

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre
Date & Time: 15th May 2019 @ 1915

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (Vice Chair), S Apsley, W Austin K Cupit, J O'Keefe, K Powell, R Walsh, J Osborne, L Jones, S Roberts, S Watson, P Taylor & Clerk.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Adams, T Boland,
Declarations of Interest; Nil
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the **April meeting** were accepted as a true record, proposed by JO'K, seconded by WA and carried unanimously.
- 3. Matters Arising:** SR asked for an update on **the defibrillators**. DO gave an update that he was awaiting some more information from The Crown Public House. The subject of insurance was also discussed, and it was agreed that Llay CC would take on the insurance risk. JO'K asked the Clerk if there had been a response from WCBC regarding the **paths issue**. The Clerk stated this had not been received yet, but RW gave a quick update confirming that the work required would be carried out shortly. SA expressed her concern that letters and e mails do not seem to get answered in good time by WCBC, allowing more time for other issues to arise before the first matters have even been dealt with. DO gave a brief update on the **surface water issue** that is still unresolved, with concerns about the lack of clarity and replies from those involved. SR, RW and others expressed serious concern with the reply received by WCBC. In many areas, this reply either ignored breaches of pre-determined and agreed conditions, or failed to address the specific items raised by Llay CC, from Ian Bancroft, as Chief Executive of WCBC. In conclusion, it was agreed that the Clerk will send a letter from Llay CC to the Leader of the Council and his Deputy regarding issues that remain. The Clerk asked all Councillors to ensure they forward any matters for inclusion as soon as possible. RW mentioned that **thank you letters to our new area street maintenance operative** had been appreciated and well received.
- 4. Public Questions:** No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.
- 5. Police Matters:** The Chair referred to a recent visit he and RW had enjoyed at the new police centre in Llay and recommended all councillors try and visit. The latest **crime figures**, as sent out by PCSO Sawyer prior to the meeting, were discussed in full. PCSO Sawyer had sent his apologies for not being able to attend this evening. KC asked that PCSO be informed about anti social riding of motor bikes around the village.
- 6. New Matters:** The Chair raised the only issue listed which concerned **Llay United FC** seeking a letter of support to enhance their business plan for Shones Lane soccer pitch, which they are trying to gain fresh funding to take over the running and maintenance of the same. The Chair highlighted how the business case would also include a girls' football team and also involve those with disabilities, and that both he and RW had already sent letters of support. RW also spoke, strongly supporting the intentions of Llay United FC. All councillors spoke giving their strong support to what Llay United FC are trying to achieve. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to Llay United offering the full backing of the community council.
- 7. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for April totalling £15,932.10p**, explaining that this higher than normal monthly expenditure was due, in the main, to the listed payment to WCBC lighting department for £8.6k for replacements and repairs to street lighting since January. This was proposed by DO and seconded by KC and approved unanimously. All expenditure items were individually approved, having been sent for approval during the month since the last meeting. The Chair signed a copy of the Inc/Exp Schedule. The **Internal audit report was discussed in full** and all minor items highlighted by Coxkeys will be implemented as soon as practical. Following this, the **Chair signed the Annual Return** for the year ended 31st March 2019.

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8. **Street Lighting:** RW raised a couple of minor issues and there were no other comments on this occasion.
9. **Planning: P/2019/0314,** alterations to **vehicle access at Yew Tree Cottages**, Llay was discussed briefly and passed without comment.
10. **Burial Matters:** The **inspection report** by BA and KC was presented and discussed briefly with no major issues being raised other than some moss requiring further removal from various paths. .KC asked for clarification on the proposed repairs to path edges and will meet the Clerk to fully understand the aims before June. The Chair also mentioned areas that looked in need of tons of earth **to level hollows** that are appearing due to ground settlement.. Finally, the planned inspection by councillors, to **identify graves** that may require attention in the near future, with a view to identifying if any family members remain in the area. SA will organise this for **1st June at 1000**. The Clerk will ensure that SA has a copy of the grave numbers map and register ahead of this date. SA also suggested that a second “planter tub” be installed in the cemetery near the entrance, to enhance the appearance. This was agreed by all as a good idea and will be implemented. **The next inspection** will be by **SR and SW**.
11. **Reports:** RW made reference to a recent **village walkabout** that he and BA had carried out, which has identified various areas needing urgent attention regarding **potholes**, which will be pursued. BA gave some background financial information regarding pothole repairs.
12. **News/Website:** Apart from the agreement to form a **new committee** to assist DA in the maintenance of, and updating to, the Website, taken as part of the earlier Annual Meeting, there were no other issues to discuss.
13. **Correspondence:** A short letter from Bellway relating to Gresford Road development was read out by the Chair, which highlighted the use of a temporary entrance. This will be monitored going forward.
- There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved by KC and seconded by RW and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2040.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 19th June 2019 at 1830** in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:

Mr B Apsley, Chair
19th June 2019

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