



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL AUGUST 2024



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th August 2024 at Tidworth Civic Centre, Wylve Road at 7pm.

Attended Cllr’s C Webb (CW) (in the Chair), H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), T Jones (TJ), L Coleman (LC), C Daborn A Birch (AB), M Anim (MA), B Pratt (BP), A Lillywhite (AL) *C Danso *Arrived 7.10pm C Lovell Town Clerk (CL) Cllr M Connolly and Cllr A Pickernell – Wiltshire Garrison Representative F Galvin		24/105 1. Apologies Cllr D Kofitia, Cllr M Anim, Cllr Musikavanhu, Cllr White Sent prior to meeting but not read – Cllr Wright, Cllr Gregory Police 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.
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
24/106	2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).	
24/107	3. General Public Questions The Garrison is now on staggered Summer leave. The new GSM will be attending Septembers meeting.	
24/108	4. Minutes of July 2024 meeting Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9 th July 2024 had been circulated. TJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by AL carried.	
24/109	5. Wiltshire Councillors Report Cllr Connolly provided the following report: The new Labour Government wishes to increase new housing developments to 1.5M over the course of this Parliament. This means for Wiltshire an increase of 81%. The Government has also cancelled the Stonehenge tunnel and Winterbourne bypass. WC has expressed deep disappointment in this decision, which will result	

	<p>in the ongoing issues in that area, not only for locals and holiday makers but for trade too.</p> <p>WC has appointed a new CEO, Lucy Townsend will be the new CEO. Lucy has over 25 years of local Government experience and has worked in WC since 2014.</p> <p>A total of £20M additional funding has been allocated to highways for this year and next year. Much of this will be focussed on C Class and unclassified roads. The additional funding has been allocated from an underspend from the 23/24 financial year and Community Infrastructure Levies from developments.</p> <p>It looks as though Tidworth Town Football Club's application for a pavilion may finally be granted. An objection from Sport England has been withdrawn.</p> <p>Cllr Pickernell reported the following:</p> <p>The Area Board has set its priorities as Health and Wellbeing, Youth and Environment.</p> <p>The lease on the Youth Centre in Ludgershall has been renewed which is also good news for The Men's Shed.</p> <p>Somebody has recently been prosecuted for illegal trading in Salisbury so he urges people to report anything suspicious as action is being taken.</p> <p>Carpark machines across Wiltshire are being upgraded.</p> <p>He has recently asked the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to explain why there is such a long lead time on 101 calls and a lack of police presence on the 'beat'.</p> <p>There are to be improvements to the bus service in Tidworth with additional times to be added to the timetable.</p>	
24/110	<p>6. Mayors Report</p> <p>Cllr Webb reported the following:</p> <p>Herself, Cllr Jones and Cllr Birch attended a service of thanks at Holy Trinity Church on 7th July, it was also Rev Laundon's last service.</p> <p>On 16th July there was an Afgan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) brief held at the civic centre it was well attended and informative.</p> <p>22nd July along with the Town Clerk she attended a gardening group held at St Andrews hall, it is part of the social prescribing scheme and benefits those who may be vulnerable or isolated.</p> <p>27th July saw the much awaited Skate Park Jam which was very well attended.</p>	
24/111	<p>7. Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Services PH reported on a meeting held on 9th July 2024, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by AB, carried.</p> <p>Grounds Maintenance</p> <p>Tree Survey – Civic Centre</p>	

BP proposed to pay Treetechnique £972.00 to carry out a full tree survey around the perimeter of the Centre, including the riverbank, seconded by PH, carried.

Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG)

Next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd October 2024.

HJ proposed pay 25% (£250) to WC, towards a new pedestrian sign near the Rorke's Drift roundabout, seconded by PH, carried.

Traffic Survey Requests

TTC has received a request to have dropped kerbs on Ordnance Road, near the junctions with Nadder and Wylde Road. A traffic survey has already been carried out in this area and proven not to be necessary.

TTC received a request to install a pelican crossing along the A338 between the Avenue and Ashdown Terrace. The Committee agreed that there are already sufficient crossings within a very short area on a very busy, main road. There have been dropped kerbs implemented in the last 12 months, near the Rorke's drift roundabout. There are dropped kerbs near St Mary's Church, and there is a safe managed crossing at Hampshire Cross.

