

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre

Date & Time: 16th May 2018 @ 18:55 (o/c of AGM)

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (V Chair), S Roberts, S Watson, S Apsley, J O'Keefe, P Taylor, K Cupit, J Osborne, R Walsh, D Adams, W Austin & Clerk
4 members of the public. PCSO Land, Member of Press (Wxm Leader)

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs T Boland, N Hughes

Declarations of Interest: Cllrs RW, SR, SW, KC and Chair all signed DOI's relating to business listed for discussion on the Agenda (Llay Park CP School Grant Appeal)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The Minutes of the **April meeting** were accepted as a true record, proposed by JO'K, seconded by RW and carried unanimously.

3. Matters Arising: The Chair thanked all for their active involvement dealing with the **LDP**, which continues to be a major issue going forward. A short discussion followed regarding the way forward for engagement with members of the community, form preparation and the planned public meetings. DO mentioned that he has some signage available if required. SR raised a number of technical issues regarding the LDP, all of which were informative and would prove of great use when proceeding with formal representation to WCBC. After studying all documentation closely, SR is of the opinion that the plan in its' current form is designed to be of disadvantage to Llay in particular, which was wholeheartedly supported by all councillors. The Chair suggested that the Council met to fully discuss this one subject to ensure that Llay CC present a united front in response to WCBC. A date will be finalised after the meeting.

4. Public Questions: No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.

5. Police Matters: The Chair welcomed PCSO Land. The figures, having been distributed previously were discussed. In addition, PCSO mentioned that meetings are being planned regarding **youth provision** in Llay. SR enquired about youths from outside the area coming to Llay, and if there were known reasons why. PCSO mentioned lack of youth provision everywhere, plus friendships from local secondary schools meant children from other areas would come to Llay. PCSO Land also mentioned forming closer liaison between the Police and the Community Council to improve communication. She will try and arrange a visit to the Control Room of the new station for councillors. SW mentioned the possibility of bullying within the MUGA, which PCSO Land noted and will follow up.

6. New Matters: The Chair updated all regarding the engagement of a **Solicitor** regarding **Cemetery Land** Registry, stating that he still awaits further quotes. Regarding the **next meeting**, due to be held on 20th June, due to training being held, it was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 13th June. This will allow plenty of time for questions and discussions at the training event.

7. Finance and Appeals: The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for April, £6,702.71**. This was proposed by DO and seconded by RW and approved unanimously. All expenditure items were individually approved, having been sent for approval during the month. The Chair signed a copy of the Inc/Exp Schedule. Having presented 3 separate quotes from different companies, the Clerk sought approval to appoint **Internal Auditors for 2018/2019**. After a short discussion SR proposed and PT seconded appointing MD Coxkeys of Wrexham as the Internal Auditors for the forthcoming year. The Clerk will arrange the setting up of this appointment and will inform past Internal Auditors (JDH Business Services). Regarding **approval of payments**, it was agreed unanimously that BA and DA continue approving payments, following their indication they were happy to continue. The next item involved adoption of a new **Cash Reserves Policy**. This was a recommendation of the recent Internal Audit. The document had been sent to all by the Clerk and was unanimously adopted. The appeal from **Park CP School** was preceded by SR, BA, KC, SW and RW leaving the room having signed DOI's. The Vice Chair read out the appeal, which regarded an appeal for a contribution towards the cost of providing swimming lessons to children at the school. A healthy discussion

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ensued, with various councillors expressing differing views. JO'K proposed giving no funding on this occasion which was seconded by JO. The Vice Chair asked for any amendments. SA proposed awarding £400 which was seconded by WA. The V Chair asked for a vote on the amendment first which was two for and six against. He then asked for a vote on the proposal which was six for and two against. The Clerk will inform the school of the outcome. Concerning **Staff Salaries**, the Chair suggested that this matter be discussed at the end of the meeting to allow the public to leave. As this item will not be for public display, it will be attached as an addendum to these Minutes for Councillors only.

8. **Street Lighting:** RW gave a short report with some councillors mentioning current issues.

9. **Planning:** No matters had been passed to the Clerk for this meeting.

10. **Burial Matters:** DA gave a full report following their recent **inspection**, highlighting the general appearance of the cemetery. He mentioned the amount of loose grass that he saw, following recent cuts. The Clerk will follow this up with the Groundsman, and will investigate the addition of a grass collector instead of the current mulching method being used. The next inspection will be carried out in June by BA/KC. The Clerk sought full council approval for the recently amended **Cemetery Fees**. This was the first review of the fees since 2012, and now reflected the costs of other cemeteries in the Wrexham area. This was approved unanimously, as was a minor amendment to the Cemetery Rules to reflect the new rule regarding a maximum of two in new grave spaces and the removal of any fees for children. The issue of a **new bench** was approved unanimously. RW inform the family. Vice Chair raised the issue of **honouring the late former Councillor, Maldwyn Davies** by putting some form of plaque in the vicinity of the tree he was instrumental in getting planted within the Rockery Gardens. This was agreed as an excellent idea and will be listed for June Agenda to finalise. DO agreed to investigate quotes for a suitable plaque.

11. **Reports:** The Chair mentioned recent tours of the village with the new **Housing Officer**, and explained how budgets regarding environmental issues are carried out. RW gave an update on the impending **introduction of parking charges** at Alyn Waters, which are due to be introduced very shortly. He also confirmed that he had been assured that the issue of **Foregolf** was close to being concluded in the next few months. RW mentioned the issue of the community council taking over the **Rockery Gardens** in part only. This would appear difficult. The problem with **local bus services** is ongoing and he awaits a reply to the lengthy letter he sent to various factions recently. The Chair gave a report regarding the issue of **Post office** services, with particular emphasis on privacy when within the Post office. This will be progressed.

12. **News/Website:** The recent issue of e mail issues has been resolved. The Chair mentioned putting something on our website regarding the LDP. This was felt to be a good idea. The Chair will draft a suitable document which he will send to all for their contribution and approval.

13. **Correspondence:** No separate correspondence had been received by the Clerk.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2114.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th June at 1830** in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:-

Mr B Apsley
Chair
13th June 2018