

# Briefing Note

## How the parish council spends your money 2025/2026

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### 1.0 Background

At their public meeting on 21 November 2024, councillors voted to approve the parish council budget for 2025/2026 and set a precept (local council tax) that will be charged out to residents in the coming year. This note explains what the council's budget for next year is and sets out how it manages residents' tax receipts.

### 2.0 The budget

The table below analyses net income and expenditure for 2023/24, best estimates for 2024/25 and a budget for 2025/2026 for the parish council.

		Actual 2023-24	Budget 2024-25	Actual 2024-25*	Budget 2025-26
<b>Net Expenditure</b>		£			
<b>1.00</b>	<b>Open spaces</b>				
	1.1 Grasscutting	6152.00	6352.00	6352.00	4960.00
	1.2 Hedges	1725.00	225.00	225.00	0.00
	1.3 Weed spraying	0.00		0.00	1775.00
	1.4 Other expenses	17456.00	3975.00	3901.00	3948.00
	1.5 Menheniot Green	601.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
	sub total	25934.00	11552.00	11478.00	11683.00
<b>2.00</b>	<b>General Administration</b>				
	2.1 Salaries	9879.00	10704.00	11264.00	10758.00
	2.2 Audit fees	410.00	410.00	515.00	515.00
	2.3 Other expenses	5832.00	4131.00	7430.00	4042.00
	2.4 Fees & elections	1520.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	sub total	17641.00	15245.00	19209.00	15315.00
<b>3.00</b>	<b>Allotments</b>				
	3.1 Rent	47.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
	3.2 Maintenance	316.00	400.00	242.00	300.00
	sub total Expenditure	363.00	480.00	322.00	380.00
<b>4.00</b>	<b>Public toilets</b>				
	4.1 Cleaner	2762.00	3348.00	3430.00	3663.00
	4.2 Maintenance	337.00	195.00	308.00	195.00
	4.3 Water	370.00	200.00	500.00	500.00
	sub total Expenditure	3469.00	3743.00	4238.00	4358.00
<b>5.00</b>	<b>Public lighting</b>				
	5.1 NIU	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5.2 NIU	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>6.00</b>	<b>Donations</b>				
	6.1 Donations	280.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	6.2 Grants	1200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6.3 DNU	3028.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	sub total	4508.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
<b>6E</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>				
	6E1 Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51915.00</b>	<b>31520.00</b>	<b>35747.00</b>	<b>32236.00</b>

\* best estimate at the time of preparation

		Actual 2023-24	Budget 2024-25	Actual 2024-25*	Budget 2024-25
<b>Gross Income</b>		£			
<b>7.00 Statutory &amp; Discretionary</b>					
	7.1 Council precept	<b>25200.00</b>	26832.00	26832.00	29825.00
	7.2 NIU	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	7.3 Allotment rentals	264.00	265.00	265.00	265.00
	7.4 Parish paths grantsn LMP	849.00	849.00	881.00	849.00
	7.5 Grants	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
	7.6 Fees & Other Income	260.00	61.00	35.00	61.00
	7.7 Bank interest	1716.00	1512.00	1233.00	1236.00
	7.8 Miscellaneous BMM	8704.00	0.00	1450.00	0.00
	7.9 From General Reserve			0.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36993.00</b>	<b>29519.00</b>	<b>31196.00</b>	<b>32236.00</b>

### 3.0 Council's cash reserves

Cash holdings on 31 March 2024 were £45,778.73.

**The precept for 2025/2026 has been agreed at £29,825.** This is an increase of £2,993.00 or 11%. The Band D equivalent of £43.03pa (current year £40.68) which is an increase of £2.35pa or 5.8%.

### 4.0 How the council uses your money

The parish council owns and maintains three open spaces which are freely available to residents and visitors: the playing field (Menheniot village) , the recreation area at Merrymeet and the community garden on Trelawney Road (maintained by local residents). In addition to its financial support for volunteering groups in the parish, the council owns and maintains the public toilets in Menheniot village, the bus shelters in Menheniot and on the A38 by The Hayloft as well as carrying out other grass cutting and footpath maintenance.

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