

## MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At Park Community Primary School, LLay  
 Date Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
 Time 1830

Name	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
David Broderick Chairperson	√	N	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Dave Adams	A	O	A	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Bryan Apsley	√		√	√	A	A	A	√	A			
Sandra Apsley	√	M	√	√	√	√	√	√	A			
Andrew Boland	A	E	A	A	A	√	A	A	A			
Terry Boland	√	E	√	√	√	√	A	A	√			
Paul Crewe	√	T	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Ken Cupit	A	I	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Maldwyn Davies	A	N	√	√	√	√	√	A	√			
Peter Evans	A	G	√	A	A	A	√	A	A			
Charles Higgins	√		√	A	A	A	A	A	A			
Malcolm Taylor	√	H	A	A	A	√	A	A	A			
Eunice Vincent	√	E	√	√	√	√	A	√	√			
Vera Wineyard	√	L	√	√	A	A	√	√	A			
Sheila Woolrich		D		√	√	√	√	√	A			
Mark Williams (Clerk)	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√			

In Attendance: 12 members of the community, Community PCSO.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs M Taylor, B Apsley, C Higgins, A Boland, V Wineyard, P Evans, S Apsley, S Woolrich

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the February Meeting were accepted as a true record: Proposed by: D Adams Seconded by: P Crewe

**3. Public Questions:**

There were no questions from the Public on this occasion.

**4. Matters Arising:** TB informed all that the bin requested by R Walsh at a recent meeting would be installed. MD asked the Clerk to chase up his request for a "Stop" sign to be installed at the road junction which is currently "Give Way". The Clerk will do this.

**5. Police Matters:** PCSO Hughes outlined the latest crime figures and explained the most recent events in Llay. TB requested information regarding the increase in powers for PCSO's. PCSO Hughes explained these came into force in October 2014. DA asked if patrols could be stepped up in the car park area of Alyn Waters, as he had removed approximately 24 beer bottles prior to the childrens' football matches recently, from the car park. PCSO Hughes agreed to check this.

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**6. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk reported the financial figures for the month of February. The only item of note, apart from normal monthly income and expenditure, was the final closure of the HSBC Bond on maturity, which had resulted in the sum of £85,374 being added to the existing balances within the other account at Lloyds Bank. The Clerk also asked for financial regulations to now be amended to reflect the use of internet banking instead of cheques. The Chairman asked for a vote to add this to financial regulations which was carried unanimously. Finally, the Clerk informed all that he was actively preparing all accounts and supporting documentation for the Internal Audit, being held at Pontblydden Cricket Club on 9<sup>th</sup> April. He would report back once this was completed.

MD raised the issue of the poor state of the old memorial (now a pile of bricks) at the original site of the Llay Colliery. He mentioned it would be 50 years next year, since the colliery closed down and felt a suitable memorial should recognise where the colliery was actually situated. Others felt any memorial would be subjected to vandalism, as previously occurred. However, MD informed all he was liaising with WCBC to see if a memorial could be placed on this site.

**7. Street Lighting:** The Clerk explained that there had been no major incidents involving street lighting that he was aware of, save for a report that at least 6 workmen from WCBC had turned up to rearrange a single sign that was turned the wrong way. He has asked WCBC to explain why this was necessary. KC reported that 3 lights were out on the main Llay New Road, one of which was red, indicating a failing being imminent. The Clerk will report these asap. TB mentioned that he was aware of much dissatisfaction within many areas of Wrexham, regarding the outside contractors who have the contract to carry out repair work for WCBC and this matter was currently under discussion within the Council. DA mentioned that the signs for each lamppost would cost approximately £3.50 per light (there are over 1000 street lights in Llay) so this was not considered cost effective. However, DA informed all that within the Llay.org website, there was now a section heading for streetlights, which contained all contact details to report faults or problems, which he hoped would be of use. The Clerk will ensure a notice about this addition to the website is put up on the notice board.

**8. Planning:** The Clerk reported that 2 minor planning applications had been received too late for this meeting but would be added for the April agenda. TB reported that Gresford Road development has stalled at present, and that any digging seen in the vicinity relates to searches for old ruins and not housing.

**9. Burial Matters:** Apart from finally receiving the overdue grave markers, and that the Groundsmen was now cutting the grass once more as Spring approaches, there was nothing of note to report.

**10. Correspondence:** A letter had been received from a resident regarding the re-marking of a small car park area within the community. TB was aware of this and would chase up with housing.

**11. Reports:** PC mentioned that the reinstatement of a former **post box** within the village was being chased up. A discussion followed regarding post boxes and their proximity to those requiring one. TB mentioned that himself and Ian Lucas MP had both been equally frustrated when attempting to resolve issues involving post boxes. The Clerk informed all that, at PC's request, he had informed Royal Mail some time ago, with the exact location of the required post box and this is being investigated. PC also mentioned the moving of a **zebra crossing** to reflect the new **skate park**, due to open in June 2015. A discussion followed regarding this, with TB quoting some figures for zebra crossings. MD spoke against the skate park, and incurring extra expense installing/moving zebra crossings as he felt the skate park would not be heavily used, and that

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irresponsible drivers going to fast would ignore such warnings anyway. TB further mentioned that a "slow" sign was about to be installed in Nant Y Gaer Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Pentre Street in the hope of reducing speeding drivers. PC mentioned that he had received a request from the local **Boys Brigade** for recommended areas for them to carry out a **litter pick**, thus receiving extra funding for their troop. After discussion it was decided to ask them to carry out this useful activity in the "Dingle" and "The Woods". PC will inform the Boys Brigade.

As County Councillor, TB then gave brief reports on a number of subjects. These were **Foregolf** and current developments, breakdowns of funding for the **Skate Park**, the ongoing situation to save the **Community Centre** from imminent demolition, **Ballswood**, the **Health Centre**, **Speeding**, the **Rockery Gardens** (specifically with regard to their use by local play group schemes and some damage being caused) and **Platts Corner**.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved by M Davies, seconded by K Cupit and agreed and the meeting closed at 1922. The date and time of the next meeting is:

**THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015 at 1830**

Signed:.....

Mr D Broderick  
Chairperson  
16<sup>th</sup> April 2015