

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At Park Community Primary School, LLay
 Date Monday 15th December 2014
 Time 1830

Name	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
David Broderick Chairperson	√	N	√	√	√	√						
Dave Adams	A	O	A	√	√	√						
Bryan Apsley	√		√	√	A	A						
Sandra Apsley	√	M	√	√	√	√						
Andrew Boland	A	E	A	A	A	√						
Terry Boland	√	E	√	√	√	√						
Paul Crewe	√	T	√	√	√	√						
Ken Cupit	A	I	√	√	√	√						
Maldwyn Davies	A	N	√	√	√	√						
Peter Evans	A	G	√	A	A	A						
Charles Higgins	√		√	A	A	A						
Malcolm Taylor	√	H	A	A	A	√						
Eunice Vincent	√	E	√	√	√	√						
Vera Wineyard	√	L	√	√	A	A						
Sheila Woolrich		D		√	√	√						
Mark Williams (Clerk)	√		√	√	√	√						

In Attendance: 16 members of the community, Community PCSO

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs P Evans, C Higgins, B Apsley, V Wineyard

Prior to commencing the meeting, the Chairman asked all present to join him in observing a minutes' silence in memory of Peter Davies, a former Community Councillor, who sadly passed away recently.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The Minutes of the November Meeting were accepted as a true record: Proposed by: S Woolrich Seconded by: K Cupit

3. Public Questions: Mrs M Smith asked if more lighting could be erected between Ffordd Maddock and Wats Dyke, as this path is particularly dark. A discussion followed where various Councillors agreed this area is in need of improvement. The Clerk was instructed to request that WCBC fully investigate this area and report back.

4. Matters Arising: MD asked the PCSO in attendance, if there was an update on the **anti social use of cars** around the areas previously mentioned. As these issues involved late night activities it was causing concern for those affected by it. PCSO Williams explained that it was always difficult to patrol at exactly the right time, but if residents reported this issue when it was actually occurring, he would ensure a quick response. The Clerk informed all that the **School Crossing Patrol** agreement with WCBC had been renewed in accordance with their instructions,

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for the next twelve months. TB asked the Clerk to read out a letter he had received from WCBC regarding the **Gresford Road development**. SW also distributed a copy of a document she had obtained, which outlined the plans for mineral extraction from this area, prior to any proposed building work commencing. SW also highlighted the worrying timeframe regarding this matter, expressing concern that the speed that this issue appeared to be progressing at, could mean that the whole community may not have chance to express their views. MT informed all that, as a member of planning for WCBC, he did not feel this matter would be discussed before February. It was agreed that, if and when written planning applications are received by the Clerk, a special meeting will be called to discuss this matter. The public would also be informed and invited to attend. The final matter arising concerned **Fore Golf development**. MD expressed his deep concern that he felt this matter had been badly handled by all those involved, both the developer and WCBC, from the outset and that the area of land concerned was being blighted by the soil movement work going on. He was particularly concerned at the height of some of the new hills that had appeared. The whole community using the main road had been inconvenienced by the soil deposited on the road during transit due to the lack of an on-site wheel wash facility. This debris had also caused inconvenience to everyone attending the Cemetery. TB also gave a summary on this matter and stated that if Fore Golf did not complete for whatever reason, funding was available to re-seed the entire area and return to the community for good use. In conclusion, MD proposed that a letter he had read out to the meeting, expressing his dismay and disappointment with the development, be forwarded to those responsible within WCBC. This was seconded by the Chair and unanimously agreed by all. MD will liaise with the Clerk to ensure this letter is forwarded.

5. Police Matters: PCSO Troy Williams gave an overview of the latest crime figures as presented to members present. MT mentioned a recent car theft in Flintshire, where the car had been found in Llay. PCSO Williams stated that unfortunately there had been no witnesses to this crime.

6. Street Lighting: Apart from the previously mentioned issue of the path between Ffordd Maddock and Wats Dyke, there were no issues to report on this occasion. Post meeting, the Clerk has e-mailed Paul Rogers at WCBC, requesting a survey and estimation of costs for improvements to this path.

7. Planning: There was one planning matter to be discussed, relating to the dismantling and relocating of an Industrial Unit at **Magellan** on Davy Way in Llay Industrial Estate which was accepted without comment. The Clerk will inform the Planning Department.

