

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre

Date & Time: 18th December 2019 @ 1830

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (Vice Chair), S Apsley, L Jones, J Osborne, R Walsh, K Powell & Clerk.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr T Boland, W Austin, K Cupit, S Watson, P Taylor, S Roberts, J O'Keefe, D Adams. PCSO Sawyer also sent apologies due to being on annual leave.

Declarations of Interest: B Apsley & R Walsh ref Park CP School Grant Appeal.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Chair asked for approval for the **November minutes** as published. Proposed by DO and seconded by SA and carried unanimously.

3. **Matters Arising:** The Chair gave a quick update on the **defibrillators** which will now be fitted on 10th January 2020. The Chair gave an update regarding **poppies** and some historical background on how the branches of RBL function. This should ensure that this matter is resolved. The Chair also mentioned the ongoing works on Park Road, to remove waste, which would require the road to be closed for a day.

4. **Public Questions:** No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.

5. **Police Matters:** In the absence of PCSO Sawyer (absent on duty), the Chair elaborated on the **figures for November** that were distributed ahead of the meeting. RW mentioned the recent speeding matters that had been investigated by PCSO Sawyer and the Go Safe team.

6. **New Matters:** The Chair gave a brief overview of the situation involving the use of the Resource Centre for **young people within Llay**. He asked for support to restart the youth committee which was set up at the 2018 Annual Meeting. This was agreed as a good idea by all present and the Chair will contact all members of the committee with a view to arranging a meeting as soon as practical. He is concerned that more needs to be done to engage the young people of Llay and feels that the Community Council must be actively involved. SA then asked for support to start arrangements for **Xmas activities** much sooner, suggesting the October meeting for initial agreements and plans/arrangements to be formalised. This will avoid last minute rushes to organise things. All present agreed this was a great idea, and will be implemented from 2020 by all. A number of councillors mentioned the Xmas tree that had been planted, and a discussion followed regarding lighting for the same tree going forward. **RW proposed a vote of thanks to BA, SA and DO** for their hard work getting the tree and lights erected in time for the service.

7. **Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for November totalling £11,036.46p**. The Chair asked for approval of these payments. This was proposed by DO seconded by KP and carried unanimously. The Chair then signed a copy of the Inc/Exp Schedule. The Precept discussion involved all Councillors expressing views, but in summary JO proposed with seconding that the precept remain the same level as last year with no increase. The Chair then raised the **Grant Appeal** that had been raised by the **Park CP School**, paperwork for which had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Prior to any discussion, having signed DOI's, the Chair, and R Walsh departed the room. The Vice Chair, having taken the chair, outlined the application and the reason for it. This was to provide a range of Xmas activities for the children of Park CP School. JO proposed with KP seconding, the award of the full amount requested. This was carried unanimously. The Chair then assumed control of the meeting.

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8. Street Lighting: RW gave a report on street lighting, with some councillors informing RW of lights he may not be aware of that needed repair. RW also mentioned issues with the zebra crossing lights. He will continue to liaise with WCBC street lighting department, and chase up long standing lighting issues.

9. Planning: 0858/2019 and 0864/2019, involving extensions over a garage in Forest Road, and a bedroom extension on Chapel Lane. Regarding the proposed plans for Forest Road, it was the unanimous decision of council that the Clerk should inform WCBC Planning officer, they have **concerns regarding the loss of privacy and natural light relating to this application.**

10. Burial Matters: The Chair asked for comment regarding the job description for the newly vacant position of **Cemetery groundsman**. This was unanimously agreed as suitable, as was the proposed job advertisement that the Clerk had also prepared. The position will now be advertised on the website and Notice Board, and local premises. SA proposed that the Finance Committee formed the Interview Panel, with KP seconding and this was agreed unanimously. The Clerk will arrange for this administrative task to be completed as soon as practical. It was unanimously agreed that a minor repair to a grave space would be carried out. The Clerk will arrange this repair as soon as possible. Finally, in recognition of his 22 years of service, it was proposed by SA and seconded by KP that the Clerk should purchase Argos Vouchers and deliver the same, with the thanks of Llay Community Council for Mr Williamsons' sterling service.

11. Reports: RW gave an update on a **housing matter** related to the new development, and when houses will actually be occupied. He is progressing this matter with WCBC Planning and already has their agreement that all conditions set as part of the application, must be met before occupancy will be permitted. The Chair mentioned arranging a meeting with the developers which RW confirmed is planned already. RW mentioned the **LDP** and that the Inspectors letter, with further recommendations, is due to be published in the next few days.

12. News/Website: No issues to report on this occasion.

13. Correspondence: None on this occasion that had not already been discussed earlier.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved by DO seconded by RW and the Chair then wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year before declaring the Meeting closed at 2028.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 1830 in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre**

Signed:

Mr B Apsley, Chair,
15th January 2020