

5th December 2024

Dear Councillor You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Town Council to be held on

Thursday 12th December at 7.30 pm In the Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Fox, CiLCA, LLM Town Clerk

Meetings open to the Public may be recorded by representatives of the media and members of the public; any persons intending to record this meeting are requested to do so in accordance with the protocol published by the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils in May 2014. The Chairman may ask anyone to stop recording and leave the meeting if they act in a disruptive manner.

AGENDA, 12th December 2024

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies and reasons for absence

2. Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

- a. Update of the Register of Members' Interests
- b. To enable members to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in any agenda items in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct.
- c. To receive and approve requests for dispensation from members in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

3. Community Police

To receive reports from the Safer Neighbourhood Team for Whaley Bridge.

4. Open Forum – Public Participation

A period of not more than 15 minutes will be available for members of the public to address members of the Town Council. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes or the 15 minutes divided equally between the number of persons wishing to speak at the meeting. (Standing Orders 3f & 3g)

5. Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council members

Councillors representing Whaley Bridge at High Peak Borough Council or Derbyshire County Council to update members on matters of concern to the Town Council.

6. Minutes of previous meetings

To receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 November 2024.

7. Clerk's Report

To receive and consider the written report submitted by the Town Clerk.

8. Finance etc

- 1. To consider and approve Accounts for Payment
- 2. To consider the financial reports for the month ended 30 November 2024

9. Community Award

Presentation of a Community Award.

10. Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

To receive and consider tenders for the Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project.

11. Budget

To discuss the budget for the 2025/26 Financial Year.

12. Defibrillator Maintenance Scheme

To consider the cost of adding a new defibrillator to the Council's maintenance scheme with the Community Heartbeat Trust.

13. Creation of the Friends of Elnor Lane Park Group

To consider the creation of a group under the Council called the Friends of Elnor Lane Park.

14. Generator for Water Circulation at Brookfield Pond

To consider a request to purchase a generator from a resident to circulate the water at Brookfield Pond.

15. Christmas Booklets

To consider providing a donation to Churches Together to cover the cost of the Christmas Light Switch on Booklets.

16. Town Council Meeting Venue

To consider alternative venues for the monthly Town Council meetings while work is being carried out at the Mechanics Institute.

17. Christmas Office Closure

To agree the office closure over the Christmas Period.

18. Shallcross Incline Maintenance

To consider the Shallcross Incline Maintenance agreement.

19. Mechanics Institute Union Jack Flag

To consider the provision of the Union Jack Flag at the Mechanics Institute.

20. Town Council Clock

To agree a cost for replacing the Town Council Clock.

21. Whaley Bridge Hanging Basket Brackets

To consider having more WB hanging basket brackets made.

22. Recommendations From Whaley 4 Wards

To consider the recommendations from Whaley 4 Wards.

23. Reports from representatives on outside bodies and Committees

To receive and consider reports from outside bodies and Committees.

- a) Regeneration Committee
- b) Personnel Committee
- c) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership
- d) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group
- e) Whaley Bridge Sports Association
- f) High Peak and Cheshire for Ukraine

24. Correspondence

To consider correspondence received.

25. Planning

To consider planning decisions and new applications received.

26. Exclusion of the Press and the Public

To resolve that the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

27. Mechanics Institute Tenders

To consider Tenders received for the Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project.