8. Burial Matters: The Clerk reported that, following the extensive report into the **condition of all trees** within the Cemetery, four had been found in need of urgent removal. This was due to the knotting of branches which could lead to dangerous branch falling. Quotes had been received from companies, with the best quote, by a large margin, being received from Canopy tree Care, who had also carried out satisfactory work in the past. SW proposed that the Council should retain the services of Canopy tree care and commence work as soon as practical. This was agreed by all and carried unanimously. TB mentioned he had received notice from a resident about the high **cost of burials** within Llay Cemetery for non residents. A discussion followed regarding this matter. The Clerk informed all that his recent checks had shown that the current prices charged have now fallen behind those of other Cemetery Boards since their inception. MD mentioned that there was already a 3 year period of grace for those leaving Llay, and the Chair mentioned that there were exceptions for residents of Llay who have to move into a Nursing Home. However, it was generally agreed that to ensure that those on the electoral roll of Llay can always be buried within their local cemetery, some protection through the current pricing policy was correct. This

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was agreed by all. The Chair then mentioned that recently, whilst visiting a grave over a weekend, he had met a stonemason carrying out work, which is accepted as necessary at busy times. The Clerk will inform all local stonemasons that they are to inform him when they need to work over weekends/Summer evenings prior to carrying out such work. The Chair had also seen a resident putting kerbstones around a new grave. This matter was discussed at length, with the conclusion being that it was agreed the current rules in force, which do not allow new kerbstones to be placed around a grave being enforced. The Clerk requested information about the date that this rule was brought in, as he had noticed a number of graves have fairly recent kerbstones added. It was not clear when this rule was actually implemented and the Clerk was instructed to search through past minutes to ascertain the exact date. Once discovered, any grave with kerbstones found to be installed after this date would also be asked to remove their kerbstones. It was explained that the Groundsman is expected to ensure the cemetery is presented as tidy as possible. This task is made a lot more difficult when the ground being maintained is not flat, requiring a slowing down of the grass maintenance to keep on top of length. Were all grave spaces to have kerbstones, this task would be impossible, without additional staff being employed, which is why the ban on kerbstones was introduced.

9. Correspondence:

Thank you letters, received from Park School, Llay Senior Citizens and Pat and Gwens Charity Float, were read out. In addition, KC read out a letter received from **Llay Miners Institute**, asking for Llay Community Council support in their attempts to obtain funding to repair the building. This was unanimously agreed and KC agreed to liaise with the Clerk to ensure this letter was sent.

10. **Reports:** Apart from some issues already discussed, there were no further issues.

11. **Finance and Appeals:** Due to the nature of the business being discussed, which would involve issues relating to members of staff, the Chair asked members of the public to leave, prior to commencing this item.

The Clerk presented Finance figures for November. These were accepted by all present as correct.

There were a number of appeals for grants. These are shown below, with the decision taken, after discussions, alongside:-

- a. Llay Bowls Club - Matter to be discussed in January
- b. Footsteps SOS Dance School – No award due to status of company being private.

School Holiday Playwork Provision – Prior to this matter, carried over from the last meeting, being discussed, PC declared an interest, having previously signed the DOI form, and left the room. MD spoke against renewing the annual contract with the organisers, regarding it as expensive when compared against the numbers using it. He proposed that Llay CC should not fund this scheme. The Chair asked for a seconder and there were none. After further discussion on the merits of the scheme, EV proposed that the scheme be renewed for the next school year. This was seconded by MT and carried by 11 votes to 1. MD requested his opposition by minuted. SW also suggested that the organisers be encouraged to actively advertise their services to ensure that the maximum number of local children could take advantage of what is on offer.

Precept for the Financial Year 2015/2016 – The Clerk had presented budget figures and forecasts for the current year to all Councillors. These figures were accepted by all and discussions followed regarding the setting of a precept for the next financial year. SA stated that

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she felt a small increase was necessary to ensure that in the years ahead, a large increase of the precept could be avoided. It was accepted that most of the regular charges paid for by the precept (lighting/fuel/utilities/repairs) had all increased significantly over the last 12 months. MD proposed a 2% increase to the precept which was seconded by MT. This was carried unanimously. The Clerk was instructed to finalise the figures and inform the Finance Department of WCBC before 31st December.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved, seconded and agreed and the meeting closed at 2032. The date and time of the next meeting is:

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2015 at 1830

Signed:.....

Mr D Broderick
Chairman
15TH January 2015