

## MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Location:** Llay Resource Centre

**Date & Time:** 15<sup>th</sup> January 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, & Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr T Boland, D Adams, S Watson, J Osborne, K Powell. PCSO Sawyer also sent apologies due to being on Duty. In addition the Chair raised an issue regarding attendance that will be recorded as an addendum.

**Declarations of Interest:** Nil on this occasion.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Clerk was asked to amend the word "requested" to "listed" under the Finance issues, in relation to the Grant Appeal from Park CP School. This was due to no actual amount being asked for in the application. The Chair then asked for approval for the **December Minutes** as published. Proposed by DO and seconded by SA and carried unanimously.

3. **Matters Arising:** RW gave a brief update regarding the **Shones Lane** pitch future. Due to the imminent departure of a key WCBC member of staff, RW and BA will meet a senior member of the Welsh FA at Colliers Park, and RW/BA will then meet Darren Williams of WCBC after speaking to the member of the Welsh FA. There is nothing concrete to report as yet. The Chair thanked Dave Adams and Dennis Owen for their hard work assisting with the newly installed **Defibrillators** at the three venues in Llay (Llay RBL, Miners Welfare and Crown Public House). It is hoped that these will not be required often, but it is a vital addition to the facilities provided in the village. The Chair confirmed there will be no problems obtaining any number of **poppies** to be situated on lampposts in Llay going forward. RW mentioned that the ongoing issue of parking/double yellow lines on **Park Road**, which is being used in the main, due to parking charges at Alyn Waters. SA mentioned recent incidents where vehicles have caused problems for pedestrians. This will be listed for the February meeting, for the Community Council to decide their recommendation in response to the proposed double yellow lines. The Chair raised the matter of **youth provision** and hoped that a meeting could be arranged asap.

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 December** that were distributed ahead of the meeting. The Chair asked for questions and a number of councillors asked for PCSO Sawyer to be informed of parking issues that are considered dangerous within Llay, especially at junctions. The Clerk will ensure PCSO Sawyer is informed.

6. **New Matters:** RW asked for a change of date for the June meeting as it clashed with a Welsh Euro 2020 match and as a Welsh community Council, he felt we should be supporting the team. It was agreed to change to 10<sup>th</sup> June. On the same subject SA suggested bringing forward the December meeting from 16<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December which was also carried unanimously. The Clerk will rearrange the dates and inform all once agreed.

7. **Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for December totalling £ 5,118.14p**. The Chair asked for approval of these payments. This was proposed by DO seconded by RW and carried unanimously. The Chair then signed a copy of the Income/Expenditure Schedule. The Clerk asked that his **salary is formally authorised** as required by the audit rules. DO proposed and JO'K seconded paying the Clerk the agreed salary. In addition, the Clerk asked all Councillors to please forward their request to not receive **councillor expenses**, if they so wish, as soon as possible.

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This will ensure that payment of expenses can be carried out before the end of the financial year, which would prevent issues that arose last year involving “unpresented cheques”.

8. **Street Lighting:** RW gave a very full report of streetlight issues, involving some long term problems, as well as more recent failures which RW has reported, in full, to WCBC. All failures were listed by street and specific address where applicable.

9. **Planning:** No formal Planning Applications had been received on this occasion.

10. **Burial Matters:** The Chair thanked SR for her efforts in ensuring that **new trees** are now planted in the Cemetery, which will improve the overall appearance once they start flowering. SA also mentioned that Llay WI have a number of trees available, which may be of interest. The Chair informed all about the positive response regarding the **job vacancy at the Cemetery**, which will shortly move on to the next phase. The Chair reported there had been a very positive response to the advertisement.

11. **Reports:** SA gave a brief report following the recent **One Voice Wales meeting**, covering insurance advice, some recent good news stories locally, and the current situation relating to political issues that affect local government. The Chair reported that recent meetings involving the **LDP** had been positive, in spite of numerous ongoing arguments between staff at WCBC and the Inspectors. The Chair was cautiously optimistic that the eventual outcome will be positive for Llay. **Budget talks** continue, with a report expected late February. The Chair mentioned the ongoing application regarding **Gresford Road**, where the developers are trying to overturn a planning condition. This will be chased up by the Clerk with the relevant planning officer. Further to Gresford Road, RW gave some more information relating to road closures and the water board that are upcoming to decide the best way forward in relation to road closures. He invited those that wished to, to join him at a meeting arranged this week. RW mentioned that he and the Chair would shortly meet staff from **Streetscene** to discuss much needed **road surface improvements** throughout Llay that are urgently needed. DO mentioned that he has been informed recent tarmac work in Llay has proved substandard and needs replacing. RW noted this and will chase up.

12. **News/Website:** SR suggested a meeting to discuss the **website** perhaps in April. SR will liaise with DA to arrange this.

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

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved by RW seconded by BA and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2009.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 1830 in  
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre**

Signed: .....

Mr B Apsley, Chair,  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2020