



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee March 2025

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 18th March 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) C Baxter - Admin</p> <p>Guests: Cllrs H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH) WO1 K Tomlinson Tid 'n' Bul Garrison</p>		<p>25/042E 1. Apologies: 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
25/043E	<p>2. Declaration of Interest <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i></p>	
25/044E	<p>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the February Meeting were ratified at the Full Town Council meeting in March 2025. No matters arising.</p>	All
25/045E	<p>4. Community Awards 2025 – 19th February 2025 Thanks given to Cllr Daborn for providing music on the evening. Feedback of the event discussed, everything was well organised and set up. The committee enjoyed the performance by the bell-ringers and suggested they would be lovely at Christmas</p>	All
25/046E	<p>5. Event Clean up The committee discussed if volunteers were going to wash table clothes after use or if the laundrette to keep on being used. Majority of members felt that due to the large number of items being washed that the laundrette was the best option and there wasn't many events through the year where they would be needed especially if we looked to buy thick vinyl table clothes that could be wiped down to be used at Events such as the Easter Party, Halloween Party, Christmas etc. CW proposed £150 budget for reusable vinyl tablecloths, Seconded by LC, carried.</p>	CB
25/047E	<p>6. Photography Quotes Quotes given by 3 local photographers discussed for Remembrance Service and Christmas Fair. Nathan Read attended the Community Awards, Cllrs agreed they thought he was good on the night and that he was very good value for money LC proposed that Nathan Read be booked for Remembrance Day at a total cost of £95.00 and also at the Christmas Fair for 4 hours for a total cost of £225.00,</p>	CB

	<p>Seconded by CDB, carried. Cllrs then discussed the option of hiring Nathan Read for the Easter Party and LC proposed that Nathan be booked from 2.30pm – 4.30pm at a total cost of £120.00, Seconded by CW, carried. If he should be unavailable at this last stage R.Mason has offered to step in as volunteer photographer</p>	CB
25/048E	<p>7. Easter 5th April 2025 2.30pm-4.30pm Children's Entertainer booked (Mad Pete) as well as Face Painting booked through Rosy Cheeks, 2 artists for 2 hours. 2 x Carrot Balloons booked through Dotty Dot Balloons. Thanks given to Tesco Champion as she has kindly donated some Easter Eggs for the party. Remaining Easter Eggs have been bought by CB. Holy Trinity Church have confirmed craft table and CB has bought extra craft supplies (stickers, decorations and scratch eggs). Colouring in images have also been printed. Tina's granddaughter will have a little stand with homemade biscuits on the day where she is asking for donations for Southampton Cancer Unit in support of a child who attends a local Tidworth school who is currently receiving treatment there. Cllrs happy for this but would like a poster to show that is donations and not a cost and also an allergens list. CDB is kindly providing complimentary music on the day and CB has offered to loan backdrop frame and backdrops for the event which has been kindly accepted. CB to contact Cllr Kofitia to ask if he can volunteer to be the Easter Bunny. Easter Bonnet Competition, Cllr discussed age range category and agreed 0-5yrs and 6-11yrs. LC proposed £20 budget for 4 additional Easter Eggs for 1st and 2nd place for each age category, Seconded by AW, carried. discussed Easter scavenger hunt and decided not to do this on the day as there would be too much going on in the room to be able to do this successfully.</p>	CDB CB CB CB
25/049E	<p>8. Litter picks – Sat 22nd March 10am – 12pm LC volunteered to take photos on the day. CB has ordered stickers for the children. Litter pick has been well advertised with many groups and people invited, a few have confirmed, and a few have passed on apologies. LC proposed £40 budget for refreshments and biscuits to be bought to be used for both the litter pick and also Easter Party, Seconded by CW, carried.</p>	CB
25/050E	<p>9. VE Day 8th May 2025 Pipers update : GSM has made contact with the Piper Major, waiting for a definitive price CB has emailed to invite the Padre : Martyn Groves is away in May but Gary Birch who is the regional Chaplain has been contacted to ask to find an available padre to come along and support, CB to chase. Fish and Chip supper booked for 60 through Ezra's Café. Running order of the evening discussed but nothing definitive confirmed. Beacon to be lit approx. 9 /9.30pm, proclamation to be read by Mayor and a short service from the padre. Discussed the option of a televised viewing of a concert but nothing definitive could be found about any televised programmes on the day. CB has a music CD called wartime memories which could be played in the background as well as a link to the original broadcast King George VI made on the 8May1945. Contact has been made with Cllr Pickernell to ask if he is willing to lend some of his memorabilia on for the event which could then be showcased in stands and his response looks promising, and he will be in touch. The possibility of a projector was mentioned and whereas no small-scale poppy projector could be found in general shops or websites, a professional year-round</p>	GSM CB

