

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At Llay Resource Centre, Llay
 Date Thu 15th June 2017
 Time 1830

Name	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Bryan Apsley Chairperson	√	N	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	√
Dave Adams	A	O	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	√	√	√
Sandra Apsley	√		√	√	√	√	A	√	√	A	√	√
Terry Boland	A	M	A	A	A	√	A	A	A	A	A	A
Ken Cupit	√	E	A	√	A	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Nathan Hughes		E									√	√
Sharon Roberts	√	T	√	√	√	A	A	√	√	√	√	√
Rob Walsh	√	I	√	√	√	A	√	√	A	√	√	A
Stacey Watson											√	√
John O'Keefe	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Dennis Owen Vice Chair	√	H	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Jan Osborne	A	E	√	√	A	A	√	√	√	√	√	√
Lisa Jones		L									√	A
Pat Taylor	√	D	√	A	√	A	√	√	√	√	√	√
Wynn Austin				√	A	√	A	√	A	A	√	√
Mark Williams (Clerk)	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

In Attendance: 12 members of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Community Council and members of the public held a period of silence in remembrance of those who were victims of the recent terrorist incidents and the London tower block fire.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs T Boland, R Walsh and L Jones

Declarations of Interest were signed by KC, SR and SW relating to the Appeal from Park CP School, listed for discussion later in the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Chair asked for approval for the May Minutes which was proposed by DA and seconded by DO.

3. **Public Questions:** On this occasion, no questions had been received by the Clerk.

4. **Matters Arising:** The subject of the **Beacon in memory of WW1** was agreed to be relisted for July, to allow councillors time to consider this matter fully. A lengthy discussion took place regarding **Standing Orders**. The issue of public questions was revisited, with the Chair making proposals to amend some of the wording in Standing Orders. SR spoke to clarify her position regarding this matter, stating that no decision could be taken this evening and the matter would need

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

to be relisted for final approval in July. This was agreed by all. The Chair then proposed that all documentation relating to this matter would be promptly forwarded to all councillors by the Clerk, so that everyone could contribute towards the final approval of Standing Orders in July. JO seconded this proposal and there were no amendments and it was carried unanimously. SR then spoke regarding her request for **council to consider the recording of all council meetings** going forward and that this recording would then be placed on the **Llay CC website** for the general public to hear. SR accepted that visual recording was complicated and expensive but felt that audio recordings were relatively simple to implement. Other councillors spoke to express their concern that the Minutes as produced and displayed currently, are sufficient. JO'K stated he was in favour of recording the meetings, if carried out by the Clerk for reasons of clarity. Once the following meeting agreed that the previous minutes were correct, then the recording could be erased. A member of the public explained that a "webcast" could be utilised to download the recording onto the website, but DA mentioned the prohibitive costs of taking this course of action. In concluding the discussion, SR proposed that the meetings are audio recorded and this recording to be downloaded onto the website. This was seconded by SW. As there were no amendments to the proposal, the Chair asked for a vote. SR asked for a recorded vote which was SR and SW in favour of the proposal and BA, SA, PT, JO'K, JO, KC, NH, WA, DO and DA were against. The Chair then referred to the **Good Councillor Guide**, copies of which had been distributed to all by the Clerk prior to the meeting. The Chair highlighted the benefits of following this useful tool, for all councillors, to ensure that business could be conducted in a business like manner. In conclusion, DO proposed and DA seconded the **adding of the Good Councillor Guide to the Standing Orders as an appendix**. This was carried unanimously. SR also mentioned that going forward, it might be helpful for any item listed for the Agenda that was a new matter, to be listed on its' own merits and not put under matters arising. This was also agreed unanimously and the Clerk will implement this proposal with immediate effect. The Chair then raised the subject of **Arriva Buses**, in particular the withdrawal of services for Wats Dyke and other areas, planned to commence on 25th June. He felt there would be value in calling a Public Meeting to organise some form of protest about this planned cut, explain that many vulnerable people would be affected by this decision. The Chair was aware that RW had already written to those involved, asking for a suspension to the decision to allow further discussions to take place. However, the proposal to hold a public meeting had unanimous support from all present. JO'K also mentioned that bus services were withdrawn from Gresford Road some eight months ago, which had also caused serious issues for those who relied on public transport. The Chair will liaise with RW to take this important matter forward.

