

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre

Date & Time: 21st November 2018 @ 18:30

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (Vice Chair), S Apsley, K Cupit, J O'Keefe, K Powell, W Austin, R Walsh, P Taylor, L Jones & Clerk, 2 PCSO's and 1 member of the Press.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs T Boland, J Osborne, S Roberts, S Watson
Declarations of Interest: Nil
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the **October meeting** were accepted as a true record, proposed by KC, seconded by JO'K and carried unanimously.
- 3. Matters Arising:** The Chair informed all there is a meeting planned for 7pm on Monday 26th at Llay RBL to discuss the possible planning matters. He hoped to see as many people as possible there. The Chair also read out a letter received from a local resident who had suffered a recent fall down the steep slope where the **path fencing is missing**. The Chair made reference to recent meetings he had held with RW and JO'K, along with a member of WCBC Staff, where it was agreed this area would be made safe as soon as practical. JO'K stated that although leaves and general tidying took place quickly, after two months the fencing is still totally inadequate. After a general discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would now send a letter to the Head of Department at WCBC with responsibility for public paths. RW stated that he had spoken to SR and the posters for the future use of the **telephone box** are in hand, but will be dealt with when SR is able to return to council meetings in the near future.
- 4. Public Questions:** No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.
- 5. Police Matters:** PCSO Harris gave a report based on the **latest crime figures** which had been distributed to all councillors ahead of the meeting. A **security advice leaflet** was also distributed, which gives simple crime prevention tips for residents with Christmas approaching. This will be placed online (NWPS Facebook page) and distributed locally. RW mentioned some **speeding issues involving Satnavs** not showing the correct speed for certain areas in Llay. The Chair raised the ongoing issue about **installing CCTV** in Llay. DA stated that we had quotes and it is now a decision for council to make. The Chair asked the Clerk to list for a final decision in December, with PCSO Harris agreeing to send the quotes to the Clerk for distribution to all councillors. DO agreed to look closely into the various quotes in existence, with a view to using his professional experience to advise council. PT raised the issue of young people smoking **illicit drugs** locally, with other councillors speaking in support of this issue. Once again, the police advice is to report this as soon as practical, so it can be logged. DA mentioned some **new speed cameras** in other areas he had seen, that did not appear to have been paid for by community councils. He asked why Llay could not have one to reduce the speed problem. The Clerk will contact other clerks to find out how these new cameras were paid for.
- 6. New Matters:** There were no new matters to discuss.
- 7. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for October for £4,986.07p**. This was proposed by KP and seconded by RW and approved unanimously. All expenditure items were individually approved, having been sent for approval during the month since the last meeting. The Chair signed a copy of the Inc/Exp Schedule. DA raised his concerns with how the new **Finance Committee** will operate. DA is particularly concerned that there is a risk of decisions being taken outside full council. It was agreed after discussion, that clear guidelines for this newly formed Committee will be agreed at the December meeting and the Clerk was instructed to list this. The Clerk apologised for the lack of clarity regarding the listing of the Precept discussion on the October Agenda.
- 8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a short report highlighting some defects he was aware of.
- 9. Planning:** The Chair mentioned the first matter (0859) regarding retrospective planning for **raised decking**. PT was aware of this matter and felt it was a good improvement to the property. There were no other

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comments at this stage. The Clerk was instructed to inform WCBC Planning that they supported this application. RW proposed with PT seconding this proposal. This decision was carried unanimously. The Chair mentioned the second application (0933) relating to **mixed use development at Llay RBL**. The Chair spoke with extensive knowledge of this application, passing on useful information to all council and RW stated he agreed with the original planning comments previously noted. In concluding this item, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Officer concerned, stipulating that Llay community council stood by their original support for the WCBC Planning Committee decision relating to this application.

10. Burial Matters: On behalf of himself and KC, the Chair raised issues following their recent inspection. Although satisfactory overall, there was some **moss growth** on paths that required removal on grounds of safety, some minor repairs to **mesh fencing** which himself and KC would carry out in due course, some **weeding** along the fencing and the **hedgerow behind the building** needs topping off. In addition to ensuring all these pick up points are dealt with, the Clerk will check some areas where there are **gaps between graves**. The main **refuse bin** will also be moved out of sight and replaced with a new Planter. PT kindly agreed to seek someone to provide this item. The Chair finished by giving a brief update on the **land matter** concerning the extension to the cemetery. The December inspection will be by JO'K and DO.

11. Reports: RW gave a brief update on the **new bins** now in place. RW also mentioned the upcoming **LDP meeting** due to be held on 22nd November. The Chair also referred to the importance of the LDP meeting and the very serious concerns both he and RW had with the procedures being followed, concerning Llay. Both County Councillors will be speaking at the meeting on behalf of those they represent.

12. News/Website: Nothing on this occasion.

13. Correspondence: Other than planning correspondence and other matters already mentioned previously, there were no items of correspondence on this occasion.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2030.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12th December at 1830** in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:

Mr B Apsley
Chair
12th December 2018