



7th November 2024

Dear Councillor

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

Thursday 14th November 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, 14th November 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 10 October 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 31 October 2024

- 9. Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project**
To receive and consider tenders for the Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project.
- 10. Budget**
To discuss the budget for the 2025/26 Financial Year.
- 11. Internal Audit**
To consider a quote for the Internal Audit for the 2024/25 Financial Year.
- 12. Flood Plan in Whaley Bridge**
To consider a request to use the Mechanics Institute as part of the community flood plan if activated.
- 13. Grants and Donations**
To consider applications under the Town Council's Grants and Donations scheme.
- 14. Sexual and General Harassment Policy**
To consider and approve the Town Council's Sexual and General Harassment Policy.
- 15. Horwich End Traffic Lights**
To consider the usage of Horwich End traffic lights and the traffic issues related to them.
- 16. Town and Villages Regeneration Fund**
To discuss applying for the High Peak Borough Council Town and Villages Regeneration Fund.
- 17. Photocopier Provision**
To consider quotes for the photocopier provision.
- 18. Sunnybank Allotments**
To consider a report on the Sunnybank Allotment Site.
- 19. Shallcross Incline Tree Work and Leaf Blowing**
To consider a quote for tree work on the Shallcross Incline as well as the ongoing maintenance.
- 20. Overgrown Hedge by the Scout Hut**
To discuss whether there are any developments regarding the overgrown hedge by the Scout Hut.
- 21. Christmas Tree Brackets**
To receive a report and costs involved with the installation of new Christmas tree brackets.
- 22. Christmas Light Switch On**
To consider the costs for the Whaley Bridge Christmas Light Switch On.
- 23. SLCC Membership**
To consider the cost of the Clerk's SLCC Membership.
- 24. Recommendations From Whaley 4 Wards**
To consider the recommendations from Whaley 4 Wards.
- 25. 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

26. Correspondence

To consider correspondence received.

27. Planning

To consider planning decisions and new applications received.

28. 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

29. Mechanics Institute Tenders

To consider Tenders received for the Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project.