider - What priorities may be missing and how might these place shaping priorities be achieved?</p> <p>He advised that his thoughts on possible housing sites are:</p>	
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20/117	<p>Tidworth Town Football Club Funding Application</p> <p>A grant application had been circulated.</p> <p>Wayne informed the members that the money would be used towards refurbishing the refreshment hut which in turn would provide an income. The respect barriers need replacing the rubber matting near the main gate with steps.</p> <p>AA asked how many member the club had and was told approximately 230.</p> <p>MC advised that there was S106 money available for the grant and had been reserved for this purpose.</p> <p>GP proposed that a grant for £2500.00 from the S106 funding be granted to TTFC, seconded by GP, carried.</p>	

20/118	11. Correspondence and Updates None	
20/119	11. Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £50,101.90 had been circulated. PH proposed Bills for Payment totalling £50,101.90 be paid, seconded by GP carried.	
20/120	12. Co-Option No applications received.	
20/121	13. Date of next meeting 2 nd February 2021 @ 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 8.30pm.

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