

## MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At Llay Resource Centre, Llay  
 Date Thu 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
 Time 1830

Name	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Bryan Apsley Chairperson	√	N	√	√	√	√	√					
Dave Adams	A	O	√	√	√	√	√					
Sandra Apsley	√		√	√	√	√	A					
Terry Boland	A	M	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	√	√					
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: PCSO Harris plus 6 members of the public and press.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs W Austin, S Roberts, T Boland, S Apsley.

In addition, DOI's were signed by Cllrs R Walsh (Planning) and K Cupit (Llay Miners Welfare FC Appeal)

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the December meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DA and Seconded by JO'K.

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

4. **Matters Arising:** RW introduced a small group in attendance, who wished to start a **Planting Initiative** within the Rockery Gardens. RW was aware of the concern regarding disturbance to daffodil bulbs that were in the same area where the new planting initiative was to take place. The group will be protecting these bulbs and they could be placed elsewhere within the Rockery Gardens. The Chair mentioned that it would be nice to have longer lasting planting as opposed to daffodils which last about 6 weeks. CA mentioned that this was the same area where she hoped to have a toddlers play area, mentioned in previous meetings. KC mentioned concern regarding theft of new

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plants, as had occurred years ago when new shrubs were planted. In summary, DO proposed approving the new planting initiative and this was seconded by JO'K and there were no amendments. The Clerk will liaise with the group to ensure they are aware of funding that may be available.

The Chair signed the amended **Standing Orders**, that contained the new paragraph relating to attendance at meetings.

The Chair gave a brief update on the **Youth Provision services** going forward, following a very positive meeting that was held recently with Ms D Dickinson, from WCBC. CA then handed out a document she had compiled, which showed the usage of various facilities within the Resource Centre and by whom. A discussion then followed with various councillors contributing. In conclusion, the Chair instructed the Clerk to **list this matter on the February Agenda**, in the hope that the names of companies delivering Youth Services from April 2017 will have been appointed by WCBC. This will allow the council to make a decision on whether they wish to purchase further youth provision.

**5. Police Matters:** PCSO Harris distributed the latest figures which were discussed briefly. Councillors asked for an update on various issues that had occurred recently. PT and others mentioned the increase in activity and littering near the school. PCSO Harris will look into this. PCSO Harris concluded by mentioning that he would be attending every other month from now on, due to operational reasons, but that future figures would be more up to date than at present. The Chair thanked PCSO Harris for providing more up to date figures, but also asked him to pass on to his superiors, the Community Councils' concern that he would not be attending every meeting going forward.

**6. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk presented **December finance figures**, bank statements and the ledgers. These figures were approved.

An appeal for funding from **Llay Miners Welfare FC** was re-listed for February, in order that the Clerk can obtain further financial statements from the applicant. An appeal from **Homestart** was considered. In conclusion, MD proposed awarding £150, which was seconded by CA. The Chair asked if there were any amendments, which there were not, and the proposal was carried unanimously. The final appeal was from the **Llay Luncheon Club**. After careful consideration DA proposed awarding this group £150 which was seconded by RW. There were no amendments and this was carried unanimously. The Clerk will arrange payment of the awards to both groups following the meeting.

**7. Street Lighting:** RW gave a brief report regarding some recent issues with street lighting and the replacement of defective columns. This is being progressed with the relevant departments.

**8. Planning:** The application, regarding the retrospective planning approval for a shed in Victory Place was passed without comment.

**9. Burial Matters:** On behalf of himself and WA, JO'K gave a report on their **recent inspection** which found the cemetery in overall good order, with some minor presentation issues involving the paths to be attended to. DO and JO will carry out the February inspection. The Chair mentioned that a thank you card had been received from the cemetery groundsman relating to the Christmas payment he had been awarded. The Chair then raised the issue of **fencing**, to replace the recently removed hedging in the car park area. This was carried forward from the last meeting. Firstly, the Chair suggested that some **grass seeds** should be laid in March to improve the appearance of the remaining earth areas, and this was supported by all. The Clerk then read out the quotes obtained for stone, wooden and metal fencing. The Clerk was instructed to obtain more quotes for metal railing fencing, and after a suggestion by VW, to also obtain quotes for large boulders, that could also be used as a barrier. The Chair then instructed the Clerk to list this matter for the February Agenda, for

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further decisions to be considered once all quotes were received. Finally, the Chair mentioned that now the **new bins** were in the cemetery, he had recently met the contractor, along with the Cemetery Groundsman and the Clerk, to consider how they would be installed. A suitable quote to place all the bins on firm concrete bases, situated off the paths, had been received for £300. This was considered good value and was approved by all present. The Clerk will now arrange for the new bins to be installed as soon as practical.

**10. Reports:** The Clerk reported that he would be attending a meeting with WCBC, to receive guidance on the **forthcoming elections** due to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May. He would also be obtaining nomination packs following this meeting, for all councillors and any other residents of Llay interested in standing. RW also mentioned that there was a meeting at WCBC on 30<sup>th</sup> January for anyone interested in becoming a county councillor. RW brought up the subject of extra “**anti littering**” **signage** being purchased by the community council, for the Nant Y Gaer area. A brief discussion followed, which concluded with the thought that there were lots of areas within Llay that also needed signage to deal with litter and that any signs purchased may well be destroyed or ignored, thus defeating the purpose.

**11. News/Website:** DA mentioned he was still awaiting the **photographs** of the recent tree planting ceremony to upload onto the website. Councillors with photographs promised to forward these.

**12. Correspondence:** The Chair mentioned a recent e mail from One Voice Wales, that offered **training in claiming expenses** for community councillors. The Clerk made reference to the fact that no councillor ever claims, and the Chair highlighted that is it was new legislation, all councillors should be made aware of their rights. DO mentioned that this could be found online. The Clerk will send out the relevant information to all.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2025. The next meeting will be held on :-

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

Signed:.....

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