5. Police Matters: In the absence of the PCSO, the Chair read out the figures for the past month. SW spoke out regarding the **huge problem encountered by residents and others in the area of the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), Park School main entrance and the surrounding area**. A number of other councillors supported SW, expressing concern that this matter has not been dealt with by the authorities. Members of the Public, directly affected by this matter, also spoke with one resident stating that, after 18 months of turmoil and abuse, she was now leaving her home for a more peaceful life. There was a lack of clarity known about who exactly was responsible for the MUGA area in particular, and the possibility of cameras being installed or relocated was discussed. DA also wanted to know why, when anti-social behaviour was one of the listed Council issues on NWP Crime Reports, nothing was actually being done about the problem. In bringing this emotive issue to a close, the Chair confirmed he was meeting the Manager of the Resource Centre next week, and this matter would be the first issue he would be discussing.

6. Finance and Appeals: The Clerk presented the **May income and expenditure** figures, showing expenditure of **£4,877.21p**. These figures were approved unanimously. At this point SR, SW and KC left the room after signing DOI's earlier in the meeting. The Chair then read out the **appeal**

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

for a grant from Park CP School, to fund proposed extra curriculum activities for the pupils during the summer. After discussion DO proposed a grant of £650, in line with the award made last year which was seconded by SA. No other proposals were made, nor amendments and the Chair called a vote which was 8 for the proposal and 1 abstention. The Clerk was instructed to make arrangements for the grant to be paid.

7. **Street Lighting:** A number of councillors raised concerns about the **length of time** it is taking to repair reported faults with street lighting in a number of areas. JO'K, SR and PT mentioned specific lights that were not working for long periods that **caused real danger to members of the community** who needed to use the darkened areas for work reasons. The Clerk will ensure another e mail is sent to WCBC highlighting this problem. The Clerk will also forward to all councillors, a list of the **state of all street lighting** in Llay, as discovered by an agency on behalf of WCBC in 2014. This document has just come to light. It highlights a number of street lights in urgent need of repair. This will cost in the region of £16k initially and a total of £50 to £60k over the next three years. The Chair stated this work would have to be carried out when identified as critical, and that the funds were in place to pay for this work.

8. **Planning:** The planning application (No. 0428), relating to the **removal of tree roots** at a private address was considered. The Chair explained that, in his capacity as a county councillor, he had been involved in this appeal within WCBC. DO also spoke as he had extensive knowledge of the case involved. Following discussions there were no requirements for the community council to contact Planning at WCBC regarding this matter.

9. **Burial Matters:** The Chair and WA will carry out the **next inspection** prior to the meeting due to be held on 20th July. DA then gave an update regarding the proposed **new water tower** within the cemetery. DA stated that he had found a water source that would cut down the amount of digging that would be required to install the new tower. The Clerk will contact the plumber with this information and get another quote. Regarding the new ride on mower/trailer, a discussion took place which resulted in the Clerk being instructed to order this essential piece of equipment and to allow the old machine to be purchased by the supplier (Cymru Tool Repairs) for the agreed price of £250. This was the best offer that had been received. The Clerk will ensure this task is carried out promptly.

10. **Reports:** The Chair gave a report regarding business that had taken place within WCBC, paying particular reference to plans and budgets, explaining how the systems work within WCBC. He also explained the various training he had attended dealing with diverse issues including data protection, health and safety, scrutiny committees, housing act and accommodation of gypsies and freedom of information.

11. **News/Website:** DA displayed an example of how individual councillors' pages could look on the Llay CC website. The Chair encouraged all councillors, who wished to follow DA's example, to get in touch with him as soon as possible. **SR also asked if the Code of Conduct** could be added to the Website so all visitors to the site could have knowledge of how community councils are expected to function. The Clerk will forward a copy of this to DA.

12. **Correspondence:** Other than business already discussed elsewhere in the meeting, there was no further correspondence to discuss.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2027. The next meeting will be held on :-

THURSDAY 20th July 2017 at 1830

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Signed:.....

Mr B Apsley
Chair
20th July 2017