River Bourne Corridor

BP proposed to install 4 new flood warning signs, using the previous signage that were there, seconded by HJ, carried. AN to price 4 new posts, with installation.

Civic Centre Update

Bike Rack

PH proposed to pay £140.37 to Amazon for three solid bike racks, seconded by TJ, carried. These will be installed near the smoking area by the café patio.

The Committee had made a recommendation for cleaning and painting of the perimeter fencing, three additional quotes had been received since, which had been circulated, PH gave a breakdown of each quote.

CW proposed that the quote of £2728.00 inc VAT from JetWorks is accepted, seconded by PH, carried.

Skatepark Barrier

PH proposed to pay WC pay 25% (£500) towards the barrier, seconded by HJ, carried.

Playparks

Beech Hill Road – The rough welding stubs on the lock-up garage fence that were reported by a resident has been removed by HJ.

Cemetery Pergola

BP proposed to pay £500.00 to GM Smith to rebuild the brick base around the pergola, seconded by LC, carried.

Defibrillator

Current contract runs out in January 2025.

Southwest Ambulance Service (SWAS) are no longer renewing contracts for their defibrillators.

However, they are offering to “gift” their existing defibrillators to the Councils. Councils will take on full responsibility, replace all consumables, organise awareness training, and register it on the National Defibrillator Network.

HJ proposed to accept SWAS offer, seconded by PH, carried.

	<p>Winter Preparations TJ proposed to pay £154 for 4 pks of 6 “Quick Dam” water activated flood bags, seconded by BP, carried.</p> <p>Community Engagement LC reported on a meeting held on 23rd July 2024, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. AL proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by LC, carried.</p> <p>Skatepark Jam - 27th July 2024 Was very successful, it is suggested that it is combined with Tidworth Town Festival in 2025.</p> <p>Open Air Cinema – 24th August 2024 Change of movie timings Children’s Film – 2.00pm Family Film – 6.00pm</p> <p>Mortuary Chapel – 21st September 2024 2-4pm PH proposed a cost of up to £230.00 for a Waitrose food shop to provide all required refreshments, seconded by LC, carried.</p> <p>PH proposed a cost of £157.00 for the Chapel flowers, seconded by BP, carried.</p> <p>Halloween – 26th October 2024 Deferred to September meeting.</p> <p>Remembrance – 10th November 2024 – 10.30am Christian Family Ministries Church Choir has agreed to sing.</p> <p>Christmas – 7th December 2024 LC proposed a cost of £600 for 2 face paint artists for 5 hours, seconded by CDB, carried.</p> <p>Litter pick Potential date of August 31st 2024.</p> <p>Projects - LC reported on a meeting held on 23rd July 2024, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. CW proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by TJ, carried.</p> <p><i>Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda items will be closed to the public due to its confidential nature.</i> Proposed by CW, seconded by HJ, carried.</p>	
24/112	<p>8. Co-options None received</p>	
24/113	<p>9. S137 Requests Social Prescribing Gardening Group for funding towards equipment etc. This group is run by the Health Centres who are Sarum North PCN for people who are vulnerable, socially isolated and suffer with mental health problems. This was deferred at July’s meeting for more clarity. The Mayor attended one of the sessions and highly recommends awarding the grant. The group benefits several Tidworth residents.</p>	CL

	BP proposed that TTC award Social Prescribing Gardening Group a S137 grant of £839.94, seconded by LC, carried.	
24/114	10. Policies for Review – Had been circulated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email and Social Media • Equality and Diversity • Lone Worker PH proposed that the reviewed policies are adopted, seconded by TJ, carried.	CL
24/115	11. Correspondence and Updates None	
24/116	12. Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £112,620.46 had been circulated. PH proposed Bills for Payment totalling £112,620.46 seconded by CDB, carried. LC reported that she had carried out the quarterly Bank rec for the period Jan/Feb/Mar 2024 with no issues.	
24/117	13. Date of next meeting 3 rd September 2024 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 8.40pm.

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

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