**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 17th May 2023 @ 1830

**In Attendance:** Cllrs B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (Vice Chair), S Apsley, J O’Keefe, St Watson, K Cupit, C Archer, P Taylor, K Powell, D Owen, R Walsh, M Jones, T Ankers, S Watson & Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Apologies were received from Cllr W Austin. DOI’s were signed by Vice Chair and RW relating to item 7d (Park CP School Grant Appeal) on the Agenda.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The **April Minutes** were discussed by all and approved without comment, proposed by KC and seconded by DO.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair asked for an update relating to the outstanding planning matter, relating to **Creative 7 Storage**, discussed recently. The Clerk will chase up a response. The same applied to **the 2 new bins** requested, where a quote with prices is still awaited. The **new fridge** has been fitted in the cemetery, thanks to the efforts of SA.

**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 A Councillor mentioned the recent incident involving an attempted **burglary during daylight**. The Clerk was asked to ascertain an update from the PCSO. On the same subject, the Chair mentioned that our PCSO had thanked him, on behalf of the council, for the purchase of safety/anti crime equipment, some of which had been given to the person involved in this incident.Various incidents of **anti social behaviour** and criminal damage to empty properties was raised by a number of councillors, along with the lack of response to reported **incidents on 10th Avenue.**

**6. New Matters:** The Chair suggested a meeting between WCBC and St W will be arranged in the near future to progress the matter of **disused land in Llay**. This matter will remain on the Agenda until a final solution is obtained. In addition, the Chair, RW and St W will meet to prepare for meetings with WCBC.

**7. Finance: The** **April Income and Expenditure** (£8,782.85p) figures distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. There were no queries and the figures were approved by DO and seconded by JO’K. The **Internal Audit report** had been received and accepted, and it was unanimously agreed to allow the Chair to sign the **Annual Return**, which he duly did. The Chair then asked for approval to **re-appoint Coxeys as Internal Auditors for 2023/24**. This was proposed by DO, seconded by PT and carried unanimously. The Clerk will write to Coxeys and inform them of this decision. At this point, the Vice Chair and RW left the room, having earlier signed DOI’s relating to the next matter on the agenda. The Chair then asked for comments regarding the **grant application from Park CP School** for funding towards their Summer Term Country Show. After a lengthy discussion with a number of Councillors contributing, it was agreed to defer making a decision until further details are obtained. On returning to the room, the Chair informed the Vice Chair of the matters council required some further clarification about. The Vice Chair agreed to discuss this and inform all of the outcome. Once all are updated this matter can then be relisted for further consideration. It was agreed to renew the **Insurance for 2023/2024 with Zurich Insurance** on the terms offered. Finally, SA asked that on returning to the room, if affected by a DOI, Councillors are informed of the outcome of the matter they have absented from straight away. It was unanimously agreed this was a good idea and will be implemented going forward.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a brief report relating to local lighting issues.

**9. Planning:** The Chair opened the discussion relating to vehicle access on land opposite Chapel Lane. The work has already been completed but due to objections, retrospective planning permission was required. It was generally felt the work had been carried out to an acceptable standard and there were no comments further at this stage. The Clerk will inform the Planning Officer. The Chair and RW gave some updates relating to historical planning matters that they were aware of in their capacity as county councillors.

**10. Burial Matters:** It was agreed to issue the new **list of cemetery fees** to Funeral Directors and Stonemasons. Meanwhile the Chair will carry out some further research to revisit this matter at a later date.

**11. Reports:** RW mentioned the recent incident involving illegal encampment locally. RW thanked all who attended the recent road safety meeting that was held and he gave some information regarding the **proposed speeds throughout Llay**, which would include some main roads in the area. RW also gave an update regarding **Planning Enforcement** in response to queries raised by another community councillor. A lengthy discussion followed with Councillors expressing their unhappiness about the lack of enforcement action taken by WCBC for a number of years relating to the Gresford Road development. The Chair gave some updates relating to police matters, following a recent meeting he had with NWPS. These updates involved long standing matters of concern to both Councillors and members of the community. There were promising signs the proposed Police actions would improve these matters for all. The Chair then raised the issue of **Community Agents**, where a recent meeting had resulted in updated information. Furthermore, the Chair and RW had recently attended a scrutiny meeting held at WCBC, which provided further information of value. The general consensus was that if possible, a visit and talk with a current community agent would be of enormous benefit. The Chair and RW will try and arrange this in the near future. Finally, the Chair mentioned the opportunity for a member or members of the council to join **YourSpace** in publicising the new defibrillator situated outside the Resource Centre. The Chair will liaise to find out the best times for this and inform anyone interested.

**12. News/Website:** Amendments as requested last month have been done, with the newsletter still to be uploaded.

**13. Correspondence:** There was no further correspondence to discuss.

**14. Summary of Actions;** The Chair asked for the list of matters to be carried out which was agreed as correct and will now form an Annex to the Draft Minutes and will be sent to all.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by DO, seconded by CA

and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2040.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 1830

In the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair

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