	<p>projector is a possibility as an investment feature which could then be used throughout the year for various events. CB gave rough quotes and will source more information regarding laws for projection on buildings near main roads.</p> <p>LC and R. Mason have both volunteered to take photographs on the evening.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>LC</p>
25/051E	<p>10. Armed Forces Day – 21st June</p> <p>CB contacted the organisers and sadly TTC are unable to be allocated a stand at the event.</p>	
25/052E	<p>11. Tesco Armed Forces Day Event – 28th June</p> <p>Cllrs discussed if they would like a TTC stand at Tesco but due to strict rules that personal/contact information from individuals cannot be taken down, Cllrs have declined.</p>	
25/053E	<p>12. VJ Day 15th August 2025</p> <p>CB waiting for quote from Ezra's for BBQ (hotdogs and burgers for 60) WO1 Tomlinson to look at options for a small band.</p> <p>Padre to be invited to the event.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed and concluded that there was time yet to confirm details of this and that it would be similar as to VE day and they will wait until after May to confirm VJ details.</p>	CB
25/054E	<p>13. Mortuary Chapel Open Day 20th September 2pm-4pm</p> <p>Cllrs discussed catering, suggestions of 6 cakes to be purchased from Waitrose along with a tea & coffee stand. They felt that a generator wasn't required as flasks should work.</p> <p>LC volunteered to take photographs on the day.</p> <p>Budget deferred but asked CB to contact Katie Wright to ask her to pencil us in on the day for flowers.</p>	<p>LC</p> <p>CB</p>
25/055E	<p>14. Halloween 2025 Sat 25th October 2pm-4pm</p> <p>Deferred</p>	
25/056E	<p>15. Remembrance – 9th Nov 2025</p> <p>Deferred</p> <p>GSM has previously mentioned a Military March through the town as well as the possibility of organising a Walk to freedom: Charity walk in the training area to the church yard.</p>	
25/057E	<p>16. Christmas Fair</p> <p>10am – 11am SEND time for Father Christmas.</p> <p>11am – 3pm Christmas Fair</p> <p>CB has received some quotes for Father Christmas, still waiting for more to come back. AW may be available as a volunteer Father Christmas but will let us know circumstances asap.</p> <p>Rosy Cheeks face painting booked 2 artists 11am-3pm.</p> <p>Jollypop entertainment the grinch and Cinderella booked.</p> <p>Photographer discussed at item number 25/047E and proposal was made then to book Nathan Read Photography for 4 hours.</p> <p>Outdoor Rides were discussed, last years allocation are being used at the Town Festival. Cllrs discussed if should enquire to book them again for Christmas, concluded that last Christmas was the 1st year where the weather was that bad they couldn't come and they have always gone down well previously so have asked CB to gather quotes.</p> <p>Reindeer are already rebooked in for 2025 (no extra cost due to being booked and paid for, for 2024 Christmas Fair, but due to the weather had to cancel)</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>

25/058E	17. Indoor Christmas Tree Civic Centre CB to gather quotes for an artificial tree	CB
25/059E	18. Outdoor Cinema The committee decided against this idea, but maybe raised again in the future. Have asked CB to investigate the possibility of a silent disco as an alternative.	CB
25/060E	19. Corporate Passes Cllrs were given information on how corporate family day passes could be purchased and distributed to the local residents for a massively reduced rate, examples of pass setup shown and quotes were given for 3 popular attractions. This has been agreed in principle by the Cllrs but they would prefer to vote on this after the elections in May. CB to write up proposal in full.	CB
25/061E	20. WI Involvement Looking for fundraising opportunities, CB has previously advised that good opportunities through ourselves would be the Christmas Fair and also the Summer Festival as stall holders are present on both day, Cllrs agreed with this.	
25/062E	21. Tidworth Times Discussed at Full Town meeting and deferred until after the elections in May	
25/063E	22. Town Council Website Email was sent to Cllrs last month to show the breakdown of costs and agreed they were happy with the costing and value for money. Layout and additions to the website were discussed, many felt unhappy with the current look, but no suggestions were made as to improvements or changes. CB mentioned about the possibility of a calendar of events as well as an additional section listing where to report issues, i.e Wiltshire Council website and the app. Defib info. Cllrs agreed this would be a good option and asked CB to investigate the possibility of this.	CB
25/064E	23. Budget Budget circulated to Cllrs. CW proposed £1250 be transferred from (4007-102) training allocation to events (4230-102) budget, Seconded by LC, carried. CW proposed £500 be transferred from (4002-102) travel allocation to events (4230-102) budget, Seconded by LC, carried. CW proposed £232 be transferred from (4033-102) newsletter allocation to events (4230-102) budget, Seconded by LC, carried. CW proposed £500 be transferred from regalia (4210-102) allocation to events (4230-102) budget, Seconded by LC, carried.	CL
25/065E	24. Correspondence, Website & Social Media Updates. CW advised that the producers of question time have been in touch regarding the Civic Centre building and thought the idea had potential and will be in touch in due course.	
25/066E	25. Date of Next Meeting CW proposed date of next meeting to be changed from the 15th April to the 22nd April, Seconded by LC, carried. CW proposed that Cllr Jones and Cllr Hedge be granted voting rights at the next engagements meeting on the 22nd April 2025, Seconded by LC, carried. 22nd April 2025 All agenda items need to be with the Town Clerk 7 working days prior to the meeting	ALL

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