

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At Park Community Primary School, LLay
 Date Thursday 16th April 2015
 Time 1830

Name	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
David Broderick Chairperson	√	N	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	A		
Dave Adams	A	O	A	√	√	√	√	√	√	A		
Bryan Apsley	√		√	√	A	A	A	√	A	√		
Sandra Apsley	√	M	√	√	√	√	√	√	A	√		
Andrew Boland	A	E	A	A	A	√	A	A	A	A		
Terry Boland	√	E	√	√	√	√	A	A	√	A		
Paul Crewe	√	T	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
Ken Cupit	A	I	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
Maldwyn Davies	A	N	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	√		
Peter Evans	A	G	√	A	A	A	√	A	A	A		
Charles Higgins	√		√	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Malcolm Taylor	√	H	A	A	A	√	A	A	A	A		
Eunice Vincent	√	E	√	√	√	√	A	√	√	A		
Vera Wineyard	√	L	√	√	A	A	√	√	A	√		
Sheila Woolrich	NA	D	NA	√	√	√	√	√	A	√		
Mark Williams (Clerk)	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		

In Attendance: 28 members of the community, Community PCSO (x 2), Lesley Griffiths AM.

The Vice Chair welcomed Lesley Griffiths AM to the meeting.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Vice Chairman asked all attending to stand and observe a minutes' silence for **Mary Lund**, a former Chair of the Council, who passed away recently.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs D Broderick, M Taylor, C Higgins, A Boland, E Vincent, P Evans, T Boland, D Adams.

With regard to apologies received, the Clerk informed all that he had still to receive formal written notification from Mr C Higgins, of his intention to retire from the Community Council.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The Minutes of the March Meeting were accepted as a true record: Proposed by: K Cupit Seconded by: P Crewe

3. Public Questions:

There were no questions from the Public on this occasion.

4. Matters Arising: MD requested an update on his request to change the "Give Way" sign to "Stop" at the end of Shones Lane. The Clerk informed MD that his e mails had not yet resulted

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in a formal reply and he would visit the Highways department in person and report back. MD also mentioned that he had some concerns regarding the monies provisionally awarded to Llay Welfare Band, which are due to be awarded in July. He requested that the Clerk contact the organisers and ask them to attend the next meeting to clarify.

5. Police Matters: PCSO Herron (accompanied by PCSO S Jones) outlined the latest crime figures and explained the most recent events in Llay. There has been a drop in the number of crimes overall, in comparison to the same time a year ago, which is encouraging. VW mentioned she had recently observed some youngsters on motor bikes were behaving irresponsibly. PCSO agreed to look into this.

6. Finance and Appeals: The Clerk confirmed that all necessary paperwork had now been handed over to JDH Business Services for the **Internal Audit** to be carried out. There had been a slight delay due to the late arrival of the final (March 2014) bank statements, due in part to the current closure of Lloyds Bank in Wrexham for refurbishment. All financial figures had balanced and on completion of the internal audit, the Annual Return form would then be sent to UHY Chartered Accountants for the **External Audit**. This is required to be carried out by 31st May 2015. There is a credit balance of £170k at the year end. The Clerk suggested some minor projects could be financially supported if they were deemed appropriate, but SW and SA warned against spending too much as there would be likely costs in maintaining **concrete street lights** going forward, as well as the documented costs with expanding the **Cemetery**, current **Service Level Agreements** for a variety of services, and agreed maintenance of the **new skate park**. The Clerk mentioned that he expected to receive news of the **Tidy Towns Grant** money available for this year shortly and asked all Councillors to consider worthy projects within Llay. He would then apply for a Tidy Town Grant as in previous years. MD mentioned that a suitable memorial to the **Llay Mining Industry** was an ongoing project that he would like to see completed, to replace the current "pile of bricks". He is liaising with other interested parties with regard to this and will update when a firm proposal is available.

Finally, the annual review of staff salaries was discussed at the end of the meeting, with the Clerk and members of the public absent. It was decided to award a 2% salary increase to both members of staff.

An appeal had been received from **Llay Miners** for financial support to assist in the running of the **Gala Weekend** on Saturday 20th June. Prior to discussion, KC declared an interest and duly signed the appropriate form. MD proposed and SW seconded the award of £250 towards this worthwhile cause. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the award given last year for the Gala, and to match this amount if different from the £250 awarded.

SW raised the issue of **broken street signs** (Forest Road and Pine Grove) that had been in a state of disrepair for some time. In addition, SW asked that the installation of **extra "dog bins"** be considered for the Meadow Rise side of the woods and Haywards Field, where the lack of facilities was causing undue mess. The Clerk will chase this up.

7. Street Lighting: VW and SA mentioned the long standing lighting issue in **Vale View** that had been previously mentioned, was still outstanding. The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported and on inspection, it had been found that the light needed major repairs costing £300. This had been approved to be carried out and is now awaiting repairs. He will try and find out when the repair is likely to take place.

8. Planning: A number of minor planning applications, involving the erection of sheds at 3 private dwellings, the erection of a single storey extension on the Industrial Estate and the erection of a conservatory on the side of a private dwelling were passed without comment.

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9. Burial Matters: SA mentioned that she had visited the Cemetery recently and found it to be in a satisfactory condition. The Clerk read out a letter from a resident asking to install kerbstones around the grave of a relative. This request was due to the Council decision, taken in January 2015, to prevent any further kerbstones being laid. A lengthy discussion followed regarding this matter and KC suggested that the Clerk and 2 Councillors should conduct a site visit, to discuss this matter in full with the Groundsman. This matter would then be discussed further at the next meeting and the Clerk was instructed to add it to the Agenda. KC agreed to liaise with others to arrange this meeting in the near future.

10. Correspondence: A thank you letter had been received from Llay Welfare Band, for the award of monies towards their trip to Germany in the Summer. As mentioned in "matters arising", this award is now subject to further discussions with the organisers of the trip at the May monthly meeting.

11. Reports: There were no reports on this occasion.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved by V Wineyard, seconded by M Davies and agreed and the meeting closed at 1932. The date and time of the next meeting is:

THURSDAY 21st MAY 2015 at 1830

Signed:.....

Mr B Apsley
Vice Chairman
21st May 2015