

## MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At Llay Resource Centre, Llay  
 Date Thu 16 March 2017  
 Time 1830

Name	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Bryan Apsley Chairperson	√	N	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Dave Adams	A	O	√	√	√	√	√	A	√			
Sandra Apsley	√		√	√	√	√	A	√	√			
Terry Boland	A	M	A	A	A	√	A	A	A			
Ken Cupit	√	E	A	√	A	√	√	√	√			
Maldwyn Davies	A	E	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Sharon Roberts	√	I	√	√	√	A	A	√	√			
Rob Walsh	√	N	√	√	√	A	√	√	A			
Vera Wineyard	A	G	A	A	A	√	√	A	A			
John O'Keefe	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Dennis Owen Vice Chair	√	H	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Jan Osborne	A	E	√	√	A	A	√	√	√			
Christine Archer	√	L	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Pat Taylor	√	D	√	A	√	A	√	√	√			
Wynn Austin				√	A	√	A	√	A			
Mark Williams (Clerk)	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√			

In Attendance: 4 members of the public and PCSO Harris..

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs V Wineyard, T Boland, R Walsh and W Austin..

In addition, a DOI was signed by Cllr P Taylor (Staff Salary Discussion)

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Chair asked for approval that these were a true record. DO proposed and JO'K seconded and this was carried unanimously.

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

4. **Matters Arising:** Having confirmed that all councillors had received the **Youth Club Committee minutes** that he had distributed recently, the Chair invited CA to speak. CA commented that she remained deeply concerned that, if care was not taken, the youth club activities within Llay would greatly reduce, as had occurred in other areas of the county borough. She also mentioned the lack of younger representation on committees designed to assist the youth of the village. CA also wished to see a far more **pro- active use of the youth club time**, perhaps engaging more closely with the other youth groups identified by the recently produced activity directory, now available within the Resource Centre and on the community council website. SR suggested a **youth sub-committee**

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be formed, as part of the community council, to build closer links for this important part of village life. Others felt this would be an excellent way to engage with youngsters. However, it was finally agreed by all that this proposal be looked at after the **next planned meeting of the Youth Club Committee**, which the Chair informed all was to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> March. MD asked for further action to be considered regarding the **WCBC flower beds** within the village. He felt that compared to nearby areas, Llay lacked a colourful presence. It was pointed out that other areas mentioned, paid for the flower beds themselves and that this could be looked at in the future.. SR referred to the recent **Keep Wales Tidy litter pick**, which had ensured an area of the village had been cleared of many bags full of rubbish. SR felt this could develop into a monthly event. **Insurance** would be available at a reduced rate through the national body, and the **equipment required** would also be loaned free of charge. One area that would remain an issue is the disposal of the bags of rubbish collected. The Clerk was instructed to contact WCBC to find out if a **free skip** could be placed in a suitable area, close to the site being targeted by the litter pick volunteers. CA mentioned the recent unfortunate accident involving a dog on the **Foregolf Site**. It was agreed by all that there remains safety concerns in general in this area, now that the large mound has become an official tip. The Clerk was instructed to **write to WCBC** to ensure that current legislation regarding such sites be adhered to, including the possibility of erecting a fence around this area to avoid any possible future incidents.

**5. Police Matters:** The figures had been sent out ahead of the meeting and were discussed briefly. PCSO Harris confirmed that **speed issues** within the village would continue to be monitored. The Chair then invited SR to comment on her recent research, which appeared to show **significant and worrying differences between the figures** on the NWP Crime Map, and those that were presented to the community council. In addition, her research showed that, using the published figures, **crime detection rates for Llay were less than 8%**. In response, PCSO Harris explained that some crimes are not reported to the community for operational reasons, but he agreed that the figures should be the same for both published documents and he would investigate this. He asked SR to pass on her documentation to assist in this matter. A number of councillors spoke of their concerns regarding apparent **drug activity** currently taking place. PCSO Harris stated that he was aware of this and plans were being drawn up to tackle this issue. DA and others expressed serious concern about possible drug activity taking place within Alyn Waters car park, which is close to the skate park used by children. In conclusion, the Chair thanked PCSO Harris for attending, and it was agreed he would e mail the Clerk with his findings regarding the figures and crime detection rates, as he will not be attending the meeting until May. PCSO Harris stated that if at all possible, he would attend in April.

**6. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk presented **February finance figures**, bank statements and the ledgers. These figures were approved following a proposal from DA seconded by SR.

The Clerk then read out the current **Investment Strategy**, along with the **Risk Assessment** and **Internal Controls** documents. Finally, it was agreed that capital expenditure plans would remain as ongoing street lighting repairs and the extension to the Cemetery, planned for a future date. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that all these documents fairly represented the position of Llay Community Council for the past year. The Chair then asked members of the public and the Clerk to leave the room so that a staff matter could be discussed.

SA mentioned that she felt it would be prudent to allow councillors to propose/second a **grant appeal** without their name being listed in the Minutes. SA felt the most important matter was the award of a grant and not who had proposed and seconded it. A brief discussion followed with others giving their opinion. The Chair concluded by asking for a proposal, which SA did and the Chair seconded. Following a vote it was agreed that the practice of minuting the name of the proposer and seconder for a Grant would continue.

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7. **Street Lighting:** There were no major issues, but a number of councillors mentioned lights that required attention. This will be progressed. In addition, the Clerk will forward the e mail address for WCBC lighting repairs to JO.
8. **Planning:** The planning application, as listed on the Agenda, was passed without comment.
9. **Burial Matters:** SR/PT gave a full report on their **recent inspection**. The Clerk will take action regarding **benches, water towers and untended graves**, along with some other minor issues. The new car park fencing is now in position and all agreed this greatly improved the appearance of the cemetery. **CA and DA** will carry out the next inspection, in liaison with the Clerk to identify future sites for **new bench applications**. This is to ensure that there is a plan for placing new benches within the cemetery that will avoid too many being in one place. Finally, the Clerk was instructed to purchase 8 watering cans to place in the vicinity of the water towers, on a trial basis. The aim is to replace the need for a plastic bin with empty milk cartons being situated at the entrance to the cemetery.
10. **Reports:** In the absence of both County Councillors, there were no reports of note at this meeting,, that had not been discussed earlier.
11. **News/Website:** DA gave a brief report on the website, confirming that the recent Youth Activities document would be added. In addition, he asked for continued news to be put on the website from all, to ensure it becomes a focal point for all those with a computer.
12. **Correspondence:** The Chair read out correspondence received from **Knight Frank** regarding the **possible development at Llay RBL**. He was concerned that the paperwork from Knight Frank contained a number of factual inaccuracies, but overall, this matter would now progress to a conclusion in due course. DO mentioned the recent unfortunate accident suffered by Mrs.L Griffiths, our local AM, and suggested sending a get well soon card from Llay CC which was supported by all, and SA said she would get the card.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2020. The next meeting will be held on :-

**THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 at 1830**

Signed:.....

Mr B Apsley  
Chairman  
20<sup>TH</sup> April 2017