

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At Llay Resource Centre, Llay
Date Wed 15th Nov 2017
Time 1830

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (V Chair), S Roberts, S Watson, S Apsley, J Osborne, N Hughes, L Jones, J O'Keefe, R Walsh & P Taylor
3 members of the public. 1 member of the press. PCSO Harris.

A moment of silence was observed by all present, in memory of AM Carl Sargeant.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs T Boland, W Austin, D Adams and K Cupit

Declarations of Interest : DOI's were completed by SR, SW, BA and RW (Park CP Appeal) and PT (P & G Xmas Float Appeal). This was followed by the Chair inviting Ms J Lane, from the **Dementia Friendly Community** Organisation, to give an excellent presentation on the work her organisation carry out within communities similar to Llay.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** After SR highlighted a small inaccuracy, DO proposed and JO'K seconded approving the Minutes which was agreed by all.

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

4. **New Matters:** JO'K proposed that for reasons of clarification, future **Minutes be recorded** for internal use only. This was seconded by RW. There were no amendments and this proposal was carried by 7 votes to 4 against. The Clerk will arrange for a suitable machine to be acquired for December meeting. It was also agreed that any recording of minutes would be deleted, once the minutes were agreed. Quoting the Good Councillor Guide, the Chair proposed that future Minutes **record decisions made and vital points only**, thus reducing the opportunity for comments to be misunderstood. Furthermore, the Chair stated this would allow approved Minutes to sit alongside Draft Minutes on the Noticeboard. This proposal was seconded by RW and was carried with 9 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

5. **Matters Arising:** The new **Map for Rockery Gardens** was proposed by JO'K and seconded by SW, agreed by all and the Clerk will now order this from the local firm. SR gave updates on recent surveys from local schoolchildren regarding **replacing the see saw**. A number of options are still being considered which the Clerk will now gain quotes for and report back in December. The Chair asked for further consideration from all councillors regarding the **WW1 Beacon**. RW gave brief updates regarding **new litter bin** locations and **litter enforcement officers**. The Clerk will follow up the latter with other local communities.

6. **Police Matters:** PCSO Harris explained the new monthly Police Figures to all. SR highlighted that these only showed one weeks' figures. The Clerk will liaise with PCSO Harris to improve this. Councillors asked for assurance that **speeding** would still be a priority. The Chair distributed a **proposed leaflet regarding cold callers**. He asked for approval to distribute this to every household in Llay. This would be done by all the Community Councillors. The leaflet was being produced by the same firm who print the "Llay in Partnership" magazine at a reduced cost (due to the connection), which would be under £100. All Councillors agreed this was an excellent idea and it was fully

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supported. **CCTV installation** was also briefly discussed as a possible aid to reduce anti social behaviour and other crime. This will be progressed. SR asked about “**nominated neighbour**” scheme she was aware of. PCSO Harris will find out more regarding this scheme.

7. **Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the financial expenses authorised for payment in **October of £4326.58p**. This was proposed by DO, seconded by JO’K and approved unanimously. The **P & G Charity Float Appeal** will be deferred until more up to date official bank statements can be provided. After those signing DOI’s left the room, the Appeal by **Park CP School** was considered and following a majority vote, it was decided to award £350. The Clerk will arrange this payment.

8. **Street Lighting:** Following RW’s report on the state of lighting, a number of Councillors mentioned the light outside the Doctors’ Surgery. This has been reported and will be chased up.

9. **Planning:** The Chair read out **Planning App 0859**, regarding a new development on the former Community Centre Site on Shones Lane. Some concerns were expressed regarding Bin storage areas, overlooking nearby bungalows and hedgerow maintenance. These will be passed on by the Clerk to the Planning Department at WCBC

10. **Burial Matters:** Whilst no inspection had been possible this month, DO mentioned his frequent visits had found the cemetery in excellent order. The inspectors for December will be **SR and SW**. The Council agreed unanimously to support the **Welsh Assembly initiative** to provide free burials for all Under 18 applications. SA mentioned the **need for a skip** to remove the remaining waste products behind the building. This is being progressed. Finally, the Clerk asked for a third company quote for the **winter work**. The Chair offered to contact a local firm.

11. **Reports:** The Chair mentioned that **Dave Adams** had personally put up all the **lamppost poppies** throughout Llay, for which he was warmly thanked by all. RW gave a short report on behalf of himself and BA, regarding recent WCBC council business.

12. **News/Website:** SR kindly withdrew her item regarding **website content** for a second time, due to the time and the absence of DA on business. This will be re-listed again for December.

13. **Correspondence:** Other than matters already discussed, there was no correspondence.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded by RW/DO and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2126. The next meeting will be held on :-

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER at 1830

Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:.....

Mr B Apsley

Chair

13TH December 2017