

Minutes of the normal meeting of Templeton Community Council

Held on 20th February 2025

Present: Cllrs Barbara Priest, Peter Morgan, Liz Burns, Jason Jennings, Jane Ashbridge, Mark Simpkins and Elwyn Morse. The registered manager of Ty Hydref also attended to speak about the new children's home.

Ty Hydref's registered manager gave a brief talk on his personal background and that of the charity Action for Children who own and run the home. It would annually be checked by the Care Inspectorate Wales. He stated that it would be for Pembrokeshire children in need of this service, with a maximum of four children in residence at any one time, and staff on site 24/7. He stated he welcomed visitors to see the home, especially prior to any children taking up residence. He then answered questions from Councillors.

Cllr Ashbridge thanked him for attending, and he then left the meeting.

- 1) **To accept apologies for absence.** There were apologies received from Cllr Kathrin Williams. In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Jane Ashbridge chaired the meeting.
- 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 16th January 2025 had been previously circulated. They were agreed as correct, and were duly signed by the meeting Chairman.
- 5) **To report on matters arising from previous minutes and decide further action as required:**

Play Park renovation. The Clerk summarised the current grant application situation. Funding had been gained for some external communication boards for the Play Park, which should be in place before Easter.

School related matters. There was no update provided on the signs – this would be raised again in the March meeting. The damaged mosaic on the bus shelter would be taken down. The community asset transfer documentation was still not available from PCC for TCC to start the bus shelter process.

Cold Blow planters. These had been purchased. The invoice was agreed to payment. The Council noted that Cold Blow residents would be providing the planting for them.

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

Grass cutting contract. It was confirmed that the current contract ran until March 2027.

Hall guttering. In the last month one downpipe had been damaged, and a number of the guttering brackets were damaged. These were being replaced. Payment for this was agreed as important for maintaining the fabric of the building. It was agreed to start seeking quotes for

pressure-washing the outside of the building, which had been included in the budget for 2025-26 - the Clerk would do this.

Boundary Commission recommendations. The Commission would be recommending to the Welsh Government that Templeton Ward be reduced 9 to 8 Councillors, and should gain one property which is currently in Lampeter Velfrey Ward. This was noted by Councillors. Correspondence had been received from another Council seeking a joint appeal to the Welsh Government on the changes. The Council decided not to participate in a joint appeal.

Proposed use of the Green for an event. This was discussed and agreed in principle. The Council would wish copies of risk assessments, and that all rubbish and debris promptly be removed afterwards for health and safety reasons.

7) **Items of correspondence**

- Notice of firing – Templeton Airfield. This was noted.
- One Voice Wales training. This was noted.
- Community Resilience Group email. This was noted, and that further contact on the matter would come from PCC in March.
- A donation request had been received. The response was agreed.
- An email had been received regarding the fencing at Ty Hydref. This would be passed onto the relevant PCC department.

8) **County Councillor's report.** Cllr Morse reported that Pembrokeshire County Council had yet to decide on their budgets for the upcoming year, and that some additional finance was expected to come from the Welsh Government.

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

Bank statement for main account £25,634.50 as at 15th February 2025.

Reserves account £10,607.36 as at 15th February 2025.

Income banked, payments made and income received as per provided bank reconciliation.

Income received since last meeting: £0.00

Current/anticipated invoices:

HMRC – tax for February

Clerk – salary and expenses for February

HugoFox – webhosting – monthly direct debit - £11.99

Fire and Security Ltd – fire alarms and emergency lighting serving - £198.00

Tavernspite Nursery – planters - £120.00

The above expenditure was unanimously agreed.

10) **Planning.**

No planning applications had been received for consideration or reported as decided for the area since the last meeting.

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

The provision of a waste bin near the Chapel was raised after social media complaints about dog waste littering the area. Cllr Morse stated that any incidents could be reported directly to PCC using

the 'My account' system, and offending dog owners would be warned, and fined for repeat offending.

Some concern locally regarding the Hall clock had been raised. The Clerk was asked to clarify that the old clock had stopped working, numerous attempts to firstly repair, then replace the mechanism had failed, therefore a replacement clock had been bought.

12) Next meeting.

The next normal meeting would take place on Thursday 20th March 2025 starting at 7.30pm.

Cllr Ashbridge then thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.