

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre

Date & Time: 20th February 2019 @ 18:30

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (Vice Chair), S Apsley, K Cupit, J O'Keefe, K Powell, W Austin, R Walsh, L Jones, S Roberts, S Watson, J Osborne, T Boland, P Taylor & Clerk, a member of Press and 3 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Adams
Declarations of Interest: Nil
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** There was a factual error in the January minutes, where approval for income and expenditure was listed as November. This was a typo and should have read December. In addition, also within finance the initial "D" was omitted in front of "A". The Minutes of the **January meeting** were then accepted as a true record, proposed by DO, seconded by JO'K and carried unanimously.
- 3. Matters Arising:** The Clerk mentioned that DA no longer wished to lead on the **Toddlers Park**, as this matter will now, initially, come under the auspice of the Finance Committee before returning to full council for a decision. The Chair and RW had held meetings regarding H and S and the Nant Y Gaer Woods paths which is ongoing. The Chair mentioned that himself and RW had met "**Your Space**" and suggested they address the council at the March meeting about their work within the Wrexham area. The Clerk will arrange this invitation. The **Gresford Road development** was discussed, with issues about the private road and traffic flow being ongoing problems. A long discussion ensued with SR proposing and JO seconding that a letter be sent to all parties expressing concern about the way this development was proceeding. The Clerk will liaise with RW and ensure this is completed promptly. The Chair thanked all for the excellent work and effort regarding the recent meetings concerning the focussed changes proposals. The Chair outlined the way this would proceed in **Public Examination**, and he was confident that Llay CC had presented an excellent case. The Chair mentioned the ongoing problems, for Llay and elsewhere regarding **Arriva buses**. RW stated that the **Litter Pick** had not progressed, but SR will contact "Keep Wales Tidy" to progress this item, on behalf of all.
- 4. Public Questions:** No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.
- 5. Police Matters:** In the absence of any figures or response from the new PCSO for this meeting, after a brief discussion, SR proposed and JO'K seconded sending a letter to the Chief Constable and the Police Commissioner for North Wales, expressing concern about how the changes have been implemented and the perceived lack of service currently in Llay. SR also suggested that councillors take on the task of finalising a decision on CCTV which will be listed for March and the Vice Chair will lead on this matter. Finally, SR mentioned that recent figures showed a huge spike in crime in Davy Way since the new station opened there.
- 6. New Matters:** There were no new matters to discuss.
- 7. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for January totalling £6,549.48p** This was proposed by RW and seconded by WA and approved unanimously. All expenditure items were individually approved, having been sent for approval during the month since the last meeting. The Chair signed a copy of the Inc/Exp Schedule. The Clerk asked for permission to renew the Service Level Agreement with WCBC for maintaining and repairing the **Play Area and Skate Park** for 2019/20 at a cost of £3,477.40p plus VAT. This was proposed by DO and seconded by WA and carried unanimously. The Chair then briefed all on the current situation regarding the Remuneration Panel for Wales relating to councillors expenses. The Chair briefed all present and will send out paperwork to all councillors to make their own decision. The Chair raised the proposal of DA (absent on business) regarding the proposed installation of 2 defibrillators in Llay, following DA's report that was sent to all councillors. The Chair expressed concern about following media articles before having a good debate at Council. A discussion followed regarding the venues, with DO suggesting that another at the Crown Pub would be useful. SR agreed and was concerned about one at the Resource Centre due to possible vandalism. PT mentioned that the Llay RBL would contribute towards the cost if one was situated at their premises. LJ mentioned her knowledge of the installation of this equipment and gave an insight into ongoing maintenance. Overall, there was full agreement

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that 3 of these lifesaving machines should be purchased, with the venues and operation of them being listed for further discussion at the March meeting.

8. Street Lighting: The Clerk sought approval to renew the SLA with WCBC for maintaining and repairing the **streetlights** within Llay, at the reduced cost per light of £25.28p, down from £27.01p last year. This would include regular maintenance and safety inspections, along with repairs to defective lights and column replacement as necessary. RW proposed, with DO seconding that we do renew and this was carried unanimously. However, SR and TB expressed concern, along with others, about the timeframes for repairing faults, costs, and other issues. The Chair invited all to ensure they raise their issues at council meetings so this can be monitored closely.

9. Planning: There were no formal planning applications to be discussed at this meeting.

10. Burial Matters: The Chair presented an inspection report on behalf of himself and WA. No major issues and the new entrance was a great improvement. SR suggested some new trees towards the rear of the cemetery and this was agreed to be a good idea. SR will liaise with the Clerk to obtain prices and make a proposal to full council. SA also suggested some work was required to improve some of the graves and there was also a danger that some were falling into disrepair. It was agreed that in May, a group of councillors would do a complete survey and general tidy up.

11. Reports: RW mentioned two new litter bins recently installed. The Chair mentioned that the WCBC budget had been agreed, with an increase of 5.5% to council tax, to ensure the maintenance of essential services. DO gave a brief report on the forthcoming situation regarding the closure of the Gresford Road for the new development. This issue will be added to the letter being sent regarding the traffic lights and lack of clarity from the constructors towards the local residents that the Clerk will prepare for approval. DO and RW will assist with this.

12. News/Website: The Chair mentioned some recent correspondence regarding updating the website, which is now in hand and awaiting Cllr Adams return to finalise.

13. Correspondence: An e mail of thanks, along with photographs, had been received from the Llay Morris Dancing Club, following their recent grant to purchase new uniforms. The Chair also mentioned some recent correspondence from NWPS regarding leaflets to prevent crime against vulnerable and the elderly that had been on the rise. The Chair felt the leaflet was not suitable for the clients it was aimed at, being difficult to read and understand. This will be clarified with those concerned. Finally, prior to closing the meeting, the Chair asked for the press and Public to leave the room for a small matter to be discussed. This is shown as a non public addendum.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2030.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 1830** in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:

Mr B Apsley, Chair
20th March 2019