

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre
Date & Time: 20th March 2019 @ 18:30

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (Vice Chair), S Apsley, K Cupit, J O'Keefe, K Powell, R Walsh, L Jones, S Roberts, J Osborne, P Taylor & Clerk, PCSO Sawyer Ins Owens, Sgt Hughes and 4 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Adams, T Boland, W Austin, S Watson
Declarations of Interest: Nil
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the **February meeting** were accepted as a true record, proposed by DO, seconded by RW and carried unanimously.
- 3. Matters Arising:** Ms Andrea Rimmer, representing "**Your Space**", gave an informative presentation on the work they do, providing social opportunities, activities and clubs for 5-25 year olds affected by autism and answered some questions from those present. The Chair thanked Ms Rimmer for her time. The Chair raised the issue of the **Gresford Road development**, referring to recent correspondence in response to the letter sent by the council. The Chair proposed that another letter was sent to the Chief Executive of WCBC. SR raised a number of pertinent points, proving that conditions set in place were not being adhered to which will form the main part of the letter to be sent by the Clerk. SR will liaise with the Clerk on the construction of the letter. It was agreed that copies of the letter would go to all members of the planning committee. RW also mentioned the noise from road sweeping. He also expressed deep concerns about the state of WCBC Planning Department and felt that Llay was being bullied at present. DO mentioned that the Highways Officer is now looking closely at the problems around the development, which involve access issues for future retail premises. DO mentioned lorry traffic near Old Meadow Court. He also mentioned a green area alongside Old Meadow Court. This is planned to be used for the sales offices involving concrete floors. Finally, DO mentioned the issues involving sewerage pipes and surface water being all directed down Singret Hill, which is going to cause major problems with possible flooding. There has been no visit to the site by WCBC and consultation has been non-existent. A member of the public spoke to state that she felt only writing to others above WCBC would result in the buck passing to stop. Finally DO raised the forthcoming issue of road closures caused by this development for at least 16 weeks, for all traffic between Llay and Gresford. In conclusion, it was agreed that the Clerk would construct a letter in liaison with all councillors involved. The **defibrillator issue will be listed for April**. SR mentioned that the **litter pick** will take place on Saturday 13th April at 10 am, meeting at Resource Centre. A number of councillors spoke, in relation to this event, of the ongoing problems in **Nant Y Gaer** woods involving the paths, which continue to remain in a dangerous state.
- 4. Public Questions:** No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.
- 5. Police Matters:** The latest **crime figures**, as sent out by PCSO Sawyer prior to the meeting, were discussed in full, and expanded on by Sgt Hughes. He also gave an overview of the current staffing position throughout WCB. Contact details would be passed onto all, allowing a quicker response to any e-mails to the Police. Insp Owens confirmed that in future, figures produced would only show those directly relating to Llay itself, and would not include the new Police Station. This will give a fairer view of the figures. There will be a greater presence of police vehicles in the area going to and from the new station, which should reassure the public in Llay. The Chair asked about delays in reporting crime via 101. Sgt Hughes recommended using the internet, via North Wales Police website, allowing reports to be made quickly. The Chair thanked all three Officers for attending.
- 6. New Matters:** SA raised the issue of the **Christmas Tree**, that has disappeared from the Rockery Gardens. The condition of the tree was very poor and it may have been removed. No-one actually knew who had removed it. The Chair mentioned the state of the **Old Co-Op** and he intends pursuing this eyesore issue with WCBC.
- 7. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for February totalling £4,185.74p**. This was proposed by RW and seconded by JO'K and approved unanimously. All expenditure items were individually approved, having been sent for approval during the month since the last meeting. The

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Chair signed a copy of the Inc/Exp Schedule. Staff salaries was carried over to the end of the meeting and will be noted in an addendum, along with two other items that will also be discussed, following the departure of the public. The Chair sought approval to place the matter of **Councillor expenses** and specifically, to place this on the Agenda for the Annual Meeting, which will cover all the statutory matters. This was agreed by all. JO'K proposed and SR seconded renewing membership of **One Voice Wales**. This was carried unanimously. The Chair then raised the **appeal from Hope House**. PT spoke on behalf of the excellent work carried out by Hope House but, after discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would inform them about the need to forward their 2018 audited accounts when it would be relisted, if received, for May or June. This was seen as being fair to all applicants for grant funding, and in accordance with the application form requirements. Once more up to date audited figures are received, this will be relisted.

8. **Street Lighting:** No major issues were reported or discussed.

9. **Planning:** P/2019 **0083** (Magellan Aerospace installation of 4 chimneys, **0123** (Leighs Market Square change of use) and **0161** (extension at rear of a property in Llay were **passed without concerns at this stage**. The **Tree Protection Orders** matter was supported by the council. The **surface water issue** had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

10. **Burial Matters:** The **inspection** by PT and KP was presented and discussed briefly with no major issues being raised, except for some moss and crumbling path issues to be addressed, and a tree stump that needs taking down. The Clerk will arrange this. The next inspection will be carried out by JO and JO'K. The Clerk sought approval from Council to renew the annual **contract with Ash Waste**. He explained that there had been an annual saving of just over £450 and the service had been reliable. JO proposed, RW seconded renewing this contract and it was carried unanimously. SR mentioned the purchase of the **new trees** for the top of the cemetery. SR estimates it would cost in the region of £650. LJ mentioned the possibility of getting free trees and she would pass on information about this to everyone. There is time to consider the best option as SR further explained that the planting season is at an end. The Chair asked for this to be carried over.

11. **Reports:** The Chair mentioned the current situation regarding the closure of **Gresford Surgery** and the impact it would have on Llay Surgery and is actively pursuing this matter with a number of people and organisations involved. RW stated that recent debacles involving **Llay RBL planning** should not prevent others pursuing issues involving this group. SR pointed out major faults from the Planning Meeting and Councillors were going to follow up on these.

12. **News/Website:** No issues to report.

13. **Correspondence:** 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 2034.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 17th April 2019 at 1830** in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:

Mr B Apsley, Chair
17th April 2019

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