

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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CLERK'S REPORT

To: All Town Councillors

Date: 6 March 2025

From: Andrew Fox
Town Clerk

Subject: Town Council Meeting to be held
on 13 March 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

We have signed the contracts for the building works at the Mechanics Institute and I am awaiting the signed contract from Eagle Build as well as the Personal Guarantee. I will provide an update at the meeting including information on the VAT arrangements.

Co-option of Town Council Vacancy

The deadline for applications is just before the meeting next week. I will circulate the received applications to Cllrs once the deadline has passed.

Sunnybank Allotment Site

This item is on the agenda to consider a number of matters regarding the allotment site. Firstly the revised tenancy adjustments which are being proposed by Cllr Ridgway. I have multiple meetings with plot holders on Monday to discuss various issues and I will provide an update to the Council at the meeting.

Sunnybank Allotment Site Water Supply

I am hoping to have full costs for the proposed emergency water supply to the allotment site for the meeting.

High Peak Borough Council Towns and Villages Regeneration Fund

HPBC are offering funding for local project to regenerate the area and encourage tourism. The W4W group are working on a history trail in Whaley Bridge and walking leaflets are one of the projects specifically funded by the scheme. The intention is to put in a grant application before the end of March which is the deadline. I am currently in the process of obtaining some costs for the printing of the leaflets and I have received an estimated cost for the graphic design.

Citizens Advice at Furness Vale Social Club Request for Funding

We have received a request for funding from Citizens Advice at Furness Vale Social Club. They have requested two months of funding from the Town Council which would be £223.66 In total. This would cover April and May.

Trees on the Shallcross Incline

The trees on the Shallcross Incline have been removed by S'N'S trees. There were some small issues with the work which were reported to the contractor and very quickly rectified or explained. For information one of these was the significant amount of tree left on one of the top trees. It has been left in this manner as there is fencing and barbed wire growing throughout the tree and it is impossible to remove the rest of it. Simon from S'N'S trees has kindly volunteered to assist with the planting of the new trees free of charge.

Committee Minutes

I will provide the minutes of the Regeneration, Personnel and Sports Association meetings before the Town Council meeting next week.

Mechanics Institute Waste Management Contract

The waste management for the Mechanics Institute for the next financial year will be £533.93.

Town Clerk, 6 March 2025