

## MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At Llay Resource Centre, Llay  
 Date Thu 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
 Time 1830

Name	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Bryan Apsley Chairperson	√	N	√	√	√	√	√	√				
Dave Adams	A	O	√	√	√	√	√	A				
Sandra Apsley	√		√	√	√	√	A	√				
Terry Boland	A	M	A	A	A	√	A	A				
Ken Cupit	√	E	A	√	A	√	√	√				
Maldwyn Davies	A	E	√	√	√	√	√	√				
Sharon Roberts	√	I	√	√	√	A	A	√				
Rob Walsh	√	N	√	√	√	A	√	√				
Vera Wineyard	A	G	A	A	A	√	√	A				
John O'Keefe	√		√	√	√	√	√	√				
Dennis Owen Vice Chair	√	H	√	√	√	√	√	√				
Jan Osborne	A	E	√	√	A	A	√	√				
Christine Archer	√	L	√	√	√	√	√	√				
Pat Taylor	√	D	√	A	√	A	√	√				
Wynn Austin				√	A	√	A	√				
Mark Williams (Clerk)	√		√	√	√	√	√	√				

In Attendance: 4 members of the public and press.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs V Wineyard, T Boland, D Adams.

In addition, DOI's were signed by Cllrs R Walsh, K Cupit and S Roberts

Prior to commencing the business of the evening, the Chair welcomed back Cllr S Roberts after her recent illness.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** CA raised the issue that she had handed out two documents and not one as recorded in the Minutes. This was noted. The Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by RW and Seconded by PT.

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

**4. Matters Arising:** The Chair gave a brief report concerning the ongoing issues with the provision of Youth Services within Llay. No final decision on who will be delivering the core services has yet been published but this is expected soon. In addition, the Chair asked for volunteers to support the Youth Club Committee, which is desperately short of members at present. There is a meeting next Monday evening, the purpose of which is to plan how best to take youth services within

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Llay forward in a positive manner. CA asked if the Clerk could produce a directory of local services available for the youth of all ages within Llay. The Clerk will arrange to do this.

**5. Police Matters:** The figures had been sent out ahead of the meeting and were discussed briefly. A number of councillors expressed their concern and disappointment that the appearance of a Police representative has now been confirmed as two monthly. SR also mentioned that she had carried out some research on historical figures (March 2016 as an example) from the police website that showed the figures presented to the Community Council differed from those on the website JO'K mentioned that the figures do not highlight where within Llay the crimes were actually carried out. RW stated this may be due to ongoing enquiries. The Chair instructed the Clerk to inform the PCSO of this issue regarding crime numbers differing. RW also mentioned that the continuous problem of speeding will be addressed with more visits from the appropriate police assets to curtail this.

**6. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk presented **January finance figures**, bank statements and the ledgers. These figures were approved following a proposal from RW seconded by KC.

An appeal for funding from **Reverend H Butler on behalf of an Art Project** was read out by the Chair, having been sent out to all councillors ahead of the meeting for their consideration. Following positive comments from a number of councillors, MD proposed and DO seconded awarding the £400 requested towards this project. The Chair asked if there were any amendments to the proposal and there were not. The decision to award £400 towards the Art Project was carried unanimously. He Clerk will arrange payment following the meeting. The Clerk raised the issue of the annual **Service Level Agreement** for safety maintenance and litter collection at the Skate Park and Alyn Waters Play Area that he had received from WCBC. This required a reply by 1<sup>st</sup> March and was for a smaller figure than the previous year, namely £3,345 plus VAT per annum from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. After a short discussion, this was carried unanimously and the Clerk was instructed to inform WCBC. SR asked for clarification regarding the recent request from an organisation for funding being deferred due to the lack of **financial information** on their application. After a short discussion, where it was accepted that financial information had not always been requested in the same fashion, it was agreed that in future, any applications would require exactly the same level of information being provided (insofar as the information being available, especially where grants were requested from small organisations). The Clerk mentioned that he had received a request for renewal from **One Voice Wales**. However, as was pointed out by a number of councillors, the first year of Llay CC membership does not actually expire until August 2017 and e mails were held which showed this fact. The Clerk will respond to One Voice Wales and highlight this error and obtain clarification.

**7. Street Lighting:** RW gave a report regarding the current state of lighting and a number of councillors mentioned lights that they were aware needed attention.

**8. Planning:** There were no planning applications to consider on this occasion

**9. Burial Matters:** On behalf of himself and JO, DO gave a report on their **recent inspection** which found the cemetery in overall good order. It was agreed that now improvements were being made within the main cemetery building, the purchase of soap/hand tissue dispensers/waste bin should be purchased, along with other requisites. The Clerk will arrange this. Also, there was some unsightly long grass around the perimeter fencing which will also need attention. DO also mentioned that it was felt another 4 new bins should be purchased to place in strategic parts of the cemetery. This was agreed unanimously and the Clerk will arrange to have these delivered and installed. SA mentioned that the green planter box was being used as a rubbish container. Whilst this is planned to be used for bedding plants in due course, it was agreed to move it away from the entrance until the weather is suitable for planting flowers. It will then be relocated near the entrance. Finally, the Clerk will ensure that the plastic bin within the car park is removed along with the metal wire bin inside the

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main entrance. SR and PT will carry out the March inspection. The Chair then raised the issue of the **car park fencing** to replace the recently removed hedging. The Clerk had previously sent out the quotes as received and after a short discussion, MD proposed and DO seconded engaging the services of Morton and Jones to erect metal fencing in line with that already installed. The Chair asked if there were any amendments to the proposal which there were not and it was carried unanimously.

**10. Reports:** RW gave a brief report covering a number of issues. These included ongoing issues regarding local **bus services**, a **Spring Clean Cymru** initiative involving a centrally placed skip for use by the community (more details to follow when known) and the next planned **Keep Wales Tidy** Litter Pick. This will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> March. JO'K mentioned continuing issues regarding the **Rockery Gardens**, with particular concern expressed about dog walkers failing to pick up waste. Others also mentioned that this would cause real concern, if and when the proposed toddlers play area is finished within this area. CA raised a number of concerns regarding the business plan, as listed on **Foregolf's** own website, and the lack of any sign of development at the Llay site. A number of councillors spoke passionately about how this whole issue had been allowed to fester, with no apparent end in sight. RW noted the comments.

**11. News/Website:** There were no issues to mention on this occasion

**12. Correspondence:** The Chair read out correspondence received from **Llay Royal British Legion Social Club** regarding possible housing developments adjacent to the Club. This letter had also been sent to local residents and was, at this stage, for the information of Community Councillors to be aware of the possibility of development, and the potential impact on the Social Club and the community groups that use the facilities. The Chair read out a thank you letter received from **Home Start** in recognition of the grant awarded at the January meeting.

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

**THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017 at 1830**

Signed:.....

Mr B Apsley  
Chairman  
16<sup>TH</sup> March 2017