



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2020

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2020 virtually on Google Meet at 7pm

<p>Attended C’Ilr’s M Connolly (in the Chair) (MC), A Allen (DA), S Anderton (SA), A Birch (AB). R Gregory (RG), P Hedge (PH), H Jones (HJ), K Kataria (KK), D Kofitia, D Neil (DN), E O’Connel (EO), G Paine (GP), A Russell (AR), E Stead (ES), D Wright (DW) Town Clerk (CL) A Nicholls (AN) - Admin Tina Edwards (Church)</p>		<p>20/057 1 Apologies Cllr Ahern (work), Col N Turner, Police, Kristen Smith (Chamber of Commerce), K Mooney Absent C’Ilr Arch 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
20/058	<p>2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). NONE</p>	
20/059	<p>3. Public Questions: MC asked Tina Edwards if she wished to speak, unfortunately due to technical reasons she was unable to.</p>	
20/060	<p>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4th August 2020 had been circulated. DN proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ, carried. No matters arising.</p>	
20/061	<p>5/6. Wiltshire Councillors Report/Mayors Report In his Mayoral role MC reported that the Open Air Cinema had been a huge success, he thanked the Committee for putting it together at such short notice and thanked Kayleigh Mooney for working so hard to make sure it happened. Persimmons are in the process of the playpark land transfer, planning has raised some issues and TTC’s legal team are writing a deed of variation, Persimmons are covering Wiltshire Councils legal fees for this. CL has contacted Kompan to see if the original quote still stands. He then reported that Wiltshire Council are looking into banning right hand turns where Meerut Road joins the A338 and installing traffic lights. This is to counteract the</p>	

	<p>loss of the zebra crossing when the new roundabout is in place.</p> <p>He ended his report on a positive note and advised that Wiltshire Councils expected £15 million shortfall was now approximately £6 million.</p>	
20/062	<p>7. Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Services</p> <p>SA reported on a virtual meeting held on 11th August 2020, minutes had been circulated and taken as read.</p> <p>HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by EO, carried.</p> <p>The hall is now re-opened to some of the regular hirers with restrictions.</p> <p>The work on the War Memorial will be carried out soon.</p> <p>Community Engagement</p> <p>DW reported on a virtual meeting held on 18th August 2020, minutes had been circulated and taken as read.</p> <p>MC proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by GP, carried.</p> <p>The Open Air Cinema had been a huge success. Photography competition is now open for voting. Halloween is to be discussed at September's meeting.</p> <p>Mortuary Chapel Open Day will be going ahead on 26th September 2020, the WI will be providing refreshments.</p> <p>MC Proposed a budget of £360.00, seconded by SA, carried.</p> <p>Contact has been made with the MOD for Remembrance Day.</p> <p>Content for the next edition of Tidworth Times is looking good.</p>	
20/063	<p>8. Humber Lane</p> <p>MC has discussed formalising a 30 year lease with Tidworth Town Football Club. There are still negotiations regarding the 5.5 acre land which may mean a two step process. Two different offers have been made to the football club which for legal reasons need to remain confidential for the time being. It will be discussed by Leadership.</p>	
20/064	<p>9. Civic Centre</p> <p>The Police approved the business Case on 12th August 2020. An open day has been held for professionals to look at the project so that they can tender for works needed such as surveys. The closing date for these is 4th September, which will be discussed by Leadership under the advice of the Project Team, they will then make recommendation to full Town in either October or November 2020.</p> <p>MC raised the point that now things are moving along there are now some decisions which need to be made which if held off until full Town could hinder the project. He suggested that Leadership be given authority to make decisions on timely matters to then be ratified at the subsequent full Town meeting.</p> <p>MC proposed that time sensitive decisions relating to the Civic Centre project are made by Leadership and ratified and ratified at the next full Town meeting, seconded by GP, carried.</p> <p>The recently circulated tax advice was discussed and MC explained the options and which ones were most beneficial to the project and TTC long term.</p> <p>For the project to be affordable the best option is to opt for tax so that VAT can be</p>	

	<p>reclaimed, this would however mean VAT would have to be included in hire fees. He also explained there would be no advantages for a third party to run the Civic Centre, this would of course mean reviewing hours and staffing internally. HMRC will need to be informed of the Councils intentions 30 days prior to construction, registration with the Construction Industry Scheme (CIS) is also required.</p> <p>MC proposed that TTC opt to tax the Civic Centre project and that TTC run the Civic Centre themselves, seconded by HJ, carried.</p> <p>Oxford Architects have provided a quote for the project up to the planning stage. TTC will be liable for £42,840.00 of the fee and the Police £18,360.00.</p> <p>GP proposed that Oxford Architect are employed for the Civic Centre project, seconded by SA, carried.</p>	
20/065	<p>10. Chamber Of Commerce</p> <p>Following discussions with Kristen, the new Chair of the Chamber of Commerce, TTC have been offered membership and a seat as a non- voting member on the Committee.</p> <p>MC proposed that the membership is accepted, seconded by DN, carried.</p> <p>DN was voted as TTC’s representative on the Chamber of Commerce.</p>	
20/067	<p>11. Committee Places</p> <p>Due the resignation of C’Ilr Slater the Chair of Projects is currently vacant. MC asked any members who would like to take on the role to contact him.</p> <p>He said that he hoped the new members were happy with the Committees they had been assigned to and they are more than welcome to attend any Committee meetings.</p>	
20/068	<p>12. Correspondence and Updates - NONE</p>	
20/069	<p>13. Bills for Payment</p> <p>Bills for payment totalling £22,321.40 had been circulated. GP proposed Bills for Payment totalling £22,321.40 be paid, seconded by PH carried. 1 Abstention</p>	
20/070	<p>14. Co-Option</p> <p>No applications received</p>	
20/071	<p>15. Date of next meeting</p> <p>6th October 2020 @ 7pm</p>	<p>Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting</p>

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 7.35pm.

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