

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre
Date & Time: 17th April 2019 @ 18:30

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (Vice Chair), S Apsley, W Austin K Cupit, J O'Keefe, K Powell, R Walsh, J Osborne, L Jones & Clerk, and 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Adams, T Boland, S Roberts, S Watson, P Taylor
Declarations of Interest: Nil
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the **March meeting** were accepted as a true record, proposed by JO'K, seconded by WA and carried unanimously.
3. **Matters Arising:** The Chair raised the listed matter of the **defibrillators** and suggested that the venues be decided on this evening. JO'K proposed, with KC seconding that the three venues be Llay RBL, Llay Miners Welfare and The Crown Public House. There were no other proposals and this was carried unanimously. These venues will now be approached to move this forward as quickly as possible. JO'K referred to his listed item relating to the state of the **paths within Nant Y Gaer**. He stated that he disagreed with the recent correspondence from WCBC stating that the paths required no further action. Recent incidents, involving hospital treatment for users of the paths clearly indicate that there are real dangers that require safety measures installing. A number of councillors spoke in support of JO'K's sentiments. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to WCBC again (Mr D Williams) requesting fencing in a few key areas. WA asked that the Risk Assessment report be obtained as part of this letter. DO gave an update on sewerage and surface water issues involved with **Gresford Road development**, referring to correspondence received showing this ongoing problem is not being addressed correctly. In addition, DO gave an update on further issues arising regarding access to and from the site, and the barn conversion. RW also spoke expressing continued concern regarding traffic issues and particularly the Crown Crossroads matter, still unresolved.
4. **Public Questions:** No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.
5. **Police Matters:** The latest **crime figures**, as sent out by PCSO Sawyer prior to the meeting, were discussed in full. The Chair asked for a quick clarification regarding the malicious communication issue, which PCSO Sawyer explained is ongoing. The Chair thanked PCSO Sawyer for his attendance.
6. **New Matters:** There were no new matters listed to be discussed for this meeting.
7. **Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for March totalling £6,432.94p** This was proposed by DO and seconded by JO and approved unanimously. All expenditure items were individually approved, having been sent for approval during the month since the last meeting. The Chair signed a copy of the Inc/Exp Schedule.
8. **Street Lighting:** RW had no major issues to mention. The Chair and DO raised a couple of concerns.
9. **Planning: 0214 (Single storey rear extension)** at 3 Bryn Alyn Barns was discussed and passed with a comment from JO, checking that the listed status of this property is adhered to within the application. The application clearly takes the status of the property into consideration. The Chair introduced the second matter concerning **0229 (Display of V Board advertising at Home Farm)**. RW has already objected to this sign on the grounds of safety involving visibility being reduced and danger to traffic. RW invited anyone with concerns, that the next planning meeting is due to be held on 7th May. In addition, the Clerk will send a letter to the Planning Officer after confirming comments from RW, outside the meeting. The final planning matter is **0210 (erection of 2 generator units at Llay Hall Farm)**. Council decided they wished to receive clarification regarding the environmental effects and WA will liaise with the Clerk, to ensure an appropriate letter is sent to WCBC Planning.
10. **Burial Matters:** The **inspection** by JO'K and JO was presented and discussed briefly with no major issues being raised. Regarding the **paths**, this will be listed for June after two more quotes are received. The large **stone and earth pile** looks unsightly outside the cemetery and the Clerk will speak to Mr Crewe to see if it can be removed. **Next inspection** will be KC and BA.

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11. **Reports:** The Chair spoke to express his unhappiness with a number of matters regarding WCBC **Planning Committee** at present. He could only agree with another local Councillor who publicly stated he felt the Planning Committee at WCBC was “broken”. Recent disrespect shown by the Chair of the Planning Committee towards a war veteran was another example of why there is so little respect locally for the Planning Committee. RW displayed laminated **highways maps**, given to him by the Contractors for display locally. It was agreed that the Crown would be ideal, with another copy in the Library at the Resource Centre. Finally, RW mentioned that **Llay Band** are actively seeking a President and Vice President, if anyone is aware of interest. The Chair also mentioned that there had been a **marked improvement regarding litter** in Llay since Mr Steve Povey took on the task. There was general agreement with BA on this issue, and it was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a letter of thanks to Mr Povey and his line manager at Streetscene within WCBC.

12. **News/Website:** The Chair mentioned a recent glitch on the website, regarding the last two sets of Minutes, which is being addressed. The Chair also explained that going forward, the **Toddlers Park** will now only be relisted if any councillor, or member of the public, wishes it to be so, and they should inform the Clerk ahead of the Agenda. This was agreed by all.

13. **Correspondence:** The Chair referred to recent correspondence from **One Voice Wales** regarding a representative. JO has kindly agreed to continue but there is an opportunity for a second person to also be a representative. This will be discussed fully at the Annual Meeting in May but the Chair asked everyone to consider if they wished to be nominated.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved by RW and seconded by JO’K and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1947.

The next meeting, preceded by the **Annual Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 1830** in Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:

Mr B Apsley, Chair
15th May 2019