

## MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At     Park Community Primary School, LLay  
 Date        Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015  
 Time        1830

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

In Attendance: 23 members of the Community, PCSO Hughes

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs T Boland, P Crewe, D Broderick, V Wineyard,

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Vice Chairman welcomed Ms Sharon Roberts and Mr Rob Walsh to their first meeting as the newly elected Community Councillors and on behalf of the Council, congratulated them on their recent success. He also congratulated Mr Rob Walsh on becoming the newly elected Borough Councillor for Llay.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the June Meeting were accepted as a true record: Proposed by: M Davies     Seconded by: S Woolrich

**3. Public Questions:**

Ms C Archer was invited by the Vice Chairman to ask questions that had been sent to the Clerk in advance of the meeting. He also allowed questions that were due to be asked at the June meeting. To clarify timescales for sending questions to the Clerk, it was agreed that the final time for questions to be sent would be at 2359 on the Wednesday evening, a week ahead of the following meeting. This would allow time for the Clerk to prepare and display the Agenda on Thursdays on the Community Notice Board.

The questions and responses were as follows:-

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- a. Why was £100 donated to **the RBL dominoes team**. The Vice Chair responded that any group can apply for a grant from the community council, the matter had been discussed and this award was made. PE confirmed that it was an agreed decision by the community council after discussion.
- b. Why had only £50 been donated to cancer charities, if the subject listed in (a) had received double this. Again the Vice Chair explained that it was a collective council decision to whom a donation should be made and if so, how much.
- c. Regarding the grant for the **RBL heating system** awarded by the community council, the Vice Chair stated that the RBL were continually seeking funding from a variety of sources and that this information would be made available to those who attended the RBL AGM.
- d. Why was **the RBL Social Clubs'** bid to obtain the old community centre building not successful – the Vice Chairman asked RW, the WCBC councillor present, to chase this up.
- e. Why were the **crime and nuisance figures** not read out recently and can the same reports be included on the website. The Clerk confirmed it had been an oversight not to read out the actual figures at the recent meeting. However, he had previously formally requested permission to put the figures on the notice board and had been informed in writing by the local Police Inspector that this would not be allowed. Figures given to councillors are for their use only and are not to be publicly displayed PCSO Hughes agreed to chase up this matter.
- f. Are the issues of **dog bins** being located at the entrance on Meadow Rise and the edge of Haywards Field going to be processed after they were initially turned down on cost grounds. SW and SA recently met council officials who confirmed that they would not place red dog bins in these areas, but would place normal bins for use by dog walkers. There are still some minor issues to sort regarding emptying of these bins but this matter was being progressed. Also, RW, the newly elected county councillor will chase up this matter.
- g. Regarding how many members of the **Llay Welfare Band** are from Llay, the Vice Chair stated that the grant was awarded on the basis of the application made in writing and the subsequent presentation made by the band master and the fact that the band is named as it is. He was not aware how many members were from Llay. In addition, when receiving applications from lots of other Llay based groups, the council do not and should not enquire about their Llay based numbers either in his opinion. This was supported by other councillors present.
- h. A question was raised regarding the recent visit of **the local AM**. The Vice Chairman stated he had spoken to the AM in private, prior to the meeting, purely to clarify the purpose of the visit and that the AM had stated she was quite happy to be there as an observer.
- i. When is the ongoing eyesore, caused by the planning application by **Foregolf**, going to be dealt with. MD agreed that this situation had been poorly administered, in his opinion, by all concerned within WCBC planning department and he felt that the owners of Foregolf were being allowed to ride roughshod over normal planning rules, both in relation to what they are actually doing to this piece of land and the timescales involved. RW, as the local borough councillor, agreed to raise this matter within the Guildhall and report back. In summary, all those present, both members of the public and Councillors, expressed deep concern that Llay was apparently being used as a “dumping ground” and there would be the strongest support for the Borough Councillors in their efforts to resolve the situation.
- j. Why was an **appeal from Llay Park School** considered by the Council when it had only been submitted on the night of the actual meeting. The Vice Chairman agreed this should not have been considered and all councillors had been reminded to ensure any representations they wished

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to make in future must be in line with the rules. The Clerk mentioned that this appeal may have been considered as it related to funding for the school during the summer term and, as everyone would know, the school had actually now closed before the following meeting.

