



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee December 2024

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 17th December 2024 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

<p>Attended Cllrs L Coleman (LC) in the chair, C Webb (CW), C Daborn (CDB), A White (AW) C Lovell – Town Clerk C Baxter</p> <p>Guests: Cllrs H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH)</p>		<p>24/170E 1. Apologies: Cllr D Wright, R Gregory, B Pratt, C Danso <i>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 Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.</i></p>
Item	Agenda Item	Action By
24/171E	<p>2. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i></p>	
24/172E	<p>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the November Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in December 2024. No matters arising.</p>	ALL
24/173E	<p>4. Event Follow up – Christmas 7th December 2024 As the first Christmas in the Civic Centre the event was a huge success, with lots of positive feedback. Unfortunately, due to the storm the outside rides and reindeer were unable to attend but this didn't seem to affect the footfall. The main issues were around the layout and the Santa queue, various suggestions were made, to be discussed in more depth. Thanks were given to all who were involved, and it was noted that there was a large contingency of councillors on the day. Date for 2025: 6th December.</p>	ENG Agenda
24/174E	<p>5. Community Awards 2025 Date: 19th February 6.30pm-8pm Agreed to same categories as 2024. Ideas for entertainment needed. To be held in the Tedworth Hall. Town Clerk to start advertising asap</p>	CL

24/175E	<p>6. Easter 2025 Date: 5th April 2025 2pm-4pm Will be similar format to 2024. Quotes for facepainting are being requested. Suggestion of Easter bonnet/fairy garden competition and maybe a balloon animal maker as part of the entertainment.</p>	
24/176E	<p>7. VE Day Date: 8th May 2025 A quote of £500.00 had been received for Pipers, although the members agree this is worth it, alternatives are being looked at. A quote has been requested for a fish and chip supper as a food option – as with DD Day this will be for 60 covers. C'llr Gregory has done a fantastic job of upgrading the beacon.</p>	
24/177E	<p>8. Tidworth Town Festival and Skate Park Jam. Date: 26th July 2025 Deferred</p>	
24/178E	<p>9. VJ Day Date: 15th August 2025 Deferred</p>	
24/179E	<p>10. Mortuary Chapel Open Day Date: 20th or 27th September 2025 Deferred</p>	Agenda Item
24/180E	<p>11. Halloween 2025 Deferred</p>	Agenda Item
24/181E	<p>12. Litter Picks Half Term commences 17th February 2025 so weather dependent will be during this week.</p>	Agenda Item
24/182E	<p>13. Event Suggestions Civic Centre first anniversary it is not the will of the committee to hold an official anniversary event. Burns Night 2026 it was felt that as most regiments and also Ludgershall already mark this it would not be worth TTC holding their own Burns Night as all of the events would have to be on the same date.</p>	
24/183E	<p>14. Tidworth Times Volunteers were asked to contribute pieces for the Tidworth Times, will be due for publication in February 2025. RG to coordinate. Volunteers will be needed for distribution.</p>	RG
24/184E	<p>15. Youth Outreach Worker TTC have already committed to funding £2000.00 as have Ludgershall Town Council, this is to be match funded by the Area Board. The previous proposals have fallen through, and the Armed Forces Equine Charity have put together a proposal, however due to a lack of qualified staff a request has been made for a commitment of £2000.00 for three years. The members are reluctant to make this commitment which could take this length of time to be up and running, if at all. CW is going to request a meeting attended by ALL stakeholders.</p>	CW
24/185E	<p>16. Budget Due to lack of time budget was not supplied, however the Town Clerk will provide a total cost of Christmas before the next meeting.</p>	CL

	<p>Community Services/ Christmas Lights - Due to not being quorate at their meeting Community Services have asked for a recommendation to full Council for an expenditure of up to £6000.00 to install the infrastructure to lamp posts on Penning Road to extend the Christmas Lights in 2025.</p> <p>Proposed by LC, seconded by CW, carried.</p>	
24/186E	<p>17. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates.</p> <p>None</p>	
24/187E	<p>18. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>21 January 2025</p> <p>All agenda items need to be with the Town Clerk 7 days prior to the meeting</p>	

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.