

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At Llay Resource Centre, Llay
Date Wed 13th Dec 2017
Time 1830

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (V Chair), S Roberts, S Watson, S Apsley, J Osborne, N Hughes, L Jones, J O'Keefe, R Walsh, W Austin, K Cupit & D Adams
2 members of the public. 1 member of the press.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs T Boland, P Taylor

Declarations of Interest : RW (Planning), LJ (Planning App for Co-Op)

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record, proposed by DO, seconded by RW and carried unanimously.

3. **Public Questions:** On this occasion, no questions had been received by the Clerk.

4. **New Matters:** The Chair asked for comments regarding the replacement of broken equipment within the Play Area. The Clerk had previously sent out options as listed by WCBC. SR asked the Clerk to check whether funding would be available through WCBC, in accordance with the outline planning consent for a local new development. After discussion, SR proposed and DO seconded **purchasing the Skate Simulator** to replace the See Saw. This was carried unanimously. LJ gave a short presentation regarding the use of **Community Agents**, to assist those within each community who were over 55. After a lengthy discussion, SR proposed **relisting this in April**, when budgets for WCBC were clearer. SA seconded this proposal and it was carried unanimously. The Chair raised the issue of **"welcome" signs** to Llay and passed out images of other local villages, whose signage was considered worthy of investigation. The Clerk will carry out research and report back with prices for improving the village signs. RW pointed out that there are four road entrances to Llay.

5. **Matters Arising:** The Chair mentioned the **new Llay Map** displayed within the Rockery Gardens and thanked all involved in its' production. He also asked that all Councillors give earnest thought regarding the **WW! Beacon** matter previously listed, and he hoped a decision could be made in the early part of 2018. RW mentioned that Streetscene would send out members of their team periodically, to assist in a litter pick and the matter of the **new bins** is still ongoing. Regarding Litter Enforcement Officers, the Clerk will continue to get costings for the employment of **a Litter Enforcement Officer** and report back.

6. **Police Matters:** In the absence of the PCSO or current figures, a general discussion took place. The Chair mentioned the relative success of the recent meeting held with the Police. RW spoke regarding the press producing figures electronically and SW will e mail the PCSO directly with some issues.

7. **Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the financial expenses authorised for payment in **November of £13,653.35p**. This was proposed by DA, seconded by JO'K and approved unanimously. The **Precept for 2018/2019** was discussed at some length, with the Chair outlining requirements. Following discussions, SR proposed that there was no increase on the current Precept. This was seconded by NH. The Chair asked for any amendments and JO'K proposed a 1%

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increase which was seconded by SW. The Chair asked for votes on the amendment which was 3 for. The main proposal received 10 votes and was therefore carried. The Clerk will inform WCBC that Llay CC will keep the Precept at the current figure for the next financial year. The Chair informed all that **Staff Pay** would be discussed closer to the required date in April. The relisting of the application for a **grant** has been withdrawn but may be listed at a later date as it is a “year round” charity appeal.

8. Street Lighting: A number of councillors expressed continued dismay that the important light outside the Health Centre remains broken for over 5 weeks. JO’K mentioned a light out on Chapel Lane, with SW mentioning an issue with a light in Bryn Place. RW noted these comments.

9. Planning: The three listed planning matters (0862/0937/0951) were briefly discussed without adverse comments.

10. Burial Matters: Due to recent adverse weather conditions SR/SW apologised for being unable to give a report, but they both agreed to carry out the **inspection for the January meeting** and report back. The Chair then mentioned the need to decide who would carry out the **winter work**, following the receipt of a number of quotes. After careful consideration of all the quotes, SR proposed, with DO seconding, that Mr M Fisher of 2J’s Landscape Gardening be awarded the work. This was agreed unanimously and the Clerk will now liaise with this firm to arrange for the work to be carried out.

11. Reports: RW gave a brief report regarding ongoing works involving taking some local **power lines** from above to below ground. He mentioned his dismay regarding the recent removal, without warning, of one of the **red telephone boxes** within Llay. He will be ensuring the others are not removed without warning as there are plans to possibly utilise these for the community good. The Clerk will relist red telephone boxes for January meeting to discuss further. The Chair briefly mentioned ongoing budget discussions within WCBC.

12. News/Website: The Chair invited SR to raise the issue of **website content**. SR then gave information regarding exactly what the content for Llay CC should be, based on current legislation. It was agreed that the community council complied in the vast majority of areas, with a couple of additions being required. The Clerk and DA will further discuss this and arrange for information to be added to the site.

13. Correspondence: The Chair read out a **thank you letter**, received from the **Head of Park CP School**, in recognition of the recent grant given to cover xmas activities for the pupils.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded by DO/JO’K and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2018. The next meeting will be held on :-

WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY at 1830

Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:.....

Mr B Apsley

Chair

17th January 2018