k. Various updates were requested regarding the site of the Old Infant School, the Old Community Centre and the new North Wales Police Headquarters. The Vice Chairman agreed these were important matters that required an update and asked RW as Borough Councillor, to make enquiries and report back at the first opportunity. The Vice Chairman stressed that even though the Community Council had no responsibility for Borough Council matters, the Community Council was fully behind the questions and supported the Borough Councillors. The reports from the Borough Councillors at future meetings would be expected to give responses to the points raised that were matters for them to deal with.

l. Will the Community Council make representation as to whether the **Café and its' staff will continue under Trust Management**. The Vice Chairman stated that he understood consultations regarding this matter have commenced with members of staff and also asked RW, once again, to make enquiries as it was a WCBC matter.

m. On behalf of Ms J Sutlieff, the Clerk read out the final question received which asked who and why the new Skate Park had been named "the Alyn Waters Skate Park" without any consultation with, or knowledge of, the residents of Llay who had worked so hard to raise the necessary funding for this facility. RW agreed that he had only very recently been made aware of this new sign, and he would be chasing up this matter as soon as he could.

4. **Matters Arising:** The Clerk mentioned that the new **Community Account** had been set up at Barclays Bank, the only high street facility to offer this service. Once the Clerk received confirmation the account was available to use, £75k would be transferred across from Lloyds, thus reducing any risk losses to the Community Council in the unlikely event of bank collapses. The Clerk mentioned that **the Audit was now complete**, having received the external audit report from the Auditors as appointed by the Welsh Assembly. On the same subject, the **annual review of the Risk Assessment** was raised and discussed briefly. There were no additions to be added to the current risk assessment, and the current Health and Safety Policies have been checked and require no amendments. The Clerk confirmed that all equipment and services covered by the Risk Assessment documents remained in place. This was approved by council.

5. **Police Matters:** PC Hughes gave a presentation of the June crime figures to those present. He also gave a breakdown on the different anti-social issues that had been dealt with. PCSO Hughes mentioned that there had been some recent arrests for arson and that speed monitoring, as raised by MD and others at recent meetings, was ongoing. SR asked if there was an update regarding a recent incident of a car stopping and asking a child for directions etc. The PCSO stated that this incident may well have been innocent, and had not escalated, but data had been passed onto local Police Intelligence Units for information.

6. **Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk presented the finance figures for June, which were accepted by councillors present. There were no appeals on this occasion.

7. **Street Lighting:** There were no lights, under the responsibility of the council, that required attention. However, KC mentioned two lights directly behind the community centre that required attention. These are under the control of WCBC and RW will mention this when next at WCBC.

8. **Planning:** The following applications, as listed on the Agenda, were considered by council and passed without comment:-

a. P/2015/0448 Kitchen Extension Ashleigh, Croeshowell, Llay

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- b. P/2015/0511 side extension, metal staircase, double garage and replacement windows at The Grange, Gegin Lane Llay.
- c. P/2015/0491 erection of new 4 bedroom detached dwelling and parking spaces to land adjacent to 148, Gresford Road, Llay.

**9. Burial Matters:** The Clerk gave all present an update on the condition of the **Groundsman**, who was taken ill recently. He would continue to inform the council as and when he received news from Mr Williamsons’ family, with whom he is in regular contact. Meanwhile, permission was granted by the council for the Clerk to seek short term replacement contractors, to ensure the grounds remain in the excellent condition that they have been. The Clerk informed all that he was liaising with Mr Crewe, who leases adjacent land owned by the council, regarding the **removal of soil taken from the cemetery**. This matter is under an existing agreement and usually takes place once every five years, to ensure Mr Crewe has clear access to the exit points within the fields. Finally, the Clerk informed all that he had posted clear notices regarding their **decision on kerbstones**, and thus far had only received positive comments. KC mentioned that due to the absence of the Groundsman, he had been informed that the large water tank, used by visitors to the cemetery, was currently empty. The Clerk agreed to resolve this issue (note post meeting – Tank filled 24<sup>th</sup> July).

**10. Correspondence:** SW presented a letter from a concerned resident in Llay, regarding the **perilous state of a wall** within the village. This wall is the property of WCBC and RW agreed to take up this matter with WCBC at the earliest opportunity, and would inform the resident of the outcome.

**11. Reports:** The Clerk informed all that he had received written notification from Cllr Andrew Boland, that, due to pressures and location of his current employment, he would be resigning from the Llay Community Council with immediate effect. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should place a co-option notification on the Community Council Notice Board.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved by SW, seconded by SA and agreed and the meeting closed at 2003. The date and time of the next meeting is:

**THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 at 1830**

Signed:.....

Mr D Broderick  
Chairman  
17<sup>TH</sup> September 2015