

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre
Date & Time: 19th June 2019 @ 1830

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (Vice Chair), S Apsley, W Austin K Cupit, J O'Keefe, K Powell, R Walsh, L Jones, S Roberts, S Watson, D Adams & Clerk. PCSO Sawyer and Press.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr T Boland, J Osborne, P Taylor
Declarations of Interest: Cllr Roberts (Planning)
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the **May meeting** were accepted as a true record, proposed by JO'K, seconded by RW and carried unanimously.
- 3. Matters Arising:** The Chair mentioned the recent **grave inspection** of the cemetery, to check the safety of all graves. He thanked all those who attended to tidy some graves and clear moss off some paths. The Chair also mentioned the **second planter** that council have agreed to install. After discussion, another option was considered, based on recent work carried outside the Resource Centre. SR proposed that the planter should be obtained from the local source and this was seconded by DO and carried unanimously. JO'K raised the ongoing issue of **Llay Woods** and the state of the paths, nettles covering the handrails etc. RW will continue to chase this up with WCBC. DO gave an update on a meeting with the Crown proprietor regarding the **installation of the defibrillator** and he will update when the owners of the premises have responded. SR asked about our recent correspondence to WCBC over **planning matters** and the Chair informed all that the Leader of the Council has agreed to a meeting recently which the Clerk will arrange.
- 4. Public Questions:** No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.
- 5. Police Matters:** PCSO Sawyer elaborated on the figures that were distributed ahead of the meeting. The Chair invited questions or comments from council and RW asked if a **recent accident** regarding a vehicle damaging railings near the Vicarage had been reported. PCSO S will look into this. RW also asked for confirmation that **released persons from custody** are still being offered a lift away from the new Station. PCSO S will look into this also. On the same subject SA mentioned being asked by someone how to get to Wrexham, feeling that they had no idea where they were so it was felt that this was still a problem.
- 6. New Matters:** The Vice Chair mentioned the item he had listed, stating that there had been a majority vote in favour of the pay award, but he had some new information to present. The Chair asked why this was being brought up within 6 months of the original decision having been agreed at a full council meeting. The Chair thought the item referred to CiLCA as listed and nothing more. No other Councillor spoke in this regard. Having clarified that the item would not be discussed, beyond CiLCA, the Vice Chair departed from the meeting.
- 7. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for May totalling £6,213.60p**, The Chair asked for approval of these payments. This was proposed by SR seconded by KP and carried unanimously The Chair then signed a copy of the Inc/Exp Schedule. The Clerk sought full council approval to **re-appoint Coxey's Auditors** of Wrexham for the Financial Year 2019/2020. This was proposed by SR and seconded by RW and carried unanimously. The Clerk also sought formal approval for various Policies and Procedures Documents, which are required to be annually checked and approved by full council as part of the audit process. For this meeting, the following documents were checked and agreed: **Financial Risk Assessment, Internal Control Policy, Investment Strategy, Financial Reserves Policy and Financial Regulations of Council**. The Chair proposed accepting these with JO'K seconding and this was carried unanimously.
- 8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a brief report mentioning a couple of ongoing issues

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9. **Planning:** Prior to discussing the first planning item on the Agenda, SR left the meeting, having signed a DOI earlier. **P/2019/0344** (Parking & Operation for 2 P/Hire vehicles at 33, 8th Avenue Llay) has already been approved. It was generally agreed that this was not acceptable. The Clerk was instructed to contact Planning at WCBC expressing concern regarding traffic problems that might arise, as the opportunity to comment had not been afforded.. **P/2019/0372** relating to an extension at the Forge was discussed briefly, with no comments at this stage. **P/2019/0374** was also discussed briefly with no comments at this stage. RW raised the issue of recent issues regarding healthcare in Rossett being used as part of an argument against a planning application, which he feels is extremely relevant to Llay and this will be listed on the next agenda.

10. **Burial Matters:** The **inspection report** by SR and SW was presented and discussed briefly with no major issues being raised other than some further pruning of internal bushes being required. The Clerk will arrange for this to be carried out during the next grass cut. There was a general discussion regarding long term plans for the cemetery which concluded with an agreement to discuss this more fully during the next Finance Committee meeting when this is held. **The next inspection** will be WA and SA. The Clerk gave three quotes to **repair parts of the path edges** within the cemetery. After discussion it was agreed this will be held over until nearer the time of the cemetery extension when all new paths will be installed.

11. **Reports:** RW gave a brief report mentioning **speeding within the village**, following a recent accident, and asked for speed signs to be listed for the July agenda. RW reported that First Avenue is going to be resurfaced at long last. Pathways near Gwastyd Hall are also going to be widened. The Chair mentioned meetings upcoming at WCBC involving the LDP with the first one in early September. The Chair also gave a brief report on various planning matters of concern to Llay. A number of councillors spoke with concerns regarding a number of issues relating to local shops, traffic problems relating to the Gresford Road development. The Chair also reported he had spoken to Ian Lucas MP who also expressed concern about infrastructure within Llay, especially the B roads, with the likelihood of increased traffic.

12. **News/Website:** No issues to report at this stage.

13. **Correspondence:** There was none that had not already been discussed. Prior to the closure of the meeting, the Clerk asked for an opportunity to discuss a staff matter once the Press had departed. The notes of this will be contained in an addendum.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved by RW and seconded by SR and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2000.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th July 2019 at 1830 in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre**

Signed:

Mr B Apsley, Chair
17th July 2019

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