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CLERK'S REPORT

To: All Town Councillors Date: 2 January 2025

From: Andrew Fox Subject: Town Council Meeting to be held

Town Clerk on 9 January 2025

Dear Councillor,

Please find attached background papers for the Town Council meeting.

7.15pm Cheque signing

7.30pm Town Council Meeting

Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

A report on progress for the Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project will be considered at the meeting. Our Project Manager is still in the process of preparing their report and I will send it Cllrs as soon as it is prepared. I have placed an item to consider any tenders under the exempt section.

Budget 2024/25

I will provide an updated draft budget before the meeting once it is prepared, this will include precept calculations.

Minor Maintenance of Footpath 57

I have received some quotes for clearing the vegetation on footpath 57 under the minor maintenance scheme. I hope to receive one more before the meeting on Thursday.

Co-option of Town Council Vacancy

As Cllrs are aware I posted the legal notice for the vacancy in the Furness Vale Ward on the 17th of December. By my calculation this means the 14 days excluding dies non (none working days) expires on the 8th of January. I hope to have confirmation from HPBC whether we can co-opt for the meeting next Thursday.

Defibrillator Maintenance Scheme

I have placed this item on the agenda to consider the costs for adding the Fernilee Chapel defibrillator to our maintenance scheme. I am waiting on a response from the Community Heartbeat Trust which I hope to receive before the meeting.

Sunnybank Allotment Site

As you will be aware we have received correspondence from a plot holder about our proposed restriction on the number of poultry allowed on a plot amongst other matters. Just so Cllrs are aware the holder of the plot in question is planning to attend the Council meeting to put forward their case. I am also trying to clarify an aspect of our lease with HPBC for the site, as I believe there is a restriction that 2/3 of every plot must be used for cultivation but I am trying to confirm this point.

Mechanics Institute Charity Commission Annual Return

I have scheduled the Mechanics Institute meeting to consider the Annual Report and Accounts for the annual return to take place after the Town Council meeting. I will provide the agenda, minutes and relevant reports tomorrow.

Whaley Bridge Football Club Youth Session
I will provide a report on the Whaley Bridge Football Club Youth Session which the Council agreed to provide funding for at the meeting.

Town Clerk, 2 January 2025