



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2023



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at Castledown Business Park, Ludgershall at 7pm.

<p>Attended Cllr M Connolly (in the Chair) (MC), Cllr's H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), C Webb (CW), L Coleman (LC), M Anim (MA), S Musikavanhu (SM), C Danso (CD) arrived 7.30pm C Lovell – Town Clerk WO1 Clarke- Garrison F Galvin</p>	<p>23/019 1. Apologies Cllr Wright, Cllr Birch, Cllr Ahern, Cllr Powell, Cllr Moore, Cllr Gregory, Cllr Kofitia Cllr Pickernell (Wiltshire) Police T Jones TAFD committee 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
23/020	<p>2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</p>	
23/021	<p>3. Public Questions: WO1 Clarke advised that due to the ongoing strikes the military are still being deployed to provide cover. Mr Galvin has requested both the council and garrison research communication boards for the play parks. He also reported that where the bin had been removed in the A338 park there is a hole, Services will look into this at their next meeting.</p>	
23/022	<p>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th January 2023, had been circulated. HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried. No Matters arising</p>	
	<p>5. Guest – Tidworth Armed Forces Day Committee. Deferred due to not being able to attend.</p>	

23/023	<p>6. Wiltshire Councillors Report</p> <p>Cllr Pickernell provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Council will be introducing a grace period to allow Blue Badge holders an extra hours parking on any ticket they purchase in council run car parks. • The council has tasked 18 Parish Stewards to solely focus on mending potholes in the next few weeks. • Groups, individuals and organisations are encouraged to apply for the Small grants Scheme. • The new Chief Constable, Catherine Roper will be starting at the end of February. • The new Chief Inspector of Police at Amesbury is Inspector Ricky Lee. • There is a new number plate recognition system at Salisbury Hospital car park. 	
23/024	<p>7. Mayors Report</p> <p>Cllr Connolly reported the following:</p> <p>Due to a change in personal circumstances he will be standing down as Mayor in May.</p> <p>He will remain a Councillor as he wants to see through the Civic Centre, skatepark and the allotment scheme.</p> <p>It has been agreed with Leadership that he will continue to lead on the Civic Centre build and allotment scheme and will sit on Projects only from May.</p> <p>Cllr Hedge and Cllr Jones will lead on the Facilities Management contract for the Civic Centre and there is already have a Working Party leading on the fixtures and fittings for the Civic Centre.</p> <p>He said it has been an honour to be the Mayor for 5 and a half years out of the last six years.</p> <p>He advised that the River Bourne Corridor is finally in the ownership of the Council. Wiltshire Council has also confirmed that as the transfer took much longer than anticipated, they have added extra inflation to the agreed some to transfer to the Council from £357K to £401K. Persimmons have been informed of this, though they may dispute this.</p>	
23/025	<p>8. Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Services PH reported on the meeting held on 17th January 2023, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by SM, carried.</p> <p>The following Traffic Survey Requests have already been submitted:</p> <p>Pennings Road Windmill Drive Perham Down to Station Road Bulford Road</p> <p>The interactive speed camera sign on Pennings Road isn't always working, Wiltshire will not replace, so it was agreed that a Speed Camera sign be requested to be put up on the pole.</p> <p>Requests for Waiting Restrictions</p> <p>A request has been received from a resident for Waiting Restrictions on Ludgershall Road outside of the garage.</p>	

There was a discussion and it was agreed that vehicles being parked there is inconvenient at times it is not unsafe as the road itself is three lanes wide.
River Bourne Corridor – Water is flowing, the overgrown areas have now died back. There is an issue with litter. Costings for a heavy duty bin will be obtained.
Shepperd Street Playpark –The bench has been installed and already lifted from the ground, it has been chained to the fence as a temporary measure.
Baker Street/Pickernell Road - It has been reported that vehicles are still gaining access.
Cemetery and Mortuary Chapel – no major issues to report.
The following budget movements were recommended by the committee.
£3000.00 is transferred from Christmas Lights (4041-201) to Repairs and Maintenance (4040-201) and £1000.00 from Christmas Lights (4041-201) to Litter Picking (4038-201).

Proposed by PH, seconded by SM, carried.

Community Engagement- CW reported on the meeting held on 17th January 2023, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. **LC proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by MC, carried.**

Coronation/Festival - The committee have been awaiting a decision on the use of the Esso field. Due to weight restrictions now implemented the Coronation will be going ahead with limited use of the field.

Coins to be purchased as a keepsake of the occasion.

MC proposed the cost of £3,225.00 (ex VAT) for 1000 celebratory coins, seconded by PH, carried.

Because of the weight restrictions regrettably the Festival will not be going ahead, other locations were looked into but would not be viable due to timings and clashing with TAFD which is a very similar event. The committee are going to arrange another Open Air Cinema event instead.

Tidworth in Bloom & Photography - Due to low numbers of entries this will not go ahead in 2023 however will be revisited in the future.

