

## MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At      Park Community Primary School, L Lay  
 Date         Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
 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	A	√				
Sandra Apsley	√	M	√	√	√	√	√	√				
Andrew Boland	A	E	A	A	A	√	A	A				
Terry Boland	√	E	√	√	√	√	A	A				
Paul Crewe	√	T	√	√	√	√	√	√				
Ken Cupit	A	I	√	√	√	√	√	√				
Maldwyn Davies	A	N	√	√	√	√	√	A				
Peter Evans	A	G	√	A	A	A	√	A				
Charles Higgins	√		√	A	A	A	A	A				
Malcolm Taylor	√	H	A	A	A	√	A	A				
Eunice Vincent	√	E	√	√	√	√	A	√				
Vera Wineyard	√	L	√	√	A	A	√	√				
Sheila Woolrich		D		√	√	√	√	√				
Mark Williams (Clerk)	√		√	√	√	√	√	√				

In Attendance:      13 members of the community, Community PCSO.

**1. Apologies for Absence:**    Cllrs M Taylor, M Davies, C Higgins, A Boland, T Boland, P Evans

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**      The Minutes of the January Meeting were accepted as a true record:      Proposed by: D Adams      Seconded by: P Crewe

**3. Public Questions:**

a.      Mr R Walsh requested a new litter bin be placed in the vicinity of the top of First Avenue which has become a blackspot for littering. The Chair explained that only bins installed by WCBC would be emptied and therefore this was a matter for them. R Walsh agreed to contact WCBC councillors to pursue this, and the Clerk offered to carry out some investigation into how this process would work and report back to Mr Walsh with some guidelines.

b.      Ms S Roberts, on behalf of Ms J Sutcliffe, asked about the developments regarding the long awaited skate park in Llay. The Chair invited PC to respond and he reported that very recently, the final agreement regarding funding had been reached and he had recently published these facts on social media, as agreed with the originator of the e mail informing of the grant awarded. S Roberts asked for a breakdown of the finances for the scheme and PC gave these. It is expected that the work will be completed by the end of June 2015.

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c. Ms C Archer asked about the transfer of libraries, resource centres and cafes to a South Wales based trust. PC responded by informing all that the Resource Centre and Café will not be changing status. BA informed all that he had attended a meeting on this matter in late November/early December where the views of local Communities were sought. Although many expressed serious concern and opposition to trusts from outside the local area having control, BA stated that their views did not alter the decisions taken, which he felt had already been decided before the meeting that he had attended.

**4. Matters Arising:** The Clerk informed all that he still awaits the bank details from the Llay Boys Brigade and Girls Association, in order to pay their grant (awarded at January Meeting). PC will chase this up again, but explained they were having issues setting up a new bank account.

**5. Police Matters:** PCSO Hughes outlined the latest crime figures and explained the most recent events in Llay. Overall, he stated the figures were down on previous months, which is pleasing. PC also updated all on the attempted break in at both the Resource Centre and the local Co-Op which occurred in the early hours of today.

**6. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk reported the financial figures for the month of January. The only item worthy of explanation was the bill paid for £6444 in relation to the work carried out on Nant Y Gaer paths. This amount will be shown as a credit in February once the payment is received from Tidy Towns. The Clerk is also liaising with external and internal auditors shortly in readiness for the year end audits.

**Llay Welfare Band –** An appeal for £750 had been received from the Llay Welfare Brass Band, to assist with funding for their trip to Germany in August 2015. Before the matter was discussed, PC declared a personal interest and signed the official DOI form. SW asked when this organisation had last received a grant and it was confirmed this was in 2013, as the exchange visit with their German counterparts takes place every two years. After a short discussion, BA recommended approving this grant in full, but delaying payment until July 2015, nearer the time of the trip. This was seconded by VW and carried unanimously by 8 votes with the Chair abstaining. The Clerk will contact the secretary of the band and inform of the outcome.

**7. Street Lighting:** The Clerk explained that both Streetscene and WCBC Lighting Co-ordinator had been unable to attend tonight as requested. However, they had sent a full e mail regarding lighting issues, which the Clerk had forwarded to all Councillors some time ago. Various Councillors reported new lights that were out, which the Clerk will pass on. SW suggested that some form of signage be made visible for all in the community to know who to contact if a light was out. DA suggested that some simple sticker signs could be affixed to each light. He will investigate costs and report back.

**8. Planning:** No formal planning applications had been forwarded for consideration this month. The Clerk reported there were no updates regarding ongoing applications either. However, as requested, he had contacted the local Doctors' Surgery regarding the proposed development on Gresford Road. The Practice Manager had replied on behalf of all the GP's expressing their strong opposition to this proposed development due to increased patient numbers and inability to develop existing practice in Llay to cope with this increase. The full reply was read out to all present.

**9. Burial Matters:** The Clerk reported that an opportunity had arisen to create a gate at the rear of the Groundsmans' building, to store branches and other flora and fauna. This would involve creating an entrance gate in the existing closed fence and he would report back when a quote had been received. He also reported that all local stonemason firms had agreed not to work when the Groundsman was not in attendance, including weekends, without permission from the Clerk on

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behalf of the Community Council. This should stop any future work that is not acceptable being carried out.

**10. Correspondence:** The Clerk read out a letter received regarding the Mayors' Spring Charity Ball to be held in March. After discussion it was decided that a donation, equivalent to the price of two tickets (£40 total) would be donated to the Mayors Charity. The Clerk will arrange this donation.

**11. Reports:** There were no reports from Councillors on this occasion.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved by S Apsley, seconded by B Apsley and agreed and the meeting closed at 1910. The date and time of the next meeting is:

**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015 at 1830**

Signed:.....

Mr D Broderick  
Chairperson  
19th March 2015