**- MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 18th May 2022 @ 1830

**In Attendance:** Cllrs B Apsley, S Apsley, K Powell, D Owen, W Austin, J O’Keefe, K Cupit,

 R Walsh, M Jones, S Roberts, S Watson, Steve Watson, P Taylor, T Ankers, C Archer & Clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** DOI’s were signed by Stephen Watson (Item 3c) and C Ankers (Item 3d).

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The **April Minutes** were discussed by all after which the Chair sought approval of the Minutes as published. This was proposed by DO, seconded by RW and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** RW gave an update on the **Llay Community Newsletter**, and stated he hoped to send out a draft copy to all before the June meeting. CA informed all that **Your Space** have not updated Llay CC regarding the matter of the **defibrillator**. She will chase this up and liaise with the Clerk if a letter is required. Before the **Xmas Farm** item was discussed, Stephen Watson left the room having signed a DOI. The Chair then gave a general update regarding this new venture. RW confirmed to all that the Enforcement Officer has confirmed that she has visited the site. CA is concerned that items have appeared on the site, with assumptions being made that the planning process is going to be completed in favour of all planning intentions which concerned a number of other Councillors. The two County Councillors plan to meet the Enforcement Officer as soon as they could. In general, there is a lot of frustration from all Councillors, that enforcement action by WCBC is either non existent or far too slow to achieve its’ stated aim. The Chair then invited CA to discuss the **future of the Resource Centre.** CA was concerned about how the rooms and facilities within the Resource Centre, the origins of which were for public use, have slowly been taken over by businesses. SA gave some useful background information on the origins of funding for the Resource Centre, which SA had been involved in. The original use for the building was to be as a Youth Club. CA continued by explaining how the small parts that are still open and used by the Llay Community, are in need of decoration and minor improvements that do not appear to be happening soon. RW informed all that he recently met, and arranged a future meeting and lunch, with the Council Leader, where the issues will be made clear to him.

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

**5. Police Matters:** In the absence of the PCSO, the Chair invited all to comment on the recent report from NWPS. The Chair suggested a Saturday morning date for the **walkaround** **with our local PCSO**. This was agreed as the most suitable date. KP mentioned a recent incident opposite **9th Avenue**, where a modified cycle narrowly missed a child, travelling at a shocking speed. The Vice Chair mentioned a similar incident that she had seen.

**6. New Matters:** After discussion the Chair suggested the Brass Plaque within the phone box would need the correct wording. A number of different suggestions were made with the final wording being agreed as “ Donated by Llay Community Council /For the Benefit of Future Generations/Jubilee Year 2022”. This was agreed unanimously and the Clerk will arrange for this to be made prior to the box being returned.

**7. Finance:** The Chair asked for any comments relating to the **April Income and Expenditure** figures distributed ahead of the meeting. These were unanimously approved with RW proposing and DO seconding. The Chair asked for comments regarding the **Annual Return**. **The internal Audit Report** was briefly read and discussed and all Councillors agreed the figures listed and the **Chair then duly signed the Annual Return.**

**8. Street Lighting:** The Chair mentioned some ongoing issues with lights, especially those that are remaining on. There were also some slow responses from WCBC in dealing with this issue. RW also mentioned that the listed supervisor from WCBC no longer works for the Council. SR mentioned an issue regarding a light near Haywards Field, where the safety metal plate has been replaced with cardboard. Again, RW mentioned the ongoing issue of no lighting supervisor being in post. This is something he is chasing up urgently. DO also mentioned a belisha beacon issue he is aware of that is flashing all the time when it is not actually needed yet, being in the vicinity of Aldi which has yet to open. Regarding the price of electricity for the lights, The Clerk stated no replies offering a better price than currently paid had been received and if any Councillor was able to locate a unit price below 47p, please let him know.

**9. Planning: P2022/0369 (Hayakawa Int UK)** was briefly discussed with no concerns at this stage.

**10. Burial Matters:** All Councillors were very happy with the state of the cemetery although it had been noted that the grass and associated ground flowers are growing much quicker now as expected. WA will contact the Clerk to list some **tree issues** on the June agenda.

**11. Reports:** The Chair stated the 37% turnout in Llay for the recent Elections was commendable and amongst the highest in the Wrexham area. The Chair gave a brief update regarding forthcoming planning matters relating to **Ballswood Quarry.** This is a long standing planning matter that has been resubmitted and will be discussed in full at the next meeting of the Community Council. The Chair mentioned that he and RW will shortly be meeting the Planning Officer to discuss **aspects of the LDP** that affect Llay. RW confirmed that the land that was most contentious is now protected in agreement with the recommendations of the Inspectors. All **maps for the areas that were found to be erroneous**, have now been amended and are correctly listed. RW mentioned that **the grass cutting teams** are in Llay at present, and Councillors mentioned areas that required urgent attention. RW mentioned issues ongoing around the Crown Public House, where business is being badly affected, and the **nearby crossroads** affected by the **ongoing traffic issues**. Pedestrians are also hampered due to the blockages on pavements. Meetings with the **Virgin Media group** involved with disruption to pavements etc whilst laying broadband improvements are ongoing. The Chair mentioned he will be meeting MEGA electrical later this week, to discuss the extra Xmas Lights locations, as agreed by Council in April.

**12. News/Website:** Nothing to mention on this occasion**.**

**13. Correspondence:** No correspondence has been received that has not already been dealt with under previous headings in these Minutes.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by JO’K, seconded by DO and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2045.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 1830

In the Church Hall, Llay

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Mr B Apsley, Chair

20th May 2022