

Minutes of the normal meeting of Templeton Community Council

Held on 21st November 2024

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

- 1) **To accept apologies for absence.** There were apologies received from Cllr Jason Jennings.
- 2) **To disclose personal and prejudicial interests in the items listed below.** Cllr Morse stated a personal interest in his report, as a bus user.
- 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 meetings on 17th October and 6th 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:**

Hall decoration. The work had been done and was agreed as satisfactory. Payment of the invoice was agreed.

Play Park renovation. The Lottery bid had been refused, but a revised version would be resubmitted in the light of the feedback received. Another bid for funding had been submitted to the Persimmon Community Champions scheme, and one would be submitted to South Hook LNG in the next couple of months. An online community survey (paper copies available) had been drafted and was receiving responses already. A couple of local businesses would also be approached to see if they could contribute to the fundraising. A quote for renovation of some of the equipment had been received, which was considered good value compared to other repair costs quoted or paid in the recent past, so it was agreed to accept this quote without seeking comparable quotes on this occasion – so Standing Orders were suspended just for this decision.

School related matters. The planned posters should be picked up and taken to the school in the next week.

Bonfire and firework event. The event went really well, and proved extremely popular. Feedback from those attending had been very positive. Letters of thanks to the Round Table and AJ Rees had been sent for their support of the event. The Council wished to record their thanks in this meeting to all those who gave their time and effort to make it such a success. The purchase of a BBQ by the Council was considered, but it was agreed it would not be used often enough to justify the cost – better to continue provision as this year.

Santa event. It was confirmed that Santa and his sleigh would be visiting Templeton Hall on Friday 20th December in the evening. Details of the arrangements were discussed in outline and it was agreed that Cllrs Burns, Priest and Williams would work together as last year on arranging the event and purchasing the refreshments. Cllr Jennings agreed to supply a tree for outside the Hall. The Hall internal decoration for Christmas would be done by Cllrs Priest and Williams and a local resident in the next couple of weeks.

6) **New items of business:**

Bus Shelter. PCC's Community Asset Transfer policy had been agreed at the end of October. No application documents were yet available online – the Clerk would chase up on this. It was agreed to go this route to lease the shelter prior to undertaking the repair.

Audit Wales 2023-24 external audit outcome. This audit had been concluded, with them giving the Council an unqualified verdict, meaning they had not discovered any matters or issues to bring to the Council's attention for improvement. Councillors expressed their appreciation to the Clerk for the work involved in achieving this yet again.

7) **Items of correspondence**

- Notice of firing – Templeton Airfield. This was noted.
- One Voice Wales training. This was noted.

8) **County Councillor's report.** Cllr Morse stated that he was raising concerns regarding the route revisions to the 381 service after the change of provider.

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

Bank statement for main account £22,823.49 as at 14th November 2024.
Reserves account £10,607.36 as at 14th November 2024.

Income received: Donations and other income from firework and bonfire event: £250.00 donation from Round Table, £40.00 other donation; £374.30 from BBQ sales; £942.46 from bucket collection.

Current/anticipated invoices:

HMRC – tax for November
Clerk – salary and expenses for November
Royal British Legion – wreaths - £94.00
C Willis – hall painting - £1400.00
AJ Rees – consumables for firework event - £9.06
Burns Building Co – Play Park and Hall external work - £409.46

The above expenditure was unanimously agreed.

10) **Planning.**

There were no planning applications received since the last meeting.

Councillors' reports and matters for next meeting.

The flower pots and tubs needed to be brought down from their locations – this would be done in the next couple of weeks.

It was suggested that Chapel and Church events could go onto the Council Facebook to promote them – this would be done by the Clerk.

11) **Next meeting.**

The next normal meeting would take place on Thursday 19th December 2024 starting at 7.30pm.

Cllr Williams then thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.