

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At Llay Resource Centre, Llay
 Date Thu 15th December 2016
 Time 1830

Name	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Bryan Apsley Chairperson	√	N	√	√	√	√						
Dave Adams	A	O	√	√	√	√						
Sandra Apsley	√		√	√	√	√						
Terry Boland	A	M	A	A	A	√						
Ken Cupit	√	E	A	√	A	√						
Maldwyn Davies	A	E	√	√	√	√						
Sharon Roberts	√	I	√	√	√	A						
Rob Walsh	√	N	√	√	√	A						
Vera Wineyard	A	G	A	A	A	√						
John O'Keefe	√		√	√	√	√						
Dennis Owen Vice Chair	√	H	√	√	√	√						
Jan Osborne	A	E	√	√	A	A						
Christine Archer	√	L	√	√	√	√						
Pat Taylor	√	D	√	A	√	A						
Wynn Austin				√	A	√						
Mark Williams (Clerk)	√		√	√	√	√						

In Attendance: PCSO Harris , 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs J Osborne, S Roberts, P Taylor, R Walsh

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair welcomed VW and TB back after their recent absence due to illness.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: CA stated that the wording with reference to **6 months absence** had not been agreed at the previous meeting. However, a number of other councillors felt this issue had been agreed on and that the only debate we needed was where it went in Standing Orders. The Chair referred to his views that it should go in 8 and make 8a), 8b) and 8c) and incorporating 9. With that amendment the minutes were proposed by MD and seconded by DO.

3. Public Questions: On this occasion, no questions had been received by the Clerk.

4. Matters Arising: MD thanked all concerned for their efforts regarding the newly installed **Christmas Tree** and subsequent carol service. He thanked all Councillors who had kindly donated gifts towards the refreshments at the carol service and it was agreed that MD would liaise with the

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Clerk to **send thank you letters** to outside organisations who had kindly supported the event too, including the Llay RBL, Llay Miners Welfare and the Miners Heritage Trust. DO mentioned that the **new bins**, as previously agreed, were all now in place and he also thanked everyone for their support during the recent hearing into the proposed **Gresford Road development**. In conclusion, DO gave a latest report regarding this matter to all present. CA gave a short follow up report regarding the **Open Space Review**, currently taking place. This was in addition to the **report prepared by the Sub Committee and written by SR**, which all agreed was an excellent report. The Clerk will ensure this report is forwarded to the appropriate authority tomorrow, which is the deadline for written responses. Finally, CA gave a report on her findings relating to **Youth Services Provision within Llay and the future of the Youth Club**. A lengthy discussion followed with numerous councillors contributing their thoughts. In summary, the Chair stated that there was a general feeling of total confusion as to exactly what was being offered by WCBC and that it was currently extremely difficult for the Community Council to make a firm decision as to what action to take regarding the Youth Club. All present agreed totally with this summary, which was based on the latest correspondence available from the service providers within WCBC. TB offered to liaise with the relevant authorities within WCBC, in his position as a county councillor, to try and clarify the situation. All agreed this was the best way forward.

5. Police Matters: The Chair **welcomed PCSO Andy Harris** to his first meeting as the new PCSO for Llay. PCSO Harris then gave an overview of the latest crime figures. JO'K asked for an update on some recent **motor vehicle accidents** he was aware of, with KC adding that there had been another this evening. PCSO Harris promised to look into these and report back to JO'K when he had an update.

6. Finance and Appeals: The Clerk presented **November finance figures**, bank statements and the ledgers. After discussion, these figures were proposed as correct by DO and seconded by DA. The Chair then raised the subject of setting the annual **Precept** for the next financial year, reminding all that this decision is required to be forwarded to WCBC Finance Department by 17th January. Various councillors contributed to the discussion which resulted in DO proposing a 2% increase which was seconded by MD and, once the Chair had asked if there were any amendments to the proposal, carried unanimously. The Clerk will inform the authorities of this decision in accordance with the timescales. The **Appeal by Pat and Gwyns Charity**, for £250 towards the cost of hiring the Christmas Float and towards the childrens' disco was discussed. DO proposed awarding £250 which was seconded by CA. The Chair asked if there were any amendments to this proposal which there were not and the award of £250 was carried unanimously. The Clerk will arrange payment. The final finance matter was with regard to the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with WCBC to provide a **School Crossing Patrol** for the next financial year. After a short discussion, TB proposed accepting the contract on offer, which was seconded by SA and supported unanimously by all present.

7. Street Lighting: In the absence of RW, TB stated he was not aware of any major issues regarding street lighting at present.

8. Planning: No planning applications for Llay had been received by the Clerk for this meeting.

9. Burial Matters: MD reported his **recent inspection** had raised no major issues with regard to the appearance of the cemetery. The January inspections would be carried out, ahead of the next meeting, by JO'k and WA. It was agreed that the **removal of the hedge** recently had improved the appearance of the entrance to the car park. The Clerk has gained a quote to install **wooden fencing** where the hedge was situated. After discussions it was agreed to re-list this matter for the January meeting, once the Clerk has gained quotes from other suppliers, and also

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investigates costings for metal fencing and a stone wall. At this point, the Chair asked members of the public and the Clerk to leave the room as a staff matter was to be discussed.

10. Reports: TB reported that new netting had recently been installed at the enclosed play area adjacent to the Resource Centre, with CA confirming this was good news for local residents. JO’K mentioned bus services were about to cease on Gresford Road, being temporarily replaced by a taxi service. He also asked TB for assistance regarding deposits of mud on Geggin Lane, caused by earth being moved within the quarry area. TB will look into this and ensure that the contractors meet their legal obligations regarding road cleansing.

11. News/Website: DA asked that photographs of the recent tree planting and service be passed onto him for uploading onto the website.

12. Correspondence: There was no specific correspondence for this meeting that had not been dealt with earlier.

Finally, SA wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and all councillors passed on their best wishes to everyone.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2045. The next meeting will be held on :-

THURSDAY 19th JANUARY 2017 at 1830

Signed:.....

Mr B Apsley
Chairman
19TH January 2017