

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre
Date & Time: 13th June 2018 @ 18:30

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (V Chair), S Roberts, L Jones, S Watson, S Apsley, J O'Keefe, K Cupit, J Osborne, R Walsh, & Clerk
4 members of the public. PCSO Harris/Land, Member of Press (Wxm Leader)

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs T Boland, D Adams, W Austin & P Taylor
Declarations of Interest; Cllrs RW, SR, SW, KC and Chair all signed DOI's relating to business listed for discussion on the Agenda (Llay Park CP School Grant Appeal) . RW also mentioned he would sign a personal DOI relating to Alyn Waters but would remain in the room.
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the **May meeting** were accepted as a true record, proposed by DO, seconded by JO'K and carried unanimously.
- 3. Matters Arising:** DO suggested that the **memorial plaque** will be relisted for July after full investigation into the state of the tree has been completed, in light of recent photographs. This was agreed unanimously. SR suggested that a letter of complaint is sent relating to the **car parking charges** and other issues relating to a **lack of facilities** in Llay in direct comparison with other local areas. SR cited a number of prudent points and the Chair asked SR to liaise with the Clerk to produce a suitable letter for approval. RW introduced a member of the public regarding the upgrade of the **Skate Park**. The member of the public outlined her desire to increase the size of the facility. The problem is one of cost but the member of public will liaise with a company who will give an estimate and RW would report back. RW raised the issue of signage as he had been approached by some members of the public asking about signs welcoming people to Croeshowell. The Chair highlighted the recent discussion regarding welcome to Llay signs, and the cost implications. It was agreed that the first of the four signs welcoming visitors to Llay would be progressed by the new Finance committee as it involved cost implications. This was unanimously agreed.
- 4. Public Questions:** No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.
- 5. Police Matters:** PCSO Harris, accompanied by PCSO Land, outlined the latest figures as presented to all councillors. Speeding was generally discussed, with councillors mentioning it is a real concern. PCSO Land stated recent use of speed guns showed average speeds were 27 mph. JO'K asked about the burnt bench in the Rockery, but PCSO Land mentioned that it had not been officially reported which makes it difficult and also excludes it from being officially recorded. On the subject of youth issues within Llay, RW mentioned he had spoken to the local Youth Service Staff who are keen to engage with the newly formed Youth Committee of Llay CC. There being no further issues, the Chair thanked the police for attending.
- 6. New Matters:** The Chair outlined the letter received from WCBC relating to the community council contributing to the **costings for providing a Ranger**. JO mentioned that SR had highlighted earlier that the park does not belong to Llay CC, but clearly belongs to WCBC, so why are they asking the community council to pay. The Chair gave some insight regarding WCBC council funding discussions he had attended, where this matter relating to Alyn Waters had not been discussed in relation to staff reductions. The Clerk will enquire about exactly who has received a similar letter from WCBC and report back. The Chair explained the Clerk has produced a new **Training and Development** plan which will be set to all councillors for approval or amendment at the July meeting. The Chair raised the next issue relating to timings allowed to formally respond to all **planning applications**, that are currently extremely tight. A general discussion followed with a number of councillors expressing dismay that they often have very little time, even after extensions, to ensure a full response can be given. SR suggested that all clerks are approached to ensure a cohesive objection to the new routines of distributing planning applications.
- 7. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for April, £5,210.72p** This was proposed by KC and seconded by JO and approved unanimously. All expenditure items were individually approved, having been sent for approval during the month. The Chair signed a copy of the Inc/Exp Schedule.

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The appeal from **Park CP School** was preceded by SR, BA, KC, SW and RW leaving the room having signed DOI's. The Vice Chair read out the appeal, which regarded an appeal for a contribution towards the cost of providing various activities for the pupils over the summer. After a short discussion, SA proposed and JO seconded the award of £650 towards the listed summer activities. The Vice Chair asked for a vote, as there were no amendments. The motion was carried and the clerk will arrange payment. However, it was agreed that in future, all applications from Park CP School will need to make clear the contribution being made from parents.

8. Street Lighting: RW gave a short report with some councillors mentioning current issues.

9. Planning: The Chair raised the four Planning matters listed for this meeting, involving a 2 storey extension at Lloyd Morris Electrical (**0364**), Electrical switch room enclosure at H Pack on Llay Ind Est (**0376**), conversion of a barn to a single dwelling at Bradley Mill (**0426**) and a side extension to a property at 8, Crown Place Llay (**0433**). There were no relevant comments relating to any of the applications.

10. Burial Matters: KC and BA gave a brief report on their recent inspection of the cemetery, with some minor issues being passed onto the clerk for the cemetery groundsman. The issue of permanently removing weeds from the paths, and using pesticides to achieve this, was discussed and a way forward has been agreed. The Chair asked that special attention is given to the main entrance area as this is the first area the public see when attending funerals.

11. Reports: The Chair thanked all for their efforts with the LDP and mentioned the extension, which allowed future objections etc. LJ asked that a couple more meetings regarding the LDP be arranged, to show the commitment of everyone in Llay. The Chair agreed with this idea and it will be progressed. He also mentioned improvements to the property stock being carried out, although he noted that 10 per cent of occupants refuse to have their properties upgraded, due to the disturbance. The Chair also mentioned the issue of Citizens Advice funding issue which had been in the local press recently. RW reiterated the importance of filling out consultations for the LDP with the extension in place. Haywards Field is of particular interest. With regard to Arriva, RW mentioned that he was pleased with the coverage offered by local press, and he mentioned how much of the work had been carried out by the Chair. However, RW is most disappointed with the response from the companies involved. The public transport network within Llay remains sadly lacking for those it is meant to serve.

12. News/Website: There were no new items regarding the website to discuss at this meeting.

13. Correspondence: No separate correspondence had been received by the Clerk.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2051

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18th July at 1830** in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:-

Mr B Apsley
Chair
18th July 2018