

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre

Date & Time: 12th December 2018 @ 18:30

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (Vice Chair), S Apsley, K Cupit, J O'Keefe, K Powell, W Austin, R Walsh, L Jones & Clerk, 2 PCSO's and 1 member of the public.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs T Boland, S Roberts, S Watson, J Osborne, P Taylor
Declarations of Interest; Chair, RWalsh (both Park CP school appeal)
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the **November meeting** were accepted as a true record, proposed by DO, seconded by DA and carried unanimously.
- 3. Matters Arising:** RW spoke regarding the ongoing situation regarding the **LDP**, emphasising the need for a strong statement from Llay CC regarding inaccuracies throughout the process. A general discussion followed with other councillors contributing. Regarding the **Telephone Box**, RW gave a brief update regarding the current situation, covering ongoing discussions about location and eventual content of the box. Locations for suggestions boxes were discussed and it was agreed that these would be placed in numerous suitable locations for the public to have the opportunity to comment on how the box should be used.
- 4. Public Questions:** No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.
- 5. Police Matters:** PCSO Harris gave a report based on the **latest crime figures** which had been distributed to all councillors ahead of the meeting. RW mentioned recent meetings he had held with WCBC Highways regarding the ongoing speeding problems in the area. PCSO Harris gave more information regarding the **scheme involving volunteers** being kitted out to conduct speed checks in certain locations. This will be progressed. The **CCTV** matter will be relisted for January as those involved in researching this require more time due to work commitments. The Chair asked for any other comments and then thanked the PCSO's for attending.
- 6. New Matters:** RW gave a report regarding obtaining **flashing speed signs** for Llay, mentioning meetings he had held with those who had already purchased them. RW will liaise with the Clerk to obtain full costings to advise all councillors. The Chair asked everyone to keep this matter in their minds without relisting. RW also mentioned parking in relation to **introducing double yellow lines on Llay New Road**, partially caused by the introduction of car parking charges in the vicinity. RW stated that WCBC want the opinion of the community council regarding this. The Chair encouraged councillors to express their opinions individually and council instructed the Clerk to write to WCBC opposing yellow lines and stating their need has come about as a direct result of the poor decision to introduce parking charges in Alyn Waters. DA also mentioned that on the Gwersyllt side, there is a car park directly accessing Alyn Waters country park where no charges apply. Regarding highway problems within Llay, DO made council aware of upcoming issues involving extensive roadworks planned for Gresford Road and he will share this information with RW.
- 7. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for November totalling £ 3,819.86p** This was proposed by RW and seconded by DO and approved unanimously. All expenditure items were individually approved, having been sent for approval during the month since the last meeting. The Chair signed a copy of the Inc/Exp Schedule. DA then handed out paperwork relating to his thoughts on how the **finance committee** should proceed, with particular regard to their powers. Following a brief discussion it was agreed this would be listed for January, allowing all councillors to fully digest the proposals in DA's handouts. Prior to listing the **Park CP School appeal** BA and RW, having signed DOI's, left the meeting. DO then read out the appeal in full, listing all the items and activities that the school were appealing for help to provide. A discussion involving all councillors followed. DA proposed and KP seconded awarding £500. DO asked for amendments and SA proposed and DO seconded awarding £600. There were no further amendments and DO called for a vote on the amendment first which was carried with 4 votes for. The second appeal from **Llay Clwyd Morris Dancing Club** was discussed briefly concluding with JO'K proposing and RW seconding an award of £500 towards the running costs and uniform expenses for this group. The Chair asked

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for amendments and there were none and this was carried unanimously. The Clerk will ensure both groups receive the stipulated awards as soon as possible.

8. Street Lighting: RW gave a short report highlighting some defects he was aware of. RW also expressed concern about the **dangers to members of the public** regarding length of time to repair and the Clerk was instructed to write to head of lighting at WCBC **asking for reassurance** on times taken to carry out repairs and to also give timely advice on when street lights are becoming too costly to repair and need replacing.

9. Planning: Although nothing was formally listed, due to WCBC not allowing an extension of time to consider the **Planning App 1012**. This related to a single storey **extension to a cafeteria on Rackery Lane**. The area was known to councillors and RW suggested there were no issues at this stage and the Clerk should inform WCBC Planning that Llay CC had no specific comments to make at this stage.

10. Burial Matters: On behalf of DO and JO'K, Vice Chair gave a report following their inspection of the cemetery carried out recently. This found the cemetery in reasonable condition. The paths continue to be a problem and the materials used so far have had limited success. The Clerk will continue looking for a solution involving machinery and report back. The Chair stressed this task should be a team effort.

January inspectors will be WA and BA.

11. Reports: RW gave an update regarding the **paths and repairs to same within Nant Y Gaer**. He also mentioned potholes, which are a constant problem. The Chair followed up on Nant Y Gaer paths, stating WCBC have fitted the new 10 metre stretch of handrail without consultation and we do not know if it has been put at the location of the recent accident. Even if it has, the single rail would not have prevented the accident nor any child from slipping underneath the railing. JO'K stated that WCBC should be commended for at least trying to make good this area. RW stated that the forthcoming meeting with WCBC in situ, should help resolve the ongoing issues further. The Chair stated the **budget was upcoming**, with further cuts as widely reported.

12. News/Website: DA stated no major issues, but he was curious to know if grants were available for websites that were bi lingual. The Chair asked the Clerk to investigate discreetly and inform all.

13. Correspondence: Nothing that had not been discussed previously, but WA asked for guidance on what to do with the newly purchased brass plaque remembering Cllr M Davies. The Chair asked for thoughts to be given and also WA mentioned a smaller tree which will be located in the cemetery in due course. WA also asked for a letter from Llay CC to the firm that supplied the tree (Winston Farm Ellsemere).

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2038.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 1830** in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:

Mr B Apsley
Chair
16th January 2019

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