**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 16th March 2022 @ 1830

**In Attendance:**  Councillors B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (Vice Chair) S Apsley, J O’Keefe, C Archer, K Cupit, Steve Watson, D Owen, S Watson, M Jones, W Austin & Clerk. Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair asked all to hold a period of silence in support of the people of Ukraine during these traumatic times.

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Cllr T Ankers, R Walsh, K Powell, P Taylor
2. **Declarations of Interest**: Cllr K Cupit (Agenda Item 7C)
3. The **February Minutes** were discussed by all. The Chair asked for approval for the **February Minutes** as published. Proposed by DO and seconded by JO’K and carried unanimously.

1. **Matters Arising:** The Chair asked if anyone had further ideas regarding the upcoming **Queens Platinum** Jubilee. CA is seeking permission to decorate the MUGA with various designs based on all Countries in the UK. CA will seek help from others as required. The Chair expressed his hope that this was co- ordinated between all organisations/clubs etc and spread out over the 4 day holiday. The Chair then asked for comments regarding sprucing up the new **welcome signs**. In addition after a short discussion it was unanimously agreed to order two more welcome signs from the same company. The Clerk will make arrangements. Regarding flowers/planters around the signs, after various ideas were put forward, this will be discussed further before a final decision is made. The Chair spoke regarding the recent confusion over the **Llay Miners Welfare Licence Application**. The Chair has written to the licencing authority at WCBC asking them to make clearer about existing licenses when sending out the paperwork. This would have avoided unnecessary paperwork for all involved. Regarding the **Telephone Box refurbishment**, the Chair reminded all of the quotes obtained and asked for comments. Various councillors made comments and after the Chair read out both quotes, it was decided to offer British bits.co.uk the opportunity to carry out the refurbishment provided there are **no further costs** for extracting the box from its’ current location.
2. **Public Questions:** On this occasion, no questions had been received from the Public.
3. **Police Matters:** The Chair introduced the latest **Police Figures**, as distributed to all Councillors. The Vice Chair mentioned the lack of figures from NWPS when compared to Offa Community Council. Others commented on recent anti-social behaviour. Concern was expressed regarding youths coming to Llay from other areas. The Clerk will pass these on to our PCSO.
4. **New Matters:** Nothing to discuss on this occasion.
5. **Finance:** The Chair asked all present to consider the **February Income & Expenditure** aspresented, (£6943.84p) and sent to all Councillors. It was proposed by MJ and seconded by DO that these be approved and this was carried unanimously. The Chair then raised the grant application from “**Family Friends Group**” and asked for comments. There were some queries regarding the breakdown of their financial position as presented. The decision was taken to instruct the Clerk to seek further clarification of their finances before making a decision. Next, the Chair asked all to consider the application from **Llay Gardening Society** for funding. KC, having signed a DOI, left the room at this point. After discussing the difficulties encountered recently by this group, the Vice Chair proposed, with SW seconding, the award of £600 as requested. This was approved unanimously. The Clerk will inform the Secretary of the group. Finally, the Chair raised the issue of **One Voice Wales renewal**. After various Councillors made their views clear, Steve W proposed and JO’K seconded not renewing this year. The Chair asked for any other proposals which there were not and the decision not to renew was unanimous. The Clerk will inform OVW of this decision.
6. **Street Lighting:** In the absence of RW, a number of Councillors raised lighting issues that are ongoing.
7. **Planning:** The Chair asked for any comments regarding **P/2022/0145** and there were none at this stage. Regarding the alcohol licence application from **Aldi (Llay),** there was puzzlement why the hours contained within the application for an alcohol licence are earlier and later than the actual opening hours of the store itself. The Chair then raised the final planning matter regarding PR Hughes Haulage variation to planning permission. There were no comments at this stage.
8. **Burial Matters:** All councillors were happy with the cemetery and there were no further comments.
9. **Reports:** The Chair mentioned he had recently visited **Ballswood Quarry** and was shocked at the size of extraction being taken. However, following a meeting with a member of staff, there is a better appreciation of the huge geographical area that the quarry is providing materials for. Notwithstanding this economical necessity, the Chair and other Councillors expressed concern about the expansion of this facility, and the removal of flora and fauna that is associated with the various planning applications that are submitted. The Chair concluded by stating that there would be close scrutiny of all future planning applications by himself and others. The Chair then gave a brief update on the recent **Planning Review** along with the expected outcomes. This was in spite of various County Councillors furnishing the review team with examples when Planning have made fundamental errors in carrying out their duties. The Chair informed all there were no further Council Meetings, due to the forthcoming elections, unless an emergency occurred. The Chair updated all regarding the proposed **Reindeer Farm** on behalf of himself and RW, expressing some concerns with the plans as they currently are proposed. The Vice Chair also expressed concern about the stated ecology report and actions being taken regarding trees on the site. On this matter, CA also informed Council of a number of concerns that she felt still existed after researching the various aspects of the application, many of which WA spoke about in support of his own concerns. A number of Councillors spoke expressing serious concerns about the location of the entrance, which is considered to be potentially dangerous. This application will continue to attract scrutiny as it progresses.
10. **News/Website:** Nothing to report.
11. **Correspondence**: Other than matters already listed and discussed, there was no further correspondence.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by JO’K seconded by DO and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2015.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th April 2022 at 1830 in**

**The Church Hall**

Signed: …………………………………………………………………..

Mr B Apsley, Chair

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