



TIDWORTH TOWN MARCH 2022



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at the Community Centre, Wylve Road at 7pm.

<p><b>Attended</b>                  Cllr's M Connolly (in the Chair) (MC), H Jones (Vice Chair) (HJ), D Ahern (DA), A Birch (AB), L Coleman (LC), C Danso (CD), R Gregory (RG), P Hedge (PH), S Muskivanhu (SM), C Webb (CW)                  C Lovell Town Clerk (CL)                  Lt Col N Turner                  Rev Sue                  Tina                  Sue Fell                  J and O White                  Barry Rhodes -Castledown FM                  F Galvin</p>		<p><b>22/027 1. Apologies</b>                  Cllr Wright, Cllr Agyiri, Cllr Kofitia,                  Cllr A Pickernell – Wiltshire Councillor, Police.</p> <p>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
22/028	<p><b>2. Declaration of Interest</b>                  (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). <b>None</b></p>	
	<p><b>3. Guest</b>                  Lt Col N Turner will shortly be retiring and leaving Tidworth. He has been in the liaison role for approximately 3 years, all were in agreement that he has been a great asset to the town and TTC have enjoyed working with him.                  MC made a presentation to him as an appreciation of the support he has provided.                  Lt Col Turner thanked TTC for embracing him and making his time in Tidworth worthwhile.</p>	
22/029	<p><b>4. Public Questions:</b>                  Lt Col Turner reported that 3 Div. were working on a contingency plan regarding humanitarian support in Ukraine. This will mean an increase in troops in the Baltics, Poland and Germany.                  Work is being done to improve internet access across camp and TLC.                  WRVS are now on camp to provide counselling services, especially to single soldiers who can be more vulnerable.                  There is funding for the empty building on the Zouch Estate this will be occupied by AWS but will be available for other services.                  He confirmed that he will be replaced, yet to be recruited.                  Rev Sue introduced herself. She is particularly passionate about Youth Services and is a keen musician. She is currently commuting Monday – Wednesday and Sundays, she hopes to move to Tidworth soon.                  On behalf of Castledown FM, Barry Rhodes wished TTC all the best in their temporary accommodation. He thanked the Clerk for her recent interview and said all were</p>	

	<p>welcome anytime.</p> <p>Listenership continues to increase, and he reported on the success of a recent Addiction article. He also said that March was the milestone of the radio broadcasting the Church Service on a Sunday.</p> <p>Mrs White attended the last meeting held in the Community Centre as she had been Clerk to Tidworth for over 30 years before retiring.</p> <p>Sue Fell attended the last meeting in the Community Centre as a former Councillor.</p> <p>F Galvin thanked TTC for having had the Combat Stress Clothes bins at the Community Centre and advised they had now been re-located to Lidl's.</p>	
22/030	<p><b>5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:</b></p> <p>Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022, had been circulated.</p> <p><b>HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by SM, carried.</b></p> <p><b>No Matters arising</b></p>	
22/031	<p><b>6/7. Wiltshire Councillor/Mayors Report</b></p> <p>Having attended a meeting which lasted until after 9pm MC reported that Wiltshire Council set its precept at 2.99%. This means an increase of a little over £47 pa for a Band D property. However, households in Band A-D properties will be receiving £150 from Wiltshire Council as part of the Government initiative to help with rising costs. Those in Band E and above properties will receive nothing under that scheme but can apply to Wiltshire Council if they are suffering real hardship.</p> <p>He also announced that 95% of children got their first-choice Secondary school.</p>	
22/032	<p><b>8. Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>Community Services</b> PH reported on a meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. <b>HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried.</b></p> <p>Three quotes for a new "3-year contract" for Christmas street lighting had been considered and the Committee made the recommendation of Festive Lighting Option 3</p> <p><b>PH proposed to go with Festive Lighting Option 3 at a cost of £12720.84 + Vat each year, seconded by HJ, carried 1 Abstention.</b></p> <p>There had been a meeting with residents of Baker Close/Pickernell Road. It was decided the best solution to cars taking a short cut is to put 2 wooden posts either side of the path, far enough apart to let a double buggy through but not a vehicle. The Committee recommend that the proposed waiting restrictions in the parking bay on the A338 outside the Post Office be accepted.</p> <p>The Flood Warden had been in touch regarding the drainage ponds. They require fencing around them to ensure safety. This is to be passed onto the Projects Committee before the adoption of the area takes place.</p> <p>It has been reported that Waste Bins are overflowing with Dog Waste. Whilst the bins can be used for this a post will be put on social media asking people to take it home if the bin is full. The Dog Warden has been contacted who will supply signage and monitor the situation.</p> <p>Three quotes for a new "3 year" Grounds Maintenance Contract had been circulated and the Committee recommend that the quote from Tivoli is accepted.</p> <p><b>RG proposed to pay Tivoli £37335.60 + Vat over 3 years, seconded by PH, carried.</b></p> <p>Funds needed to be transferred to cover the cost of the playpark repairs at George VI, which are now complete awaiting inspection.</p>	

