

TEMPLETON'S PAST & TEMPLETON'S FUTURE

MEETING REPORT & ACTION PLAN MARCH 2019

An invitation was put through every door in Templeton and Cold Blow inviting everyone to a meeting to hear about the past and discuss how to improve the future of the village. New housing developments over the years have increased the village population and it was pleasing to note that every seat in the hall was taken with several people having to stand, including all the organisers.

The meeting started with a presentation by Dr Robert Davies on the history of Templeton and the research still needed to uncover more of its history. He would like to hear of any information others have about the village or who would like to undertake research. Everyone enjoyed the talk and asked for more events of this type, especially others by Dr Davies.

This was followed by an update on the Community Council's plans to enlarge and improve the village hall. Funding has been obtained to undertake the basic construction work but not the finishing and facilities needed. There was a discussion on what the people of Templeton wanted to improve the village.

Everyone was given a questionnaire and was asked to discuss their ideas with those around them and then put down what they thought was needed in the village.

The hall is the only public facility in the village, so many of the ideas centred around this. There was a clear wish for the hall to have a large and smaller room with bi-fold doors which would enable the whole area to be used for large events. A catering standard kitchen with dishwasher was at the top of the wish list together with wifi, sound system, projector and screen to enable a wide range of events to take place in the hall. Easy fold tables and comfortable chairs came next on the list and storage facilities for the equipment needed for groups using the hall

Improved disabled access around the hall was another priority together with better car parking and a pavement outside the hall, linking with the existing paving, also a bus shelter for those travelling towards Narberth.

Outside there was a call for a patio/picnic/bbq area next to the hall with more events taking place on the green such as carnival, festivals, and fireworks with access to the toilets from outside. Events on the green for children, especially in school holidays were suggested.

There were many suggestions about social events of all type including talks, especially on history, with refreshments or wine and cheese. Film nights, art and craft groups, lunch and supper clubs were all proposed and a full list of suggestions is attached - a star for every extra questionnaire shows what was most popular.

The Community Council will now be applying for more funding to finish the hall in accordance with the responses received. When it has been completed we will need to find people prepared to organise and run some of the events, so please think about what you may be able to do to assist.