

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre
Date & Time: 21st February 2018 @ 18:30

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (V Chair), S Roberts, S Watson, S Apsley, N Hughes, L Jones, J O'Keefe, W Austin, T Boland, P Taylor, K Cupit & D Adams & Clerk
6 members of the public. 1 member of the press. NB The Chair arrived at 1842/RW arrived at 1902 directly from WCBC Council Meeting.

- Apologies for Absence:** Cllr J Osborne, PCSO Harris
Declarations of Interest : SA/BA/PT/LJ (LIP Grant Appeal)
- Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the **January meeting** were accepted as a true record, proposed by DA, seconded by WA and carried unanimously.
- Public Questions:** On this occasion, no questions had been received by the Clerk.
- Matters Arising:** JO'K raised the long running issue of **Foregolf**. He was concerned that this matter appears no nearer resolution. The Chair gave the very latest update from WCBC Budget Meeting, held earlier today, where car park charges for this area have gone through, despite strong objections from a number of councillors.
- Police Matters: The Chair mentioned the figures published,** in the absence of PCSO Harris who had sent **his** apologies. DA raised the issue of **youths blocking roads, which he had reported** and it is not listed on the figures. SR expressed her continued dismay with how the figures are presented. Other councillors supported SR and it was generally felt that the figures are designed to mislead and not to inform. The Clerk will inform PCSO of these concerns, and the Chair will contact the Inspector to gain a senior manager response. It is noted that a second PCSO has now been allocated to Llay.
- New Matters:** SR raised the matter listed of **decisions being taken regarding matters not listed on the Agenda**. SR presented a number of researched information to all, in particular relating to a recent item that had been discussed at the last meeting that had not been listed on the agenda for that meeting. Whilst it was generally accepted that this matter had been discussed in good faith, after discussion it was unanimously agreed that all councillors will adhere to current law and regulations. **Item 5b as listed** on the agenda, was withdrawn by the Chair on legal advice. SR raised the issue of **draft minutes being produced**, and sent to individual councillors instead of all councillors at the same time. A discussion followed, with various councillors making their views clear. SR proposed that the minutes are distributed to all at the same time, which SW seconded. The amendment was proposed by DO and seconded by DA to leave the current system of the Chair casting a quick eye over the minutes immediately prior to distribution. The Chair asked for votes on the amendment which were 8 in favour, with 5 voting for the proposal and 1 abstention. The current system of the Chair checking the minutes briefly prior to sending to all councillors will continue. The Chair invited RW to discuss his listed item relating to **new bins**. TB, the Chair and others spoke on suitable locations for new bins they felt appropriate. The Chair asked for a proposal. TB proposed a new bin be placed near **Bryn Place/Council Street**, as opposed to other locations being considered. This was seconded and carried unanimously. Following a point raised by DA regarding distance of bins from property, RW will check that legislation is complied with. The Clerk gave a short presentation about the **General Data Protection Register**, coming into force in May 2018. The latest advice is to wait for One Voice Wales who will shortly issue a toolkit to all community councils based on legal advice they are seeking on behalf of all community councils in Wales who are members of OVW. Correspondence received from our Internal Auditors will also be looked at once all information is clear. The Chair asked for this to be relisted. DO raised his listed item of **NE Wales Community Voice**, and gave a short presentation on the work they do in bringing communities together on issues that concern many areas, with Planning being a prime example. DO proposed that Llay CC officially remain on the

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list for distribution of this organisation, but, as the Chair pointed out, not making any decisions before the Llay CC have discussed and agreed a decision. This proposal was seconded by WA and carried unanimously.

7. Finance and Appeals: The Clerk sought **approval for the expenditure** for the past month, £4,082.52p. This was approved unanimously. BA, SA, LJ and PT then left the room, having signed a DOI, prior to the Vice Chair leading on the **application from LIP for funding**. The Vice Chair read out the application. A number of councillors asked questions of the applicant, who was in attendance as a member of the public. Following this, RW proposed awarding the £500 applied for. The V Chair asked for any amendments and SR proposed awarding £200. DA seconded SR's amendment. DO proposed a second amendment of £300 which RW seconded, having withdrawn his first proposal. The V Chair called for a vote which resulted in 4 for the second amendment and 4 for the first amendment with 1 abstention, resulting in the V Chair having the casting vote. The Clerk was instructed to make payment of £300 to LIP. The Clerk asked for approval to renew the **Service Level Agreement with WCBC for the Play Area and Skate Park at Alyn Waters**. SR proposed and DO seconded and carried unanimously. DA asked for information on relocating the play area to the centre of the Village and also for the Clerk to check on litter collection at the current site.

8. Street Lighting: RW gave a brief report on the current state of street lighting and then the Clerk sought approval to **renew the Street Lighting Maintenance SLA with WCBC**. This was proposed by SW, seconded by KC and carried unanimously.

9. Planning: RW declared a personal interest and then the one matter listed was discussed. There was general concern regarding the **two storey aspect** of this development, in relation to the single storey dwellings that will surround it. SR also raised the issue of the Local Development Plan in relation to this application which RW responded to. In conclusion the Clerk was asked to pass on the concerns of council regarding the two storey aspect of the application.

10. Burial Matters: LJ/PT gave a full report following their recent **inspection**, highlighting some path repairs, the area behind the main building and clothing issues for the Groundsman. In conclusion, LJ and PT reported that the cemetery was in generally good condition. The Clerk will progress these matters. Names for next inspection will be nominated following the meeting.

11. Reports: Due to the time, the Chair indicated that these would be sent via e mail to all Councillors in due course.

12. News/Website: There were no issues to report on this occasion.

13. Correspondence: Other than letters discussed elsewhere in the meeting, there was no separate correspondence.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2106.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21st March at 1830** in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:.....

Mr B Apsley
Chair
21st March 2018