



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL JUNE 2024



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 at Tidworth Civic Centre, Wylve Road at 7pm.

<p><b>Attended</b>  Cllr's C Webb (CW) (in the Chair), H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), A White (AW), T Jones (TJ), L Coleman (LC), S Muskinvanu (SM), R Gregory (RG), C Daborn D Wright (DW), A Birch (AB), M Anim (MA), B Pratt (BP), A Lillywhite (AL)  *D Kofitia  *C Danso  *Arrived 7.10pm  C Lovell Town Clerk (CL)  WO1 Clarke</p>		<p><b>24/093 1. Apologies</b>  <b>Cllr C Daborn (CDB)</b>  <b>Cllr M Connolly – Wiltshire</b>  <b>Police</b>  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
24/094	<p><b>2. Declaration of Interest</b>  RG and BP item 9.  (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</p>	
24/095	<p><b>3. General Public Questions</b>  WO1 Clarke reported that Netheravon and Upavon will be merging, this is for aviation purposes.  Operation Lazurite is imminent, there are to be 50 families housed in Tidworth and a further 50 in Bulford, there will be 17 in Larkhill in addition to the ones already there.  There are a lot of measures in place to make this happen a smoothly as possible, the Afghanistan families come from a very different culture and it may initially cause friction.  However, the families already in Larkhill have been welcomed by most and have been supported.  He told the members this would be his last meeting and thanked them for the support and making working with the council enjoyable.  He will be replaced by Kevin Tomlinson – Irish Guards.  Cllr Webb thanked him for his hard work and engagement on behalf of the council.</p>	
24/096	<p><b>4. Minutes of June 2024 meeting</b>  Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 had been circulated.</p>	

	<p><b>PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by AW carried.</b></p> <p><b>Matters arising – HJ advised that since the last meeting he had provided the Post Mistress with a parking sign, it seems to be having the desired effect.</b></p>	
24/097	<p><b>5. Wiltshire Councillors Report</b></p> <p>In his absence Cllr Connolly provided the following written report:</p> <p>Following the success of the solar together schemes in Wiltshire in both 2022 and 2023, the scheme is being launched again for 2024. This means residents of Wiltshire and Swindon can buy PV solar panels and batteries at a cheaper price by clubbing together. You can apply by contacting emails/telephone or going onto the solar together link. <a href="mailto:wiltshire@solartogether.co.uk">wiltshire@solartogether.co.uk</a> or call 0800 048 8113.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council is asking for more people to come forward as parent and child foster carers and enjoy the "most amazing feeling in the world" of setting families on the right path to living independently. Payments for parent and child foster carers are from £1,020 per week for one parent and one child. For more information email <a href="mailto:fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk">fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> or call 0800 169 6321 or text the word Foster to 60002.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council has announced an extra £1m investment into its planning teams to deliver a first-class planning service with faster decision making and excellent customer service. The planning service consists of many different areas, including teams that work on planning policies such as the Local Plan, officers that process planning applications, building control and planning enforcement teams, plus many more. The extra funding will be spent on more officers to build a stronger workforce that helps to shape communities and supports businesses throughout Wiltshire.</p>	
24/098	<p><b>6. Mayors Report</b></p> <p>Cllr Webb reported the following:</p> <p>6 Jun 2024 – D Day celebrations held in the Civic Centre was well attended and was particularly enjoyed by the children from Paddington’s Nursery. The vintage vehicles were popular.</p> <p>11 Jun 2024 - Attended Castledown FM (CDFM) to record ‘My life in music’ to be broadcast this coming Sunday.</p> <p>13 Jun 2024 – Wiltshire Council held a drop-in session in the Civic Centre for residents to discuss what they want to see happen in the area. CL will request feedback.</p> <p>22 Jun 2024 – TAFD and Tidworth Town Festival. The event had been a huge success and she thanked all of those involved especially those who</p>	

	<p>came on the Friday and Sunday. Extended thanks were given to Cllr Jones, Cllr Hedge, Cllr Coleman, Cllr Lillywhite, Cllr White, Cllr Pratt, Cllr Anim and Cllr Anim and of course the AFD committee.</p> <p>Thanks was passed onto CDFM for broadcasting throughout the day.</p> <p>Friends and family members of the volunteer’s help was also very much appreciated.</p> <p>24 Jun 2024 – There was a site visit at Humber Lane to discuss the specification for the allotments, as soon as this is agreed quotations will be requested.</p> <p>24 Jun 2024 – Area Board.</p> <p>26 Jun 2024 – Herself and PH attended a Flood Group meeting.</p> <p>28 Jun 2024 – she attended Wellington Lions for their Military Day which was enjoyable.</p>	
24/099	<p><b>7. Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>Community Services</b> PH reported on a meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. <b>PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by AB, carried.</b></p> <p><b>Terms of Reference were reviewed</b> - HJ proposed they were accurate, seconded by BP, carried.</p> <p><b>Parish Steward</b> – Visited 17 &amp; 18 June 2024</p> <p><b>Discretionary Gully Service – 20-24 May</b></p> <p>The Gully Service was completed including all roads around Tidworth and Ludgershall. This is normally a service that is carried out every three years, but WC may look at reviewing this.</p> <p><b>Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)</b></p> <p><b>HJ proposed to pay Stocksigns £225 + Vat, to fit a mains module to the SID on Pennings Road, seconded by PH and carried.</b></p> <p><b>River Bourne Corridor</b> - Gavin Jones have stated that the area remains too boggy for the pathways to be cut.</p> <p><b>Civic Centre Update.</b></p> <p><b>PH proposed to pay Suez £113.27 + Vat for an extra 1100ltr waste bin, seconded by HJ, and carried.</b></p> <p><b>Playparks</b></p> <p><b>Connolly Way &amp; Shepperd Street - PH proposed to pay Gavin Jones £458.30 + Vat for an initial cut around the outside of the play areas, and removal of arisings, seconded by SM, carried.</b></p> <p><b>PH proposed to pay an additional £958.25 + Vat for cuts during the remainder of 2024, seconded by RG, and carried.</b></p> <p><b>Cemetery - Memorial Crosses – Unmarked Graves</b></p> <p><b>LC proposed to pay £1537.72 (5% discount already taken off) to Reads Gifts Shop, for 27 wooden memorial crosses, to include an individual engraved outdoor laminate, seconded by AB, and carried.</b></p>	

