



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2024



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2024 at Castledown Business Park at 7pm.

| <p>Attended Cllr’s C Webb (in the Chair) (CW) H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), A White (AW), M Connolly (MC), Cllr Anim (MA), R Gregory (RG), ABirch (AB), T Jones (TJ), C Lovell Town Clerk (CL) WO1 Clarke – TNB Garrison F Galvin B Pratt</p> | | <p>24/015 1. Apologies Cllr D Wright, Cllr Muskinvanu Cllr Pickernell Absent: Cllr Kofitia, Cllr Danso, Cllr Moore 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> |
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| Item | Agenda Item | Action by |
| 24/016 | <p>2. Declaration of Interest None (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). Cllr Birch item 11</p> | |
| 24/017 | <p>3. General Public Questions WO1 Clarke advised that the Garrison would effectively be in standdown for the next 2 days due to Operation Teamwork. He congratulated the Council on the Civic Centre and passed on the Garrison Commanders thanks for the invite and tour. B Pratt came along to congratulate TTC for the Civic Centre and thanked all involved in making it happen, he thanked CL for the tour and he is very impressed with this great community asset. F Galvin enquired about the old NAAFI building on Zouch Market. This is MOD owned and is on the Projects Schedule to be demolished. LC explained the reason he has seen workmen going in and out is due to health and safety checks. Investigations will be made as to who to contact regarding purchasing.</p> | |
| 24/018 | <p>4. Minutes of January 2024 meeting Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th January 2024 had been circulated. AB proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH carried. - No matters arising.</p> | |

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| 24/019 | <p>5. Wiltshire Councillors Report</p> <p>Cllr Connolly reported that he will be attending Wiltshire Budget meeting on 21st February. It is proposed that the increase will be 4.99%, 3% of that being for Adult care.</p> <p>Applications for Area Board Grants are to be submitted by 19th February. The application of variation at Humber Lane has been validated by planning. Himself, CW and CL will be attending the final Project Board meeting for the Civic Centre on Friday.</p> | |
| 24/020 | <p>6. Mayors Report – Cllr Webb reported that the handover of the Civic Centre had taken place on 10 January and that herself and CL had attended CDFM on 13th January to talk about it.</p> <p>The building was opened to the public on the 29th January and is already being well used. Ezra’s is very popular.</p> <p>The first meeting was held on 31st January whereby herself, PH, RG and Cllr Pickernell and CL joined local residents who had been affected by residents who had been affected by the recent floods to form a working group. The meeting was productive and a Flood Plan is to be written.</p> <p>Gullie clearing is scheduled for this month and when the river is dry again a quote will be obtained for clearing, although it has been made quite clear that the recent flood was purely due to the ground being so waterlogged and how much rain came down in such a short period of time.</p> <p>Prior to this a letter from herself, MC and Cllr Pickernell had been sent to Caroline Thomas – Leader Highways who recommended attend the Flood WG on 25th January. The outcome from this is that most towns and villages had the same issues regarding road closures etc.</p> <p>There are grants available from Wiltshire Council for residents and businesses affected by the floods.</p> | |
| 24/021 | <p>7. Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Services PH reported on a meeting held on 16th January 2024, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. MA proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried.</p> <p>Footpath repairs/Improvements</p> <p>The plans have been drawn up for a new footpath from Wylve Road Day Care Centre to the road. AN to get official permission to carry out this work on MoD land.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)</p> <p>The Speed Indicator Devices are on order, and permission has been sought from Wiltshire Council to install them.</p> <p>Requests for Waiting Restrictions</p> <p>Double yellow lines on Drummer Lane will be considered the next LHFIFG.</p> <p>Skatepark - Entrance and Benches</p> <p>A date for delivery and installation will be hastened.</p> <p>A plaque will be purchased and engraved locally after the benches are in situ. The family would like “In Jakob’s Memory” for the inscription.</p> <p>A safety bar/barrier at the exit of the skatepark is on the program of LHFIFG works.</p> | |

