



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee January 2025

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 21st January 2025 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

	<p>Attended Cllrs L Coleman (LC) in the chair, C Webb (CW), C Daborn (CDB), A White (AW), R Gregory (RG), B Pratt (BP) C Lovell – Town Clerk C Baxter - Admin</p> <p>Guests: Cllrs H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH)</p>	<p>25/001E 1. Apologies: Cllr D Wright, , 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
25/002E	<p>2. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i></p>	
25/003E	<p>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the December Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in January 2025. No matters arising.</p>	All
25/004E	<p>4. Community Awards 2025 – 19th February 2025 Cllrs discussed current nomination numbers and whether to postpone or continue with event. Agreed and carried to continue as planned. Concerns were raised about the lack of community involvement so far. CB to make contact with the Deputy head of local schools. BP voiced option to pay for Facebook ads manager to push awards poster and event, but conclusion made that enough advertising was being done as not to warrant paying for marketing. LC proposed Balloon Arch through Dotty Dot Balloons at £100. Seconded by CW, carried Various entertainment options discussed LC Proposed CDB provide complimentary musical entertainment at the start of the night and then Hand Bell Ringers perform around 7.15pm Donation to be given of up to £100, seconded by RG, carried. CB to buy tea, coffee and nibbles with a budget of £25. Proposed by LC seconded by AW, carried.</p>	CB
25/005E	<p>5. Mark Fell Photography Cllrs discussed whether to renew contract or just to hire out for photos for specific events (Community Awards, Councillor Portraits, Remembrance Service and Christmas Fair) CB to gather quotes from local photographers for hourly rates for events.</p>	CB

25/006E	<p>6. Easter 5th April 2025 Date: 5th April 2025 2pm-4pm Will be similar format to 2024. LC proposed 2 face painting artists for the 2 hours through Rosy Cheeks at £60 per hour per artist, Seconded by AW, 3 in favour, 1 abstention, carried. CW proposed 2 large carrot balloons from Dotty Dot Balloons at £45 per carrot, Seconded by LC, 3 in favour, 1 abstention, carried. CB to get quotes from "Jonathan the Jester" for children's entertainment CB to contact Holy Trinity Church to ask if they can set up a craft table area. CB to approach local businesses (Tesco) to ask for easter egg donations. Cllrs Agreed to ticket event for 100 people. Easter Bonnet Competition CB to organise Easter scavenger hunt Budget Discussed by Cllrs LC proposed £250 for children's entertainment, £150 for easter eggs, Seconded by AW, 3 in favour, 1 abstention, carried.</p>	CB
25/007E	<p>7. VE Day 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. LC is contacting Royal Military Band Tidworth. CB to contact GSM for input. Cllr Jones suggested Col Ru from the Scottish Regiment to be contacted for input. Quote has been received for fish and chip supper for 60 covers from Ezra's at £3.50 per head maximum. Cllrs discussed this as a good option, but no vote taken.</p>	LC CB
25/008E	<p>8. Tidworth Town Festival and Skate Park Jam. Date: 26th July 2025 AJ to be contacted once back for update on Festival plans. Maverick booked for the Skate Park Jam for planning. Quote received from Rosy Cheeks at £60 per hour, per artist. Cllrs discussed timing and numbers. CW proposed 2 artists to be booked from 3pm-7pm BP seconded, 4 in favour, carried.</p>	CB
25/009E	<p>9. VJ Day 15th August 2025 CB to gather a quote from Ezra's for BBQ (hotdogs and burgers for 60) CB to look at what is happening elsewhere for comparisons. Padre to be invited to the event.</p>	CB
25/010E	<p>10. Mortuary Chapel Open Day Date: 20th or 27th September 2025 CB to contact Ann Birch to ask her preference on dates. Cllrs discussed catering, suggestions of 6 cakes to be purchased from Waitrose along with a tea & coffee stand. Budget not discussed.</p>	CB
25/011E	<p>11. Halloween 2025 Date discussed and agreed Sat 25th October 2pm-4pm</p>	CB
25/012E	<p>12. Christmas CB to gather quote for Father Christmas. Quote received from Rosy Cheeks at £60 per hour, per artist. Cllrs discussed timing and numbers. CW proposed 2 artists to be booked from 11am-3pm LC seconded, 3 in favour, 1 abstention, carried. Quote received from Jollypop entertainment for 2 characters £500 from 11am-</p>	CB

	3pm. CW proposed booking the grinch and Cinderella, LC seconded, 3 in favour, 1 abstention, carried.	
25/013E	13. Litter Picks Dates and times discussed; Cllr Jones suggested timing alongside The Great British Spring Clean which takes place 21 st March – 6 th April. Date agreed Saturday 22 nd March 10am- 12pm CB to order stickers for children. CB to contact the church and local schools to invite	CB
25/014E	14. Tidworth Times Deferred	RG
25/015E	15. Budget Budget circulated to Cllrs. £3000 owed from AFD. CL chased in October and January.	CL
25/016E	16. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates. Bookcase for the Civic Centre for free community book swap.	CB
25/017E	17. Date of Next Meeting 18th February 2025 All agenda items need to be with the Town Clerk 7 days prior to the meeting	ALL

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.