

Minutes of the normal meeting of Templeton Community Council

Held on 19th December 2024

Present: Cllrs Barbara Priest, Kathrin Williams, Liz Burns, Jason Jennings, Jane Ashbridge, Mark Simpkins and Peter Morgan.

- 1) **To accept apologies for absence.** There were apologies received from Cllr Elwyn Morse.
- 2) **To disclose personal and prejudicial interests in the items listed below.**
- 3) **Questions from members of the public** regarding items on the agenda not otherwise being covered. There were no questions received in this category.
- 4) **To sign the minutes of the previous meeting.** The minutes of the meeting on 21st November had been previously circulated. They were agreed as correct, and were duly signed by the Chairman.
- 5) **To report on matters arising from previous minutes and decide further action as required:**

Play Park renovation. The Clerk updated the meeting on the responses to the online survey of local residents on the Play Park. She was continuing to research various relevant grants. It was agreed that applications could be made for any appropriate funding without prior Council authorisation in future.

School related matters. The planned posters were now ready to go up. The school would be contacted in the New Year about them being presented to the School and placement.

Santa event. Final arrangements were confirmed for the visit of Santa and his sleigh on Friday 20th December in the evening. The Clerk would put a reminder on Facebook.

- 6) **New items of business:**

Webhosting. The Clerk explained that the contracted webhosting company was moving to monthly direct debit for payment purposes – there was no increase in the charge. It was agreed to set up a direct debit for this – the form was duly signed by two bank signatories.

Council budget 2025-26. A draft budget had been prepared and previously circulated to all Councillors. This was discussed at length, with particular consideration for the ongoing Play Park improvement project, and the amount that the Council required for the year was agreed.

Precept 2025-26. Following on from the above decision, the amount the Council would ask for the precept was agreed at £24,000.00. This would be requested from PCC in the next couple of weeks.

- 7) **Items of correspondence**

- Notice of firing – Templeton Airfield. This was noted.
- One Voice Wales training. This was noted.
- First Aid and Catering training opportunities offered via PAVS. These were discussed.

8) **County Councillor's report.** Cllr Morse had provided a report which was read out in his absence. The missed 381 service on 14th December had been raised by PCC with First Direct, and an explanation provided. Measures would be taken to prevent this happening again. He also thanked PCC's highway maintenance section for all their work during and after Storm Darragh – it was very much appreciated, as was all the help from farmers who turned out with their tractors to help in the clear up.

9) **Financial statement and bank reconciliation – Council main and reserve accounts.**

Bank statement for main account £20,424.58 as at 12th December 2024.

Reserves account £10,607.36 as at 12th December 2024.

Current/anticipated invoices:

HMRC – tax for December

Clerk – salary and expenses for December

Promow – quarterly grass cutting invoice - £777.50

HugoFox webhosting – ongoing direct debit monthly - £11.99

Produce for Santa event - £12.00 satsumas – Priory Farm Shop; £9.75 mince pies – Asda.

The above expenditure was unanimously agreed.

10) **Planning.**

24/0556/PA. Alterations and extensions. Bank House, Templeton. SA67 8RZ. Application received 30-9-2024. **Application conditionally approved 10-12-2024.**

24/0663/DC Discharge of conditions 2 (materials) and 4 (surface water) of planning permission 24/0185/PA (Replacement garden shed/ carport & upgrade to access with forecourt walls and ecological enhancements (partly retrospective)) Iona, Cold Blow. SA67 8RL Application registered 23-10-24. **Application part approved, part refused.10-12-2024.**

11) **Councillors' reports and matters for next meeting.**

The problem of slurry covering West Lane had been resolved since the last meeting.

Concern had been raised about parking access being installed at a property without planning permission – this would be queried with PCC.

It was reported that the recent bingo night held by the school in the Hall had been very successful.

12) **Next meeting.**

The next normal meeting would take place on Thursday 16th January 2025 starting at 7.30pm.

Cllr Williams then thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.