

18th October 2017

Apologies: were read out by chair for Mr Mark Williams, Cllr Dave Adams and Cllr Nathan Hughes, Chairman warmly welcomed back Terry after his period of absence.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: section 7c Cllr S Roberts and Cllr B Apsley. Cllr R Walsh stated that he was aware of the proposal but had no affiliation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING: a decision was made not to sign off the minutes from September, due to an outside investigation, the proposal was raised by Cllr Dennis Owen and seconded by Cllr R Walsh.

QUESTION PERIOD: (a) *is there an update on foregolf Llay.* Cllr R Walsh updated the chair “officially plans are still going ahead, but no date to be confirmed”, Cllr R Walsh also stated when Wrexham borough council finds out, we would be informed shortly afterwards.

Police Matters: PCSO 2975 Andrew Harris was in attendance. PCSO Harris was welcomed by the chair and informed the chair of recent crime figures and events. It was also brought to the attention of the chair of a recent heinous burglary committed on an elderly couple within the village, by two men acting as police officers. PCSO Harris asked people to be vigilant and request proof of ID, genuine officers will carry a warrant card at all times, challenge and ask for proof, PCSO Harris stated that Some of the Youths that are causing some issues within the muga, were not residents of Llay and youths were being challenged by police.

Cllr K Cupit asked what should be done regarding cold callers, PCSO Harris advised to keep doors locked and ask for ID, initiatives could be set up to protect the vulnerable, as in the setting up of a no cold calling area.

Cllr J Osborne brought up that recently within the Llay green area, house doors had been tried to gain access.

Cllr S Watson brought to the attention of the Chair, that fireworks were being set off behind the changing rooms just off Nant y gaer road. and that residents had tried on numerous occasions to contact the police on 101, PCSO Harris suggested using alternatives such as email.

The public questioned PCSO Harris with regard to what the police were going to do moving forward, after the recent Spate of events, PCSO Harris suggested that the police would be giving advice, Cllr D Owen suggested a leaflet drop raising awareness (PCSO Harris said that he would email some detail which would help the production of the leaflet). Cllr T Boland suggested that we should pull together as a village. Cllr Bryan Apsley raised the question for the inspector to visit considering the rising crime figures, PCSO Harris claimed that the inspector was pencilled in for November.

Public also brought to the attention of the chair, that people living in social housing, can be removed from their homes if they or their children are causing repeat antisocial behaviour.

MATTERS ARISING: (a) *relist from September of WW1 beacon in Llay.* Cllr B Apsley relayed information from the Royal British Legion, that they were still discussing whether to support the beacon, but still not sure of the details. It was also suggested that interaction from other clubs and organisations would be an asset to help move the event forward.

(b) *Locations of possible new litter bins:* The chairman asked if councillors could each think of two suitable locations to site bins, common locations listed are as follows: -- Chapel Lane, Llay New Road towards Alyn waters, Second Avenue, Nant y gaer road, 6th Avenue, Ffordd Madoc, and Council Street. Cllr R Walsh offered to consult with Streetscene on suitability of suggested sites, Cllr R Walsh also raised concerns on the impact of siting bins close to housing and possible resistance from home owners.

Cllr R Walsh informed the chair that we no longer have a street sweeper at our disposal.

Cllr J Osborne informed the chair of a suggested shared resource to clamp down on the amount of litter, which would call for the employment a litter enforcement officer, the cost of which could be shared over several villages.

(c) *Relist of red telephone boxes:* A lot of interest was generated by the Council for the potential use of BT redundant telephone boxes, and it was decided that this matter should be addressed at greater length at another time.

(d) Attitude to minutes and matters arising and the aim to follow good practice with regard to accurate minutes and the no misleading of anyone via minutes and matters arising (Chair). Chair decided to revisit this matter in November as he had only amended it by email 2 days before.

7. FINANCE AND APPEALS :

a. Approve Finance figures for September (All) finance figures agreed by proposer Cllr S Apsley and seconded by Cllr R Walsh.

b. Play Area See Saw replacement issue to discuss. (All) (Relisted)

Pictures were shared for an alternative replacement with rough estimates of £5000 for a seesaw and £7000 respectively. Cllr S Roberts highlight the potential in having a zip wire, this was met with particular interest from councillors. Cllr S Roberts also suggested local children having a say on their preference, and using the school as a conduit for this purpose. The chair would like the Clerk to look into possible options and prices for a zip wire.

c. Grant application for Llay Amateur Boxing Club to carry out repairs. As per declaration of interest, both Chairman Cllr B Apsley and Cllr S Roberts left the room. Cllr Dennis Owen took the chair, the matter was discussed, and Cllr J Osborne proposed and was seconded by Cllr L Jones that we need greater clarification of financial accounts of Boxing Club before a conscious decision could be made, the chair was in agreement. Cllr B Apsley and Cllr S Roberts were invited to return to the room.

The Clerk had left a note regarding a wreath for Remembrance Sunday and no objections made

8. STREET LIGHTING:

Problematic lighting highlighted by councillors as follows 2nd avenue, 4th avenue, 8th avenue and Pentre street.

9. PLANNING

a. P/2017/0829 change of use for Industrial Unit to Gymnastics Club on Miners Road. Application agreed no objections by councillors.

Public brought to the attention of the chair the possibility of a drug rehabilitation centre, housing 12 beds and adopting an open house policy, which could be operational in the new year. Councillors were unaware of such an initiative, and are unaware of any forthcoming planning applications.

10. BURIAL MATTERS:

a. Inspection Report for Oct (KC/SA) Report from Cllr K Cupit and Cllr S Apsley concluded that the cemetery was in good shape considering the high winds that we have experienced, but would like to see the removal of the concrete from the rear of the building. Councillors agreed that a skip should be sought.

11. REPORTS

Bryan to supply report

12. NEWS/WEBSITE UPDATE

a. Information on Website (SR) councillors thought it would be pertinent for Cllr D Adams to be present to discuss the new web site following the information provided by SR, at the next meeting

13. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence apart from the Wreath note

Standing orders were moved by Cllr R Walsh and agreed.

Mr B Apsley

Chair

15th November 2017