	<p><b>RG proposed that £4330.00 be transferred from Community Centre Repairs, £1660.00 be transferred from Community Centre Health and Safety, and £1660.00 be transferred from Community Centre Janitorial, to Play Park Repairs. Seconded by AB, carried.</b></p> <p><b>Community Engagement</b> CW reported on a meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. <b>LC proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by RG, carried.</b></p> <p>Due to either lack of response or commitment they have decided not to continue with the market. CW went to the RBL to advise of this who informed her there has been a group called 'Wiltshire Pop up Markets' set up and they have asked to use the ground. All are in agreement that they had been asked to establish a market which has now been done so it is the time to step back and allow someone else to run it. Permission is being sought for lighting the Beacon and for banners to be hung on Pennings Road. Shop keepers will be spoken with regarding decorating Station Road. Permission to have a screen on the Esso field live streaming the event has been requested.</p> <p><b>RG proposed that the cost of £1,996.80 for the cost of 13 Jubilee Banners to be designed by the Children of Tidworth, 1 per school, seconded by HJ, carried.</b></p> <p>Photography competition will soon go live. Tidworth in Bloom is being advertised. There will be a litter pick on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022. They Committee have agreed to increase the number of boxes of Tidworth Times is increased to 4 from 2. CW asked the Council for their preferred choice of location to bury the time capsule, it was agreed that it should be somewhere accessible and not in the foundations of the new Civic Centre.</p> <p><b>Projects</b> PH reported on a meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. <b>PH proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record, seconded by LC, carried.</b></p> <p>Andrew Brown had attended the meeting to discuss fixtures and fitting of the new Civic Centre. It was agreed that the carpet should be the same throughout and not different colours. It was also agreed that visibility between the office and reception area should be better. Allotments to be discussed under item 12. Site visits are being arranged for the skate park. The Clerk, HJ and PH are meeting with Kompan for a pre-build meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 for the Riverbourne playpark.</p>	
22/033	<p><b>9. Co-Options</b> <b>No applications</b></p>	
22/034	<p><b>10. S137 Requests</b> <b>None received</b></p>	
22/035	<p><b>11. Civic Centre</b> MC reported the following: All Tenders were within budget. Himself and Cllr Kofitia did the quality moderation scores with Police representatives on the previous Friday. The quality element makes up 40% of the scoring, with the remaining 60% being on cost. The Quantity Surveyors are working on the cost and will add the moderated quality scores before providing a paper recommending the preferred bidder before the Project Board meet on 8 March</p>	

	<p>2022. Both the OPCC and TTC will then need to confirm the preferred bidder by 25 March 2022 in order to appoint the contractor in early April. Therefore, an EGM will be needed on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 before Engagements.</p> <p>The Quantity Surveyor and the police technical adviser have not found any worrying issues in the bids or their clarifications, just normal queries. They think all the bids appear to be well put together and costed.</p> <p>The plan is to meet the preferred bidder to discuss the contract, the outstanding risks and planning conditions to be fulfilled before commencement of the build and anything we might be wanted to add to the design.</p> <p>This is because at the recent moderation meeting, it was discussed that as all the bids have come in under budget, TTC are in the good position on deciding whether they wish to put back any of the Value Engineering (or as some might call cost reductions) done before the planning application was submitted.</p> <p>MC suggested that TTC might want to consider going back to the original plan of triple glazing for the Civic Centre and providing two sets of doors for the two main entrances to the Civic Centre. These would reduce the carbon footprint of the building and help keep the heat in with two sets of doors into the atrium.</p> <p>He had done financial calculations based on both the cheapest and most expensive contract being awarded and even with the most expensive, there will be nearly £900K unallocated reserves. He provided details of financial calculations and recommendations at the EGM on 15<sup>th</sup> March, when the preferred contractor is known.</p> <p>He does recommend that TTC allocate up to £200K for the triple-glazed windows, two sets of double doors at the main entrances and any other measures to help reduce the carbon footprint of the building.</p> <p>Civic Centre Expenditure as of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 had been circulated.</p>	
22/036	<p><b>12. Allotments</b></p> <p>Both consultations had been well attended. Questionnaires had been given out and the Clerk will collate the responses and provide a report for the Projects Committee so that they can make their recommendation to full town in April 2022.</p>	
22/037	<p><b>13. Fair</b></p> <p>As this was the last visit to the Community Centre HJ suggested that the fee for the field is waived, not only will the fair be missed by the community due to the recent bad weather they will not have made as much money as usual.</p> <p><b>HJ proposed that the fee of £250.00 for the fair to use the field at their most recent visit is waived, seconded by PH, carried.</b></p>	
22/038	<p><b>14. Correspondence and Updates</b></p> <p>None</p>	
22/039	<p><b>12. Bills for Payment</b></p>	

	Bills for payment totalling £13,924.40 had been circulated. <b>PH proposed Bills for Payment, seconded by RG, carried.</b>	
22/040	<b>13. Date of next meeting</b>  5 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 @ 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 8.00pm.

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