

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

4. Police Matters:

Due to the absence of any representative from the Police, the figures that were distributed were briefly discussed and accepted. TB informed all that he would be meeting with the Police in the near future to discuss a number of matters and would report back.

5. Finance and Appeals:

The Clerk presented Finance figures for September. These were accepted by all present as correct.

The Clerk informed all that the online banking system was now up and running, allowing future bills to be paid directly without the need for cheques. Any member of the council can also contact the Clerk and ask for an immediate statement of accounts, which would be available immediately and on demand.

The Llay Friends of Gresford Disaster Memorial committee had contacted the Clerk requesting some financial assistance with the maintenance costs for the Memorial. Although technically in Gresford, MH stated that the disaster in particular and the local mining community in general did contain an awful lot of Llay residents, both current and sadly passed away. He was of the opinion that this worthwhile cause should be supported. Other Councillors present mentioned their own family connections to the mining industry and after consideration, the Clerk was asked to contact the organisers to ascertain exactly what level of support they required. This was proposed by MH and seconded by BA.

6. Street Lighting:

MH mentioned a light out near 12 Mayville Avenue. The Clerk will report this to the relevant authority post haste.

7. Planning:

There was one planning application, for the erection of a 4 bedroomed dwelling on land south west of Gegin Lane in LLay. After discussion this was received without adverse comment.

8. Burial Matters:

The Clerk mentioned that a recent incident involving a branch falling onto a pathway had resulted in him contacting the WCBC recommended tree specialist to ensure all the trees over head height pose no immediate threat to members of the public within the cemetery. The cost for this report (valid for 5 years) would be £250. After discussion, BA proposed this be carried out, with KC seconding. This was carried unanimously.

The Clerk mentioned that the Groundsmans' office had been redecorated, but to avoid rainfall entering this small rest room, the door would be converted into a stable door, to allow light into this small space. Security would not be compromised as it would still lock from the inside at the end of each day and would have the protection of the iron bars. The Groundsman will get in touch with the owner of the one bench removed to a place of safety, and ascertain their intentions for it going forward.

Finally, Councillors were reminded that a monthly inspection is overdue.

9. Correspondence:

A letter had been received by the Clerk, regarding the addition of a small plaque adjacent to the war memorial, which would allow visitors with smart phones to access information regarding

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the memorial. This has been set up by a heritage charity at most of the war memorials throughout Wales. The Clerk will inform their Chairman that he may add Llay War Memorial to his list.

Community Agents: This new initiative, to assist older people within their own communities, has received Welsh Government funding for the Wrexham Area. The organiser is keen to involve local communities initially and after discussion, the Chairperson agreed to contact the organiser early next week to fact find for the Council. The Clerk will inform the organiser of his contact details.

Line Marking/Private Parking: The Clerk had received a letter from a local resident requesting either private parking allocation, or new white line marking to clearly display parking spaces for an area of Llay. Whilst not able to assist on the private parking aspect, as this has already been turned down by WCBC, it was felt that the lines could be remarked. The original lines were believed to have been installed by WCBC and the Clerk was tasked to chase up this matter and inform all concerned.

10. Borough Councillors Report.

Whilst it was agreed that any other business is not recommended for Community Council meetings (due to Councillors who may have left the meeting and/or little opportunity for useful discussion due to lack of warning) TB informed all that the Chairperson had agreed to re-introduce a Borough Councillors report at all future meetings, to ensure that vital information from WCBC is passed onto to all community Councillors as soon as possible. TB reported that he was aware that there may be a future housing development involving some 350 houses. He has concerns regarding this, particularly as the local schools are already pretty full. It would also impact on health service provision, although this is not a matter that the planners would consider. He will keep all informed.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved, seconded and agreed and the meeting closed at 1943. The date and time of the next meeting is:

THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER at 1830

Signed:.....

Mr D Broderick
Chairman
20th November 2014