

## MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At Park Community Primary School, L Lay  
 Date Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Time 1830

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

In Attendance: 28 members of the community, Community PCSO x 2

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs A Boland, T Boland, C Higgins, E Vincent, M Taylor
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the December Meeting were accepted as a true record: Proposed by: M Davies Seconded by: P Crewe
3. **Public Questions:** There were no public questions forwarded to the Clerk on this occasion. However, and with the prior agreement of all, a presentation was made by Mr Dennis Owen, on behalf of the Gresford Road Action Group, with regard to the planning application for a large housing/retail development that would form part of the Council business later in the meeting. He raised a number of interesting and valid points, which were most informative for those present. Although shown below within para 7, the Council decided to continue their discussion regarding this application at this point in the meeting, whilst the comments of Mr Owen were fresh in the memory.
4. **Matters Arising:** MD mentioned that the lights in Mayville Avenue were still not working properly and there was a general discussion about lighting issues within L lay. Although it is accepted these problems have been reported, the length of time taken to repair lights is worrying. The Clerk will contact WCBC Lighting and Streetscene and ask for a representative to attend the next meeting to explain why it takes so long to repair lights. MD also mentioned that he felt the

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response from WCBC regarding Foregolf development and the various issues of concern with this project was inadequate and he felt that Foregolf have not conformed to the original plans and are not being brought to book for their transgressions. SA agreed with this point. MD also mentioned his concerns regarding speeding which is covered in the Police report within para 5.

**5. Police Matters:** PCSO Aled Hughes, accompanied by PCSO Alison Heron, spoke about the latest crime figures, details of which had been circulated to all Councillors ahead of the meeting. MD mentioned his deep concern regarding speeding issues within the village. MD accepted that resources were limited but he reiterated that a permanent speed camera should be located within the village. He also mentioned the lack of white lines at a particular junction in the village, where cars entered a busy main road without slowing down on occasions. The PCSO took MD's remarks on board and the Clerk was tasked to inform Highways Department about the need for double white lines at the end of Shones Lane, to highlight the need for all drivers to stop/slow down.

**6. Street Lighting:** Other than the issues involving lengthy delays in repairing broken street lights mentioned in matters arising, there were no further matters to report.

**7. Planning:**

**Gresford Road/Home Farm Development** – Following the presentation made by Mr Owen, the Councillors discussed this matter at length. Due to the size of the proposed development (365 houses and a 300 sq mtr retail development), MD stated that the entire **road network** around the development was, in his opinion, totally inadequate to deal with the huge increase in traffic. In particular, the proposed mini roundabout adjacent to one entrance to the estate, would cause severe difficulties for any heavy goods traffic adding that a **road widening scheme would need to be carried out** prior to commencing any building work if approved. This point was fully supported by SA. SW highlighted that in various places along Gresford Road, it would not be possible to widen the road at all and also mentioned that she felt this development **fell outside WCBC's own settlement area**. KC expressed concern that the developers would attempt to build, but use a **reduction in numbers initially** to commence the development. SA and SW made reference to the area being proposed having suffered from **severe flooding** in the past and that this number of houses would surely cause excessive strain on the existing **sewerage works**. It was also agreed that the land in question has changed geographically over the last couple of decades, evidenced by the "blind summit" on Gresford Road which has increased in size. There were general expressions of concern regarding **the impact on businesses** situated on Llay Industrial Estate, with traffic delays being a possible deterrent for existing and new businesses alike. PC mentioned that traffic was already gridlocked on the edge of the village presently and this would only make matters much worse. The possibility of a new Police Station would also cause further traffic issues. Finally, whilst there was some disagreement on whether or not the local schools could cope with a large influx of children, it was unanimously agreed that pressure on the **Doctors Surgery** within Llay would be a major issue. To this end, the Clerk was instructed to invite the Practice Manager to attend our next meeting to clarify the impact this development would have. In summary, there were a number of serious concerns expressed and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the Planning Officer outlining these concerns within the timeframe allowed for such correspondence.

**Co-Operative Stores New Sign** – A planning application had been received regarding a new neon bi-lingual sign for this local store. This was passed without comment.

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**8. Burial Matters:** The Clerk explained that the trees, highlighted in the recent report as in need of attention, had now been removed by Canopy Tree Care, as agreed by the council. This removed the possibility of any harm befalling the public within the cemetery. In addition, he had also received a lengthy letter from Ms Lesley Griffiths AM, requesting reimbursement for burial fees for a non Llay resident who had recently passed away. This related to the same person which was discussed in length at the December meeting. A full explanation of the reasons behind the charges was given by the Clerk to Ms Griffiths and accepted.

**9. Correspondence:** A thank you letter from Father Sam, regarding a recent grant, was read out by the Clerk.

**10. Reports:** Apart from the pre-agreed address made by Mr D Owen, earlier in the meeting, there were no further reports.

**11. Finance and Appeals:** The latest financial figures for December, as presented by the Clerk were discussed and accepted as a true record. The Clerk mentioned that the recently matured bond in HSBC was now automatically transferred to a HSBC current account earning no interest. It could not be transferred to other monies held in Lloyds Bank as this would significantly exceed limits set by government in the event of an unlikely bank collapse. He would investigate the best, and safest, banking institution with whom we could transfer this money to earn some interest, until it is needed for predicted lighting issues and extensions to the cemetery in the future.

A letter had been received from **Llay Bowls Club**, requesting financial assistance with the running of this club. The Chairman completed a DOI form and left the room prior to discussions. It was generally agreed that the Bowls Club, with 6 teams in local leagues, is a valuable and clearly popular part of village life. As in previous years, a grant of £150 was proposed by SW and seconded by MD and carried unanimously. Another letter was read out from the OIC of **Llay Boys Brigade and Girls Association**, requesting financial assistance for the purchase of uniform items. It was explained that from an initial membership of 15, this had now risen to approximately 50 members. PC confirmed that these numbers were correct as they use the Resource Centre for their meetings. Although the request was for £450, it was generally felt that some contribution from parents, along with internal fund raising should be used in addition to any grant, although a minority felt the full amount should be awarded. MD proposed a grant of £300 which was seconded by SW and carried by a large majority.

The Clerk was invited to leave the room whilst discussions took place regarding his probationary period, which ended on 1<sup>st</sup> January. It was agreed to confirm the Clerk in position with the salary reflecting this fact in accordance with current rules and regulations.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved by KC, seconded by SA and agreed and the meeting closed at 1950. The date and time of the next meeting is:

**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 at 1830**

Signed:.....

Mr D Broderick  
Chairman  
19th February 2015