**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 15th November 2023 @ 1830

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

P Taylor & Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Apologies were received from Cllrs D Owen, M Jones. DOI’s were declared by Cllr Walsh relating to Matters Arising concerning Park CP School.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** RW asked to clarify the item relating to speeding in the vicinity of the traffic island mentioned in the October Minutes, confirming that the area involved is considered dangerous regardless of previous or current speed limits in place and not because of the speed limits. There were no further issues after which the Chair sought approval of the Minutes as a true record. Approved by RW, seconded by JO’K and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair asked if there were any present wishing to be appointed to the **School Governor** vacancy at Park CP School. There was not and the Chair asked the Clerk to list for February meeting. Regarding the **unused play areas** in Llay, RW stated that there is still no progress but this will be pursued further. There is general disappointment that since Llay CC proposed community use for these sites, in writing on 15th June, there appears to have been no worthwhile response of any sort from WCBC. The Chair then read out correspondence relating to the ongoing matter of **screen fencing around the school**,that has caused concern amongst local residents. The Council will explore further options to try and resolve this ongoing issue.

**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. Various matters listed were briefly discussed, relating to another incident of loose horses, and incidents involving speeding vehicles. The Chair asked if there were any other comments and a Councillor raised a matter relating to inconsiderate parking across drive ways at a location in Llay. This will be passed onto the Police for further investigation.

**6. New Matters:** The Chair stated that the Finance Committee will meet as soon as practical to prepare comments and recommendations for the December meeting to present to full Council. This is in relation to producing a recommendation for full Council of the 2024/2025 **Precept Figure**, required to be forwarded to WCBC (Finance) by early January. It was agreed that this is, once again, going to be a difficult decision to make. JO’K then outlined the listed item relating to areas close to the Caravan Park suffering from **debris from the caravan park side being thrown onto the pavement,** causing issues for pedestrians walking by. Attempts to liaise with the new Caravan Park owners have not been successful. RW gave background information regarding the issues around ownership of the Caravan Park, which is currently unclear. RW stated there are quite a few issues relating to **hedge cutting** in general. It is taking far too long at present, with many areas in Llay suffering from overgrown hedges that affect pedestrian safety. RW will contact Streetscene once again, to try and get things moving more quickly.

**7. Finance: The** **October Income and Expenditure Figures** (£ 9,623.79) distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. There were no queries regarding either income or expenditure. The figures were accepted, proposed by CA, seconded by JO’K. The Chair then mentioned the **grant appeal from the Church of the Nazarene,** for their upcoming “Narnia” production for the community at Xmas. After a debate, it was agreed a sum of £400 be awarded. This amount was supported unanimously and the Clerk will arrange payment. The Chair asked for thoughts on a date for switching on the Xmas Lights that have now been installed on the lamp posts in readiness. It was agreed sooner rather than later, and the Chair will liaise with Mega Electrical to set a switch on date in the next 2 weeks. The Carol Service and purchase of a Xmas Tree will be progressed as soon as practical, with dates to be agreed. Finally, the Chair asked all to comment on the appeal to Community Councils in Wales from the **Welsh Air Ambulance Charity**, requesting funding assistance. A discussion followed, which concluded with a unanimous decision to award £250.

**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.

**9. Planning:** The Chair introduced the two listed Planning Matters for discussion. These related to a **2 storey extension Meadow View, Llay and a 2 storey extension on Gresford Road Llay.** After a brief discussion, it was agreed there were no concerns at this stage.

**10. Burial Matters:** Nothing to report on this occasion.

**11. Reports:** RW was pleases to announce that the refuse collection is returning to normal after recent events and the gully wagon is also now visiting Llay to improve matters further. The next edition of the Newsletter is currently being finalised for production. Finally, RW informed those that were not aware, the Xmas Farm Planning Application was recently refused. The Chair mentioned that there are some good opportunities being developed in sport for local secondary schoolchildren, and the Chair will work to ensure that secondary school aged children in Llay have their fair share of opportunities, whether this is football through the Welsh FA or local tennis facilities being made available in local parks.

**12. News/Website:** There were no issues to report at this meeting and no questions/suggestions from Councillors. The Community Agent news has been listed as agreed at the October meeting.

**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.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by JO’K, seconded by the RW and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2030.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 1830

In the Church Hall, Llay

Signed………………………………………………………..

B Apsley, Chair