

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre

Date & Time: 20th November 2019 @ 1830

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (Vice Chair), S Apsley, J O’Keefe, K Cupit, S Roberts, L Jones, D Adams, P Taylor & Clerk. 1 member of the Press.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr T Boland, W Austin, J Osborne, R Walsh, K Powell, S Watson. PCSO Sawyer also sent apologies due to being on annual leave.

Declarations of Interest: Nil on this occasion

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Chair asked for approval for the **October minutes** as published. Proposed by JO’K and seconded by DO and carried unanimously.

3. **Matters Arising:** The Chair invited DO to update all on the **defibrillators**. DO informed all that he had been in contact with various suppliers and presented a full report with breakdown of each type of machine, how it functions, auxillary items required to be purchased in addition to the machines themselves and various other matters relating to these vital life saving items. The quote for three machines, as approved by council, is £3,690.00. DA raised the prices quoted from other organisations which were slightly less than those quoted by DO. In conclusion, it was agreed that DA/Clerk would check the prices are the same as previously quoted, to enable the machines to be purchased and installed before Christmas if possible. This was agreed by all. The Chair mentioned that the three **silent soldiers** are now permanently displayed in the agreed locations.

4. **Public Questions:** No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.

5. **Police Matters:** In the absence of PCSO Sawyer (absent on duty), the Chair elaborated on the **figures for October** that were distributed ahead of the meeting. The Chair discussed the various recent crimes and asked if there were any other comments. PT mentioned the dangerous parking of vehicles in the vicinity of the “Angie’s Butty Box” shop which is likely to cause an accident. SR agreed and it was decided to instruct the Clerk to inform the PCSO to see if some advice could be given to the owners of the vehicles involved. DO mentioned he was aware of some recent crimes involving theft at the Gresford Road development and the Clerk was asked to find out if the PCSO was aware of these. KC mentioned the same relating to the smaller new development near Llay Miners Welfare. This too, would be added to the e mail enquiry the Clerk would send to PCSO Sawyer.

6. **New Matters:** The Chair raised the issue of a **Village Christmas Tree**. SA agreed to contact Carlton Garden Centre to order a suitable tree and lights. Hopefully, this would then become the focal point for the village public Carol Service, due to be held in the first week of December. The Chair then raised the matter of **Street Poppies** being displayed throughout Llay. It was acknowledged that DA has carried out excellent work for a number of years in displaying the large poppies on the route that the march takes on Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a letter to Llay RBL to indicate the willingness of the Community Council to assist, in every way possible, with ensuring this is done going forward. On the suggestion of RW, and agreed by all, the purchase of **Christmas Decorations** for display in the village will be listed for December meeting. This is with a view to making a decision that would allow purchases to be made when the post Christmas sales are on in January.

7. **Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for October totalling £3,077.85p**. The Chair asked for approval of these payments. This was proposed by DO seconded by KC and carried unanimously The Chair then signed a copy of the Inc/Exp Schedule. The Chair then raised the Grant Appeal that had been raised by the **Llay Luncheon Club**, paperwork for which had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The aim was to ensure as many people as possible were able to attend the Club meetings and get together, using local taxis to assist. This was proposed by SA, seconded by PT and carried unanimously. The Clerk will arrange for payment of £200, as requested, to be made asap. The Chair suggested that regarding the **Precept** payment, this matter be discussed in the next two weeks by the Finance Committee, with their recommendation being considered for approval at the December meeting. The Chair will contact members of

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the Finance Committee to arrange a suitable date and venue. This was unanimously agreed. The Clerk will list for December for a final decision.

8. Street Lighting: The Chair gave an overview of current problems, issues and lights requiring varying degrees of work/repairs in the area. This involved a total of 9 specific locations that have all been reported to the appropriate authorities. The new light requested recently is under costings review by WCBC at present and the Clerk will chase this up with Mr Rogers, following the recent meeting between himself, RW and WCBC.

9. Planning: The Chair outlined the planning matter, P/2019/0791, as listed on the Agenda. This related to the installation of Shipping Containers at **Melbourne Commercial Ltd** on the Llay Ind Estate. There were no comments at this stage. SR raised the matter of the **incorrect trees that were installed** as part of the Gresford Road development, highlighted in our letter of complaint sent to the Chief Executive in April. As it is now the planting season for trees, the Clerk will chase up when this will be addressed.. This will be chased up by the Clerk. It was also agreed that the Clerk will send a letter to the Chief Executive of WCBC, along with others, relating to ongoing problems with **mud on the Gresford Road and the Straight Mile** as raised by JO'K.

10. Burial Matters: The **inspection report** by JO'K and WA was presented and discussed briefly with no major issues being raised. It was agreed that the local contractor remove the leaves, but only after all the leaves have fallen to save time and money. This was proposed by SA, seconded by PT and carried unanimously. The **next inspection** will be undertaken in March following a suggestion from PT that monthly inspections are not required over the winter. All agreed this was a sensible idea. SR then spoke regarding the **new trees** and it was unanimously agreed that, although a number of people had expressed an interest in planting a new tree, that Council should retain control and costs for installing these new trees. It was unanimously agreed that SR would now progress in purchasing six new trees to be installed in the cemetery where none are at present. Costs of between £600-£750 are envisaged for this. SA mentioned that the **new bench** will be moved forward now in Spring 2020 when the weather improves. Finally, it was agreed that the next section of "**ashes only**" grave spaces would run adjacent to the remaining new graves section, on the main building side of the cemetery. The Chair mentioned that the staff matter listed would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

11. Reports: The Chair mentioned there are a number of problems currently regarding parking on **Park Road**. In part, this is due to some people avoiding the charges at Alyn Waters. Public consultation regarding installing double yellow lines will commence in January. Next, the Chair mentioned that there were ongoing issues still to be resolved regarding the Public Examination of the Local Development Plan. It is very likely that no progress will be made now until 2020 because of the impending General Election and also WCBC's failure to consult on affordable housing.

12. News/Website: No issues to report on this occasion.

13. Correspondence: None on this occasion that had not already been discussed earlier.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved by DO seconded by JO'K and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2046

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th December 2019 at 1830 in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre**

Signed:

Mr B Apsley, Chair,
18th December 2019