**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 13th December 2023 @ 1830

**In Attendance:** Cllrs B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (Vice Chair), S Apsley, J O’Keefe, R Walsh, S Watson, St Watson, T Ankers, K Cupit,

P Taylor, M Jones, D Owen & Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Apologies received from C Archer, W Austin & K Powell**.** S Watson signed a DOI relating to Agenda Item 9a.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The Chair asked if there were any comments or points to consider relating to the November Minutes. There were none and the November Minutes were proposed as a true record by JO’K and SW and approved unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** There was no significant new information regarding the use of the disused play areas. This will be relisted for February.

**4. Public Questions:** On this occasion, no questions had been received from members of the Public.

**5. Police Matters:** The Chair invited comments from Council regarding the latest Crime Figures document that had been distributed by PCSO Griffiths-Hughes. There was a general feeling that those who choose to **speed, or work on vehicles in the road**, are able to do so for too long before action is taken. A general discussion then followed relating to the 20/30 mph speed limit issues that are ongoing.

**6. New Matters:** The Chair outlined the comments from the recent **Finance Committee meeting** to **discuss the Precept for 2024/2025**. Furthermore, the Chair then outlined expenditure for the remaining part of this financial year. Due to vastly increased energy costs for street lighting and the Council’s requirement to replace a large number of unsafe streetlight columns urgently, it was agreed that  Llay CC would request £141,328 Precept from WCBC for the 2024/2025 financial year. This will be conveyed to WCBC before January 2024 in accordance with normal timeframes

**7. Finance: The** **November Income** (£3,433.46) **and Expenditure Figures** (£ 21,488.74) distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. It was agreed that, where working capital is required to be **transferred between accounts**, the Clerk will seek approval in advance from Council, before transferring the monies across. There were no queries regarding either income or expenditure. The figures were accepted, proposed by DO, seconded by MJ.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a report on ongoing issues with a number of streetlight issues around Llay, assisted by a number of Councillors who gave him further details of streetlight issues. These will be passed on to the relevant authority for further investigation. Councillors gave RW some updates on lighting issues they were aware of.

**9. Planning:** The Chair introduced the two listed Planning Matters for discussion. Prior to discussing the item relating to the conversion into a pet salon, SW removed herself, having signed a DOI. These related to a **conversion of a domestic garage into a salon on Ffordd Gryffydd** and the addition **of solar panels to the roof of Sharps Electronic Factory.** After a brief discussion, it was agreed there were no concerns at this stage.

**10. Burial Matters:** It was agreed that the possibility of a Memorial Area at the Cemetery be placed on the January Agenda.

**11. Reports:** The Chair gave a brief report outlining the situation regarding **toilet provision** in Wrexham. It is the case that Wrexham provides less facilities for its residents than many other areas. It is anticipated this matter will progress by April next year. The **Xmas Lights** have been quite unpredictable this year, with a number of issues relating to lights going off intermittently. This is being chased up with Mega Electrical. There is puzzlement why timing settings between 2 lights next to each other can be so different. Finally, the Chair expressed concern over the ongoing saga involving the Liaison Meeting at **Ballswood Quarry**. It is hoped that some clarity will be achieved when the January meeting, planned for 8th January, takes place. RW gave an update on the delivery of the latest **Newsletter**, thanking those that had assisted him. It is still hoped that a **School Crossing Patrol** person can be found and this is being constantly chased up with the relevant department at WCBC.

**12. News/Website:** There were no issues to report at this meeting and no questions/suggestions from Councillors. The Clerk will update the first page to wish Llay Residents a Merry Xams and Happy New Year.

**13. Correspondence:** Nil on this occasion.

**14.** **Post Meeting Actions**: The list of agreed post meeting actions to be carried out was discussed and agreed and will be prepared by the Clerk and distributed with the draft Minutes.

Finally, The Chair took the opportunity to wish all Councillors, and their families, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by DO, seconded by the RW and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2005.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 1830

In the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair