

MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Location: Llay Resource Centre

Date & Time: 19th February 2020 @ 1830

In Attendance: Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (Vice Chair), S Apsley, L Jones, R Walsh, W Austin, K Cupit, P Taylor, S Roberts, J O'Keefe, D Adams, S Watson, J Osborne, K Powell & Clerk. PCSO Sawyer also attended along with 4 members of the Public.

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting, the Chair introduced Mr Steve Elson, the new Cemetery Groundsman, who briefly spoke to thank everyone for offering him the opportunity.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr T Boland

Declarations of Interest: Nil on this occasion.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The **January Minutes** were discussed by all. The Chair then asked for approval for the **January Minutes** as published. Proposed by DO and seconded by JO'K and carried unanimously.

3. **Matters Arising:** RW gave a brief update regarding the **Park Road Parking situation**. It is agreed that the parking charges have been the main cause of this problem, and many feel it is an accident waiting to happen. The issue relating to yellow lines is still within the Highways system. PT asked why the gates at the end of Park Road could not be opened allowing free parking similar to Gwersyllt side. SA mentioned that there are zero facilities on the Llay side as opposed to Gwersyllt. DA proposed sending a letter to WCBC relating to opening the gates at the end of Park Road to allow some free parking in this area. This was agreed, and the Clerk will write to D Williams of WCBC to enquire about this possibility. SR asked about the **Llay Welcome signs** as you enter the village raised a year ago. The Clerk will get some quotes and liaise with SR to provide some designs for consideration. DA asked what is happening with the **telephone box** that now belongs to the community council, as it is falling into disrepair. RW thanked DA for raising this. The Chair proposed, with KP seconding, that this be relisted for a final decision at the March meeting. DA then asked about the final **defibrillator**, which is due to be positioned at the Crown Inn. DO will speak to the area manager to find out when this will be finalised. SR asked if the **Rockery Garden map and sign under the Notice Board** could be varnished. This was agreed as positive and SR kindly agreed to do this when the weather improves. SA also offered to assist SR. Finally, the Chair gave a brief update relating to the future of play areas within the Rockery area, which is ongoing. SR is also in contact with WCBC in relation to the children of the school being consulted too.

4. **Public Questions:** The Chair read out the question from a member of the public relating to the origin of Councillor Expenses. The Chair gave a reply, stating that the figures set come from the IRP for Wales, and also form part of the annual Precept payment that Llay CC receive from the principal council (WCBC).

5. **Police Matters:** PCSO Sawyer elaborated on the **figures for January** that were distributed ahead of the meeting. The Chair asked for questions or comments. PCSO Sawyer expanded on the issue of poor and dangerous parking around the village which is actively being pursued at present. A number of councillors asked some follow up questions relating to the figures presented.

6. **New Matters:** None on this occasion.

7. **Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for January totalling £ 15,984.50p**. The Chair asked for approval of these payments. This was proposed by DA seconded by RW and carried unanimously. The Chair then signed a copy of the Income/Expenditure Schedule.

The Chair then raised the listed matters relating to the **Service Level Agreements** requiring discussion/approval for the Financial Year 2020/2021. These were all with WCBC and were for **Street Lighting Maintenance, Play Area Maintenance and the currently vacant School Crossing Patrol**. After discussions at length, it was unanimously agreed to renew all three SLA's, in accordance with the terms and conditions offered.

8. Street Lighting: RW gave a report on all lights currently noted as needing repairs around the village, and was informed of others by Councillors.

9. Planning: The Chair the two planning matters listed for discussion. Firstly, the **Gresford Road Planning Condition Amendment Update** was discussed. RW gave a brief report on the background to this, which involved the Contractors asking to be able to move people into 60 houses before the required roadworks are completed. An extension to consider this has been granted beyond the March meeting. The second planning matter (**P2020/0036**) was passed without comment.

10. Burial Matters: The Chair gave a brief report on the process used to appoint the new employee, and also the quality of all the candidates. He also mentioned that he has made an excellent start. SR asked if SA could give an update on the possibility of the **free trees** that may have been available which SA will do. If available they may be of use as a couple of smaller old trees have come down in the cemetery during the recent winds. The Chair gave an update on the land ownership matter relating to the cemetery extension.

11. Reports: RW gave a report relating to the **Gresford Road traffic issue**, major problems with localised **potholes**, asking everyone affected by a pothole to please report it to WCBC. The Chair emphasised the reporting of potholes immediately is vitally important. The Chair thanked everyone involved who had fought hard against the proposals for a traveller site in the proposed area. The Chair referenced a meeting he went to relating to wild flowers on roundabouts and bio friendly weed foam being investigated. WA mentioned that the Gresford Road traffic problems were causing major disruption to local children as parents currently have no idea where and when school buses are going to pick up and drop off, as the goalposts are moving so quickly. RW and BA agreed this is another important aspect to the current problems.

12. News/Website: SR asked about the meeting she wanted to arrange to discuss the website moving forward and the Chair asked if this could be combined along with the youth matters meeting he wishes to organise. The Chair will e mail all to arrange a suitable date for both matters.

13. Correspondence: The Chair read out a letter received from a member of the public relating to Christmas decorations and displays in Llay. DA agreed to investigate the cost of lights on the main road through the village and the Chair is already in contact with another community council to find out the costs of their lighting at Christmas. It was also highlighted that a tree has been erected, and a carol service has been held for the last couple of years.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by DO seconded by RW and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2016.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th March 2020 at 1830 in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre**

Signed:

Mr B Apsley, Chair

18th March 2020