Time Capsule - A military grade storage box has been kindly donated by local businessman, Jayson Saunders (KitPest).

CW thanks Mr Saunders for the kind donation. Schools and regiments will be contacted for their input with the Time capsule.

Community Awards – Taking place at the Clarendon Club 8th February 2023.

MC proposed the cost of £35.00 for the hire of the Clarendon Club, seconded by PH, carried.

CW proposed that provision should be made for one welcome drink per guest to be invoiced after the event, seconded by MC, carried.

MC proposed a budget of £60 for cupcakes for the guests, seconded by CW, carried.

MC proposed a cost of £220.00 for a balloon arch, seconded by LC, carried.

Latest edition of Tidworth Times was distributed week commencing 23rd January 2023.

Community Projects - MC reported on the meeting held on 25th January 2023, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. **LC proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried.**

	<p>After discussion it was agreed not to go ahead with triple glazing and the lobbies into the atrium. However the members agreed to the reception/TTC office window/door at a cost of £1404.00</p> <p>LC proposed that a window is installed in the office at a cost of £1404.00, seconded by HJ, carried.</p> <p>All items discussed are agenda items.</p>	
23/026	<p>9. Introduction to Biodiversity</p> <p>Due to Cllr Aherns absence this has been deferred.</p>	
23/027	<p>10. Co-Options</p> <p>None received</p>	
23/028	<p>11. S137 Requests</p> <p>None received</p>	
23/029	<p>12. Budget Reports 2023-2024</p> <p>Budget reports for 2023/24 prepared by the accountant had been circulated. The members are content with them but there are a few queries regarding Reserves. The Clerk will discuss at the next contracted visit.</p> <p>HJ proposed that TTC are satisfied with the Budget Reports, seconded by PH, carried.</p>	
23/030	<p>13. Civic Centre</p> <p>MC provided the following report:</p> <p>Progress was held up because of the very cold weather, which meant the masonry works could not take place for two weeks.</p> <p>It was advised a the Project Board meeting onsite last month, that the contamination was much worse than feared. As a result, Neilcott and the Quantity Surveyors (QS) undertook a worst case scenario, based on the tonnage of earth being removed in the contract and the cost of each lorry load to remove it all. The worst case cost is now £405K, which is £350K more than had been put in the contract.</p> <p>Overspend on the project is presently £839,511.</p> <p>£42K of fees and surveys have already been paid, so can come off in terms of additional risk to pay = £797,511.</p> <p>Less triple-glazing and lobby entrances (which Projects have agreed not to proceed with) of £68K, are included in overspend and brings the overspend down to = £729,511.</p> <p>Less contingency held by both TTC and the Police of £467K = £262K.</p> <p>Less £2K for the TTC reception/office window and door means £260K overspend this will be split 70/30 between the Council and the Police, which means £182K risk and £2K for the additional work = £184K total risk for TTC.</p> <p>£200K had been set aside for additional works. Therefore, there is £16K spare contingency after the £184K.</p> <p>Almost all of the building risk was in the ground and the Project Manager and QS are confident other areas of risk will not see any large increases in cost.</p> <p>He reminded the members that he contamination cost is worst case scenario.</p> <p>Expenditure so far had been circulated.</p>	

23/031	<p>14. Allotments MC provided the following report: The public consultation stage finished yesterday. The number of people supporting the project outnumbered those who objected, but planning is not a numbers game, it is on the planning balance on whether an application should be approved. He believes TTC provided a very good case and he will be very disappointed if it were refused. If the application is approved, TTC will then submit a further application for the remainder of the field to be made into three paddocks.</p>	
23/032	<p>15. Skate Park MC provided the following report: There has been a very fraught couple of weeks with issues needing to be resolved for the project to proceed. However, they were overcome and Maverick are currently undertaking checks with utility companies for what is in the field and path on Meerut Road before a date for starting construction can be agreed. A quote from DAC Beechcroft to provide legal advice on the lease for the land from MOD has been received. Leadership had agreed by email the quote of up to £2500.00. MC proposed that TTC pay legal fees to DAC Beechcroft up to £2500.00, seconded by HJ, carried.</p>	
23/033	<p>16. Policies for Review – All policies had been circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Development • Disciplinary and Grievance • Absence • Vexatious Complaints <p>PH proposed that the policies be adopted, seconded by LC, carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio-Diversity – deferred until Bio-diversity presentation 	
23/034	<p>17. Historic Backpay Part 2 Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda items will be closed to the public due to its confidential nature.</p>	
23/035	<p>18. Correspondence and Updates LC reported on the WALC meeting she had attending which she found to be informative and useful for networking. The main subjects discussed were training, planning and advertising. Next meeting will be 9th October 2023.</p>	
23/036	<p>19. Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £751,148.87 had been circulated. SM proposed Bills for Payment totalling £751,148.87 be paid, seconded by PH, carried.</p>	
23/037	<p>20. Date of next meeting 7th March 2023 @ 7pm Agenda Items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting.</p>	ALL

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.15pm.

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

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