

## MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At Llay Resource Centre, Llay  
 Date Thu 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
 Time 1830

Name	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Bryan Apsley Chairperson	√	N	√	√								
Dave Adams	A	O	√	√								
Sandra Apsley	√		√	√								
Terry Boland	A	M	A	A								
Ken Cupit	√	E	A	√								
Maldwyn Davies	A	E	√	√								
Sharon Roberts	√	I	√	√								
Rob Walsh	√	N	√	√								
Vera Wineyard	A	G	A	A								
John O'Keefe	√		√	√								
Dennis Owen Vice Chair	√	H	√	√								
Jan Osborne	A	E	√	√								
Christine Archer	√	L	√	√								
Pat Taylor	√	D	√	A								
Wynn Austin				√								
Mark Williams (Clerk)	√		√	√								

In Attendance: PCSO Edwards (plus colleague), and 5 members of the public.

Prior to commencing the meeting, the Chair welcomed W Austin to his first meeting since being co-opted onto the council.

The Chair then asked all those present to stand for a minutes silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the Aberfan Disaster, 50 years ago tomorrow.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs P Taylor, T Boland, V Wineyard
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The September Minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed by RW and seconded by J O'K.
3. **Public Questions:** On this occasion, no questions had been received by the Clerk.
4. **Matters Arising:** The ongoing matter regarding the future of the **Café** is nearing conclusion but no final decision has yet been decided. Interviews of those interested parties have taken place. A reply to the letter from the council, expressing concern regarding the communication process relating to the Resource Centre (both Library and Café) has been received from WCBC and was

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conveyed to those present. The Chair thanked all those involved in the Sub Committee, that had worked long hours to review the **Standing Orders**, and also thanked those who attended the meeting to finalise this important part of the council administration. A new set of Standing Orders, as agreed at the special meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October, had been distributed to all. SR mentioned that she felt a paragraph should be included to clarify the position when councillors were failing to attend. The Chair and others agreed this would be useful, so a proposed paragraph will be constructed and added for final approval at the November meeting. The Clerk is to add this matter to the Agenda. CA mentioned that the current **Code of Conduct** was also out of date, having been superseded in April 2016. This would appear to have been an oversight when the Ombudsman for Wales sent copies of the code to the Clerk to issue to new Councillors earlier this year. The Clerk will obtain the latest copy and distribute to all councillors as soon as possible. RW gave a report regarding the **new refuse bins** that will be placed in the agreed positions shortly. He also informed all that a solution to the Gresford Road bin had been found. The Chair thanked RW for his work on this matter. MD informed all that the new **Christmas Tree** will be in position on 8<sup>th</sup> December within the Rockery Gardens and that a formal "planting" will take place during the day on 9<sup>th</sup> December involving local schoolchildren. This would be followed by a service at 6pm on 9<sup>th</sup> December. DO will liaise with MD regarding lighting for the tree. CA asked if there was an update on the issue of **Fracking**, in light of recent decisions in Lancashire. RW stated that the planned meeting dates were not suitable for the guest speaker on this subject (Mr A Jones) to attend but he will liaise with Mr Jones' Office to find dates when it would be possible and report back.

**5. Police Matters:** PCSO Edwards, in attendance with a colleague from Gwersyllt, gave an overview of the latest figures. Following this, CA mentioned recent vandalism that had taken place within the Rockery Gardens involving three trees. This will be monitored. Mention was made of anti social behaviour in the vicinity of the school, resulting in beer cans being found each day within school grounds. KC mentioned youths gathering near entrance to Pentre Street. PCSO will look into both these issues. PCSO then mentioned that to clarify, she would be covering Llay for the foreseeable future as a new PCSO is yet to be allocated to Llay, following PCSO Hughes recent departure. In addition, it is the suggestion of her superiors that attendance at these minutes is limited to once every two months. JO'K and others felt that it was important that the monthly attendance be maintained for a village the size of Llay and PCSO Edwards will report these concerns to her Inspector.

**6. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk presented **September finance figures**, quarterly budget report, bank statements and the ledgers. After discussion, these figures were accepted by all. In summary, current expenditure is within 0.7% of the Precept.

The Chair then read out an appeal from the **North Wales Miners Association Trust Ltd.** Prior to the meeting this organisation had also completed the necessary grant application forms, which had been distributed by the Clerk. MD proposed awarding them £250 towards their excellent work, which DO seconded. The Chair asked for any amendments to the proposal. There were none and the decision to award £250 was carried unanimously. The Clerk will arrange payment as soon as possible.

**7. Street Lighting:** RW gave a short report regarding the current issues regarding lighting. He mentioned the new contractors were slowly hoping to improve repair times but there was concern expressed that forthcoming staff cuts, as part of the new contract, would not help this. MD also mentioned that street lights all working correctly assisted with fighting anti social behaviour.

**8. Planning:** Prior to discussing planning RW, having signed a DOI, left the meeting. There were a number of planning matters (full details listed on the Agenda) to be discussed as follows:-

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0895 Passed without comment

0911 Passed without comment

**9. Burial Matters:** The Clerk informed all that the first “**ashes only**” interment was taking place next week. This would make use of the space down the sides of the Cemetery as agreed earlier this year. A discussion then followed regarding the **replacement of the bins** within the Cemetery. All the current proposals were considered and DA had found a company able to produce bins similar to those found in town centres. The Chair asked for further investigation to take place (between DA and the Clerk) and this matter will be listed on the November Agenda for final consideration. The Chair asked all councillors to consider the **full list of options** available before the next meeting.

**10. Reports:** RW informed all that the **Open Space Report** was now complete and everyone is invited to study this lengthy document and make comments. There is no closing date for comments at present. DO suggested, given the importance of this matter, that a **Sub Committee** might be the way forward. This was agreed by all and SR agreed to chair this sub committee, with BA, RW and DO forming the other members. Suitable dates for a meeting would be discussed later. DO also mentioned the importance of the upcoming **public hearing** regarding the Gresford Road Development and asked for maximum support from councillors, when the hearing commences on 22<sup>nd</sup> November in Wrexham. DO will be distributing leaflets to all residents to obtain maximum publicity of this issue.

**11. News/Website:** Nothing to report on this occasion. However, DO asked if dates for the **forthcoming public hearing** (22<sup>nd</sup> November) regarding Gresford Road Development, could be mentioned on the website. DA agreed to carry out this task.

**12. Correspondence:** The correspondence received had been mentioned earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2035. The next meeting will be held on :-

**THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 at 1830**

Signed:.....

Mr B Apsley

Chairman

17<sup>th</sup> November 2016