



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagements Committee December 2017

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 19th December 2017 in the Community Centre at 6.45pm

Attended: Cllrs S Fell - in the Chair (SF), M Connolly (MC), A Connolly (AC), B Pratt (BP), R Gregory (RG), C Lovell (CL), A Bower (AB)		Apologies: C Brook, D Wright, A Dawson Absent: Nil BP proposed that the apologies were accepted, seconded by RG, carried
Item	Agenda Item	Action By
2	Declaration of Interest None	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of November 2017 meeting ratified at December 2017 Full Town meeting. No matters arising	
4	Events Christmas 2017 – The Christmas event had been successful and the sum of £213.00 was raised for the Mayors Charity. Holy Trinity Church had a successful raffle and the members agreed their attendance was positive. It was suggested that tea/coffee and mulled wine should be available next year. There were concerns regarding Father Christmas, he had been rebooked due to his popularity last year but he queried the booking time and didn't seem to be as professional as last year. An alternative may be needed for 2018. It was also agreed that the carols should be earlier. Easter 2018 – The date for the Easter event will be 31 st March 2018, 2pm-4pm. The Clerk asked that due to the popularity of the tea cups at the Christmas event could they be booked for Easter. She will obtain a quote for the next meeting. Tidworth In Bloom(TiB)/Photography Competition – Judging to of TiB be third week in June winner to be announced at Town Festival would be good if Photography competition could be run in conjunction. Both to be agenda items in January. Ideas from ALL members welcome. Previous years the categories had been Garden and Potted/Baskets. The Clerk is going to try and engage with local businesses to see if it is worth having a commercial category. Festival 2018 – AJ Mayhew has provided a quote to manage the event of £2050.00 this is actually less than last year as he now knows our requirements. The members agreed that following on from the success of last year this proved good value for money and recommend AJ is hired for 2018. The Clerk has secured sponsorship of the stage from Willmont Builders again.	

	<p>AC has suggested some form of reception for local businesses etc as this is an opportunity to engage and could potentially provide more sponsorship for future events. Again ideas welcome from ALL members.</p> <p>MC proposed that AJ Entertained is employed to manage the Town Festival with a budget of £15,000.00 as per 2017, seconded by RG, carried.</p>	
5	<p>Tidworth Times</p> <p>The following dates for 2018 have been set for publication. Middle March – Easter/TiB/Photography competition Middle June – Festival Middle September – Mortuary Chapel/Remembrance/Halloween Middle November – Christmas</p> <p>Deadlines for submission of articles to be confirmed at January 2018 meeting. The members agreed that more could be done regarding advertising to provide more revenue, the aspiration is for the publication to be self funding.</p>	
6	<p>Riverbourne Playpark Questionnaire:</p> <p>The Committee would like the playpark to be delivered asap so have decided to close the questionnaire on 31st December 2017. This will allow time for the information to be collated before January's full town. So far there has been a good response. It seems that the largest age group is under three's therefore the toddler area may need to be made larger.</p>	
7	<p>Updates</p> <p>Neighbourhood Policing – none</p> <p>Dementia Friends – BP is looking into ways of making it better for the future. December's meeting had been cancelled due to lack of interest. An idea is perhaps a lunch to re launch.</p> <p>Other – AC has raised concerns about parking on the field. This is to be passed to Services.</p>	
	<p>Date of Next Meeting 23rd January 2018</p>	

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.55pm.