



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee February 2025

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 18th February 2025 at the Tidworth Civic Centre

<p>Attended Cllrs L Coleman (LC) in the chair, C Daborn (CDB), A White (AW) C Baxter - Admin</p> <p>Guests: Cllrs H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH) WO1 K Tomlinson Tid 'n' Bul Garrison</p>		<p>25/018E 1. Apologies: Cllr C Webb, R Gregory, 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 Act1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.</i></p>
Item	Agenda Item	Action By
25/019E	<p>2. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i></p>	
25/020E	<p>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the January Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in February 2025. No matters arising.</p>	All
25/021E	<p>4. Community Awards 2025 – 19th February 2025 Cllrs discussed numbers of confirmed guests as well as all details of the event set up and which volunteers were coming on the evening to ensure everything was organised. All happy and excited for the event</p>	All
25/022E	<p>5. Photography Quotes Quotes given for 3 local photographers for hourly rates for specific events as mentioned at January engagements meeting (Community Awards, Councillor Portraits, Remembrance Service and Christmas Fair) Community Awards photographer booked and confirmed as event is for tomorrow (19th Feb). Cllrs have also asked for CB to gather quote for Easter photographer with the potential of comparing businesses.</p>	CB
25/023E	<p>6. Big Rides Ltd Currently in Credit for 3 x rides, 1 x play centre for 5 hours use due to weather related cancellation at the 2024 Christmas Fair. LC proposed these be allocated for booking at the Skatepark Jam and Town Festival on the 26th July 2025, Seconded by AW, carried.</p>	

25/024E	<p>7. Easter 5th April 2025 Date: 5th April 2025 2pm-4pm Quotes given for various entertainment options and discussed by the Cllrs. CDB proposed that Mad Pete be booked for 2.30 – 4.30 due to this being his only available time slot at a total cost of £195.00, Seconded by LC, carried. It was discussed that the only element not included in Mad Pete’s party package was musical entertainment. CDB proposed that he provide complimentary music on the day. Seconded by AW, carried. Holy Trinity Church have confirmed they will provide a craft table area and they have approx. enough for 30 children. LC proposed £25 budget for additional craft table supplies, Seconded by AW, carried. Tesco champion has offered a donation for the Easter party, Cllrs discussed if easter eggs would be preferred or if smaller treats such as small bunny chocolates or crème eggs etc. The committee expressed that any donation is gratefully received but easter eggs would be preferred if possible. CB to discuss with Tesco Champion. Cllrs Agreed to ticket event for 100 people. Easter Bonnet Competition CB to organise Easter scavenger hunt Budget discussed by Cllrs at January meeting and was agreed up to £250 for children’s entertainment and £150 for easter eggs.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CDB</p> <p>CB</p>
25/025E	<p>8. Litter picks – Sat 22nd March 10am – 12pm LC volunteered to take photos on the day. CB to order stickers for the children CB to contact schools, brownies, beavers, church and cadets to invite along. CB to create poster to advertise event.</p>	<p>LC</p> <p>CB</p>
25/026E	<p>9. VE Day 8th May 2025 WO1 Tomlinson attended meeting and discussed how he could help organise a piper for the evening and would look to get a quote from the military band. LC proposed £200 budget for the booking of pipers, Seconded by AW, carried. Quote has been received for fish and chip supper for 60 covers from Ezra’s AW proposed booking fish and chips for 60 people at the quoted cost of £3.50 per head £210 total. Seconded by LC, carried. Cllrs discussed putting bunting up and have posters printed. No budget discussed Padre to be invited to the event.</p>	<p>GSM</p> <p>CB</p>
25/027E	<p>10. Armed Forces Day – 21st June Cllrs discussed that they would like a stand at armed forces day. CB to make contact with organisers to gather information</p>	<p>CB</p>
25/028E	<p>11. Tesco Armed Forces Day Event – 28th June Cllrs discussed if they would like a stand at Tesco. Concerns raised about how it was so close to previous date. Tesco have a strict rule that personal/contact information from individuals cannot be written down so this may be problematic. Deferred until next month.</p>	
25/029E	<p>12. Tidworth Town Festival and Skate Park Jam. Date: 26th July 2025 AJ has been in and updated on Festival plans; all licences are in place and quotes have been received for infrastructure, security, media and first aid. Bar is confirmed. Food vendors are being contacted as well as fairground, activities and arena area acts. All planning is in hand. Maverick booked for the Skate Park Jam for planning. Rosy Cheeks face painting is booked (2 artists, for 4 hours).</p>	<p>CB</p>

25/030E	13. VJ Day 15th August 2025 CB to gather a quote from Ezra's for BBQ (hotdogs and burgers for 60) WO1 Tomlinson to look at options for a small band. Padre to be invited to the event.	CB GSM
25/031E	14. Mortuary Chapel Open Day 20th September Cllrs discussed catering, suggestions of 6 cakes to be purchased from Waitrose along with a tea & coffee stand and felt that generator wasn't required as flasks should work. LC volunteered to take photographs on the day. Budget deferred	LC
25/032E	15. Halloween 2025 Sat 25th October 2pm-4pm Deferred	
25/033E	16. Christmas Fair 10am – 11am SEND time for Father Christmas. 11am – 3pm Christmas Fair CB has received some quotes for Father Christmas, still waiting for more to come back. Rosy Cheeks face painting booked 2 artists 11am-3pm. Jollypop entertainment was voted to be booked at January meeting the grinch and Cinderella, CB has made contact to book but no reply yet. This is being chased	CB
25/034E	17. Indoor Christmas Tree Civic Centre Deferred	
25/035E	18. Bookcase for Civic Centre The committee decided against this idea, but maybe raised again in the future.	All
25/036E	19. Corporate Passes Cllrs were given information on how corporate family day passes could be purchased and distributed to the general public for a massively reduced rate. Quotes were given for 3 popular attractions. This was well received by the Cllrs and more information was requested. CB to ask town clerk to investigate legislation to see if this would be a possibility to set up.	CB/ Town Clerk
25/037E	20. Tidworth Times Cllrs discussed if we wanted to continue with the publication. It has been noted that no content has been provided by Cllrs due to other commitments and we gain no benefit as no advertising is placed in it. The public have not come forward to ask about it. Cllrs discussed the Parish Magazine and the possibility of putting our events in there as well as socials and website. It was also suggested that any write-ups could still be done ad-hoc and placed online also. Cllrs felt it best to recommend this to Full Town to discuss.	All Town Clerk
25/038E	21. Town Council Website Layout and additions to the website were not discussed. Cllrs queried the cost of the website (bills for payments provided this detail) and asked if it was possible to get a breakdown of the monthly charges as well as the option of a slicker software.	
25/039E	22. Budget Budget circulated to Cllrs.	CL

25/040E	23. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates. Remembrance Day – Military March through the town. PM of remembrance - Walk to freedom. Charity walk in the training area in the dark with lanterns from gate 17 through field to back gate of church yard, tea lights on tombstones with a church service.	GSM / CB
25/041E	24. Date of Next Meeting 18th March 2025 All agenda items need to be with the Town Clerk 7 working days prior to the meeting	ALL

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.