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| | <p>Playparks Beech Hill Road – PH proposed to pay Gavin Jones £357.61 + Vat to replace the broken bin, to include removal of the old one, and the installation of new, seconded by HJ, carried.</p> <p>Mortuary Chapel A vine growing up the left-hand side of the Chapel is proving awkward. The lower part has been cut off, but AN to ask Gavin Jones to complete the job. There is a large fallen branch and general twigs etc making the area look messy. AN to ask Gavin Jones to remove these items before the spring flowers start to come through.</p> <p>Flooding A Flood Committee including residents has been set up. PH proposed to pay Gavin Jones around £80 to fill 100 sandbags of sand, seconded by LC, and carried.</p> <p>DIO/Aspire have agreed to let the TTC use the overflow car park at the cricket club for storage of sandbags. Residents and Businesses affected will be able to collect sandbags to help protect their premises. TTC attained a list of affected personnel at the Full Town Council held on Tuesday 9th January 2024. Sandbags cannot be stored over a long period of time, as they will deteriorate. It was agreed by the members that should there be a problem with water supply Veolia could use the Civic Centre car park to distribute water to residents.</p> <p>Community Engagement LC reported on a meeting held on 23rd January 2024, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. LC proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by AW, carried.</p> <p>Events Photographer for Council Events & Civic Centre AW proposed Mark Fell Photo Centre with the associated specification at a cost of £3,830.00 over a 12 month period for all TTC events, venues and Tidworth Town, seconded by TJ, carried.</p> <p>Community Awards All nominees to be invited. Covergirlz have confirmed. LC proposed a Balloon Arch budget of up to £300, seconded by CW, carried. KM to source balloon arch. LC proposed £100 worth of refreshments, seconded by CW, carried.</p> <p>Easter Disco Tedworth Hall is the preferred location. 100 free tickets to be made available for collection from Reception.</p> <p>Skatepark JAM 2024 Quotes to be obtained for St. Johns, Bins, Toilets & Vendors.</p> <p>D Day Possible ideas: Ceremony at the Tidworth War Memorial with a bugler and a flagpole. Large fundraising stall at the Armed Forces Day/Tidworth Festival to raise money for veterans Charities. Afternoon Tea for the over 80's in Tidworth.</p> | |
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| | <p>Open Air Cinema Saturday 24th August. Halloween Provisional date of Saturday 26th October. Remembrance Sunday 10th November. Christmas Saturday 7th December. Tidworth Festival</p> <p>There had been a meeting with AJ and the TAFD committee. As with all events volunteers are needed as it is always the same faces. LC asked people not to volunteer and then not turn up. CW recommended that each Councillor is issued with a TTC Hi-Viz vest so that should they be needed in a situation such as the floods they are recognisable. CW proposed that 20 Embossed Hi-Viz vests (10 large/10 extra large) are purchased at a cost of no more than £250.00, seconded by LC, carried.</p> | |
| 24/022 | <p>8. Civic Centre Already reported on</p> | |
| 24/023 | <p>9. 2024/25 Budget Papers for approval – Deferred</p> | CL |
| 24/024 | <p>10. Co-options None received.</p> | |
| 24/025 | <p>11. S137 Requests A request for £250.00 to help with hire fees had been received from Tidworth Over Sixties and circulated. This will provide funding up to the end of 2024. RG proposed that Tidworth Over Sixties are awarded a S137 grant of £250.00, seconded by PH, carried.</p> | |
| 24/026 | <p>12. Correspondence and Updates Health and Wellbeing meeting to be held via teams on 9th February at 11am. HJ spoke to the members about recent correspondence received from America. A gentlemen named David Barker had found letters between his parents from the war and had written a play called 'From Tidworth With Love'. He had visited Tidworth in 2018 and had been hosted by Cllr Birch. He was keen to come to the Civic Centre to present the play. It was decided that this probably would not be viable but the script would be circulated to all members and maybe something could be done with the letters. CL suggested contacting the drama department at Wellington Academy. CL thanked the members who had been a great support to the staff since moving into the Civic Centre, especially PH.</p> | |
| 24/027 | <p>13. Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £234,003.85 had been circulated.</p> | |

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| | <p>AW proposed Bills for Payment totalling £234,003.85 seconded by TJ carried. LC had completed the quarterly Bank reconciliation and account check – no issues</p> | |
| 24/028 | <p>14. Date of next meeting 5th March 2024 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 8.20pm.

Agreed as a true record..... C Webb, Chair

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