	<p><b>Community Engagement</b> LC reported on a meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. <b>AW proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by RG, carried.</b></p> <p><b>Terms of Reference were reviewed</b> - LC proposed to accept the circulated Terms of Reference, Seconded by RJG, Carried.</p> <p><b>Events</b></p> <p><b>D-Day June 6th 2024</b> – successful and well attended.</p> <p><b>Tidworth Festival and Armed Forces Day – 22nd June 2024</b> – Fantastic day. LC thanked KM for organising the equipment and paperwork for the day.</p> <p><b>Skatepark Jam - 27th July 2024 – 12-4pm</b></p> <p><b>Open Air Cinema – 24th August 2024</b></p> <p><b>Mortuary Chapel – 21st September 2024 2-4pm</b></p> <p><b>AW proposed a cost of no more than £240 for the purchase of vintage crockery, seconded by LC, carried.</b></p> <p><b>HJ proposed the cost of £120.69 for the hire of a generator and delivery, seconded by AW, carried</b></p> <p><b>Halloween – 26th October 2024</b></p> <p><b>CW proposed a cost of £229 for an entertainer for 2 hours, seconded by AB, carried.</b></p> <p><b>CW proposed a cost of £55 for 2 event banners, seconded by RG, carried.</b></p> <p><b>Remembrance – 10th November 2024 – 10.30am</b></p> <p><b>Christmas – 7th December 2024</b></p> <p>LC confirmed all big expenditures have been made.</p> <p><b>VE Day 2025 – Thursday 8th May 2025.</b></p> <p><b>Tidworth Times</b></p> <p>The next issue will be ready in August.</p> <p><b>Projects</b> - LC reported on a meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. <b>CW proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by LC, carried.</b></p> <p><b>Election of Chair</b> - CW proposed LC for Chair, seconded by TJ, carried.</p> <p><b>Allotments</b> - Discussions took place regarding the strategy for preparing the land for fully functioning allotments. This could potentially be next Spring 2025, all being well.</p>	
24/100	<p><b>8. Co-options</b></p> <p>None received</p>	
24/101	<p><b>9. S137 Requests</b></p> <p><b>Two requests had been received</b></p> <p><b>Wellington Academy</b> for funding towards ‘Wellyfest’ unfortunately application does not fit required criteria as funds raised would be donated to another charity and to cover the cost of Year 11 Prom.</p> <p><b>The members agreed unanimously that TTC could not support this grant.</b></p> <p><b>Social Prescribing Gardening Group</b> for funding towards equipment etc. This group is run by the Health Centres who are Sarum North PCN for people who</p>	CL

	are vulnerable, socially isolated and suffer with mental health problems. The members highly commend the group and are keen to support. There are concerns that due to it being an NHS run group legislation may prevent a grant being awarded. The group leader will be invited to the next meeting for clarity.	
24/101	<p><b>10. Policies for Review – Had been circulated</b></p> <p><b>Press and Media</b>  <b>BP proposed that the reviewed Press and Media policy is adopted, seconded by HJ, carried.</b></p> <p><b>CCTV</b>  DK raised the issue that the Police need to provide a written request for copies of images and TTC have 5 days to provide this. He felt this was too long should the images be needed urgently or for evidence.  It was clarified that this is for ‘copies’ of the images and they are able to come into the office to view the footage if required immediately.  <b>RG proposed that the reviewed CCTV policy is adopted, seconded by HJ, 2 abstentions, carried.</b></p>	CL
24/102	<p><b>11. Correspondence and Updates</b></p> <p>RG reported that he had recently attended a Governors meeting at Wellington Academy.  PH had attended the Link AGM – they will be in Tesco on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July 10am-2pm.  CL has met with the new co-ordinator at WALC, he is keen for more training to be implemented and wants to work with councillors as well as officers.</p>	
24/103	<p><b>12. Bills for Payment</b></p> <p>Bills for payment totalling £105,116.86 had been circulated.  <b>AW proposed Bills for Payment totalling £33,066.82 seconded by DW carried.</b></p>	
24/104	<p><b>13. Date of next meeting</b></p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b>  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 8.40pm.

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

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