**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 19th July 2023 @ 1830

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

 D Owen, W Austin, R Walsh & Clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Apologies were received from Cllrs M Jones, P Taylor. There were no declarations of interest.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The **June Minutes** were discussed by all after which the Chair sought approval of the Minutes as a true record. Approved by DO and seconded by St W and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair raised the ongoing matter of **Community Agents**. The Chair and RW had attended a scrutiny meeting at WCBC in May to review this and the prospects were encouraging. Recent correspondence from the Rainbow Trust has caused confusion and annoyance. The Chair explained that an e mail that had been sent but not received by the Clerk has added to the problems of communication. His main concern is that the final decision has been taken by WCBC without our knowledge and prior to the community council deciding which of the three original options they preferred. Further correspondence will be sent to WCBC to arrange a meeting for a fuller explanation. The Chair asked for comments regarding suitable places in Llay for **Electric Vehicle Charging Points**. It was highlighted there was now one at the Resource Centre, and a small number at the new Aldi store. Suggestions were the Car Park at Alyn Waters in Llay, in the vicinity of the council owned garages at the rear of properties and near the football pitch. The Chair emphasised that unless Llay CC suggested places they actually want the charging points to be, the risk was they would be installed randomly, so he asked all to consider the matter further and report back with further suggestions.

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

**5. Police Matters:** The latest crime figures and information received from NWPS were discussed by all. The Chair asked for any further comments. Concern was expressed regarding the old Nant Y Gaer Nursing Home, which appears to have been abandoned by the previous owners. Whilst it is the private property of the owners, it would be appreciated if future plans for this site could be identified quickly to avoid further anti social behaviour. Further comment was made that it would be so useful to be able to occasionally speak to member/s of the NWPS at the monthly meeting.

**6. New Matters:** The Chair and RW will contact an Assets Officer at WCBC to chase up the two areas of land that Llay CC are interested in utilising for community use. This matter will remain on the Agenda until a final decision is made.

**7. Finance: The** **June Income and Expenditure** (£9,274.14p) figures distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. There were no queries regarding either income or expenditure.. Proposed by DO, seconded by RW and approved unanimously. The **Staff Salaries were formally approved** **by full Council** with the Chair instructing the Clerk to add the review of salaries to the September Agenda.

**8. Street Lighting:** The Chair invited RW to give his monthly report regarding known and reported street lighting issues in Llay currently under investigation. RW read out a list of those he is aware have been reported and updated where applicable.

**9. Planning:** The Chair raised a couple of recent issues relating to how planning concerns, when expressed in writing, are being dealt with by Officers within the planning department of WCBC. This has now been addressed but will require further scrutiny to ensure that written submissions by Llay CC are properly considered. RW announced that Bellway Homes have been served a formal Notice of Breach of Planning Conditions by WCBC.

**10. Burial Matters:** The Chair informed all that the cemetery required a new **ride on mower.** After discussion, it was agreed to purchase a replacement after some research into what is required. The Clerk will research and report with recommendations to all Councillors before purchasing. In addition, SA proposed with DO seconding, that the offer for the broken one, of £200, to be used for spares, be accepted. This was unanimously agreed. The second issue the Chair raised was the **pollarding of all the lime trees** in the cemetery, along with other reparation work on all trees. The same company who performed excellently last time had quoted a fair price. DO proposed with the Chair seconding, that RJ tree Services be engaged to carry out this necessary work. The Clerk will inform the firm concerned, and accept their quote.

**11. Reports:** RW gave his report regarding a number of matters affecting local residents. RW mentioned that following some **recent flooding**, he had visited bad areas with those responsible from WCBC, who will carry out work as soon as practical. This would involve cleaning the drains out, providing sandbags etc but people should be aware that saving properties must take priority. **Flooding issues on the new Bellway Homes estate** are also being investigated further, with meetings from affected parties upcoming. RW mentioned that the **changing of local speed signs to 20mph**, to reflect incoming Welsh Government policy, will result in a small stretch when leaving Llay, from the Cemetery to Park Road being exempt. RW asked all to remember the **Llay Community** **Newsletter** is always on the lookout for good local news stories so please keep him informed. The Chair gave a very full report regarding the proposals going forward relating to the **Fire Service** as it affects Wrexham. This matter is ongoing but is going to be difficult to resolve, given the financial situation affecting all public services. Overall, the Chair is deeply concerned about the future of the Fire Service in Wrexham, and would encourage everyone to get involved in the consultation process.

**12. News/Website:** There were no issues to report at this meeting and no questions/suggestions from Councillors.

**13. Correspondence:** The Vice Chair read out details regarding the new pricing policy for the **breakfast clubs at local schools**. The Chair mentioned recent correspondence relating to suggested alterations to the garden area at the rear of the Resource Centre involving **Your Space**. A number of Councillors expressed concern regarding the reason for the bamboo fencing and it was agreed a letter be sent to Ms Hancocks outlying the councils’ concerns.

**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.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by DO, seconded by JO’K and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2103.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 1830

In the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair