

## MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Location:** Llay Resource Centre

**Date & Time:** 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 @ 18:30

### In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (Vice Chair), S Apsley, K Cupit, J O'Keefe, K Powell, W Austin, R Walsh, P Taylor, L Jones, & Clerk, Press, 1 member of the press.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs T Boland, S Roberts, S Watson, D Adams and J Osborne.  
**Declarations of Interest:** Nil
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the **September meeting** were accepted as a true record, proposed by RW, seconded by KP and carried unanimously.
- 3. Matters Arising:** RW gave a short update regarding the **telephone box** and asked for this to be relisted for November as SR was absent. The Chair gave an update regarding the **toddlers park**, mentioning correspondence he had received regarding this. There are still issues to be resolved regarding ownership of the land, were Llay CC to install and maintain a toddlers play area. This will continue to be relisted every three months, whilst costings are investigated further.
- 4. Public Questions:** No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.
- 5. Police Matters:** PCSO Harris gave a report based on the **latest crime figures** which had been distributed to all councillors ahead of the meeting. He was accompanied by PCSO Heron from Rossett. The Chair invited members to raise issues with the Police. JO'K mentioned **speeding on Gresford Road**, and highlighted recent published figures which appeared to show that speed monitoring had only taken place on Llay New Road and immediate surroundings. PCSO Harris mentioned they are aware of this area and PCSO Heron mentioned the possibility of a **volunteer speedwatch** from the community, which involves volunteers being trained and issued with hi viz jackets and speed monitoring equipment to deter miscreants. The Chair asked about reports of incidents **involving objects being thrown at local houses and elsewhere**. PCSO mentioned that a lot of comments on social media but not to the Police. The Chair asked that it is minuted that people who comment on social media **have to also report this via 101**, to ensure the figures are then recorded and more resources will be given to dealing with it. PT mentioned that there was evidence of cannabis being smoked in the Rockery gardens at night. SA mentioned the frustration of trying to report via 101. Some other issues were mentioned by councillors that PCSO Harris was aware of. The Chair asked that **CCTV be relisted again**, and encouraged all present to gather their own thoughts regarding this important matter.
- 6. New Matters:** The Chair gave some historical background involving a member of Llay RBL, who is battling with RBL HQ, to **return the ownership of the land to the community**. The Chair asked for comments from councillors. After a short discussion JO'K proposed and PT seconded supporting the member of the community and agreeing to take over the running of the land if he is successful. This was carried unanimously.
- 7. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for September for £5,142.00p**. This was proposed by RW 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 Chair asked for approval to **purchase a wreath** at a cost of £25. This was carried unanimously and it was **further agreed that KP and LJ will lay the wreath** on behalf of Llay CC. The Chair mentioned the recent first meeting of the Finance Committee, and their opinion that the **Precept should increase by 2%** for the next financial year. The Chair also highlighted that we should be **actively and positively** supporting any and all local groups who need assistance, provided they meet the criteria set by council. Finally, the Chair mentioned that Finance Committee wished to recommend the purchase of **3 silent soldiers**, to be displayed in the Church, Cemetery and RBL. DO proposed, with PT seconding the increase of the Precept by 2% for 2019/2020. This was carried unanimously. SA proposed, with WA seconding, the purchase of 3 silent soldiers. This was carried unanimously. Further, JO'K proposed, with WA seconding, that the venue for the statues be the Cemetery, the Church and Llay RBL. Again this was carried unanimously. DO asked about the process whereby **large poppies** are displayed from lamp posts.

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This will be further investigated, as he is concerned that they are only displayed on the main road through Llay. After discussion, it was agreed to list this, if required for next year. On the same subject of poppies on the lamp posts, the Chair mentioned the **hard work of Cllr D Adams**, who assisted in putting up these poppies again this year. Everyone agreed with the vote of thanks to Cllr Adams that was proposed by the Chair.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a short report highlighting some defects he was aware of.

**9. Planning:** The Chair mentioned the first planning matter (**Warren Workshops**). Llay Community Council have no concerns at this stage of the process. The second application (**P R Pugh amendment to original plan**) was introduced by the Chair. Again, there were no comments at this stage of the process.

**10. Burial Matters:** The Chair and KC agreed to carry out the **November inspection**, as it had proved difficult to arrange a suitable time, given the current circumstances. A short discussion followed, regarding whether two councillors should inspect together or separately. It was agreed that going forward, those carrying out the inspections will inform the Clerk as soon as practical, to allow for any remedial action or improvements to take place. This could then be reported at the following meeting.

**11. Reports:** The Chair gave a brief report relating to the **Local Development Plan**, outlining the timeframe for decisions to be made and implemented, which could be quite a way off. He thanked all for their involvement in organising and attending the 13 meetings that were held in Llay in relation to the LDP. Mention was made of funding for local **childrens' mental health** care. RW mentioned forthcoming **budget consultations**, which will require close scrutiny to ensure Llay receives a fair share. He encouraged all councillors to look at this and send in comments where appropriate. He further mentioned recent positive meetings with JO'K and Chair to deal with the issue of **overgrown paths in the woods**. This is progressing, with JO'K mentioning that there are still a number of jobs that had been agreed but are yet to be completed. RW mentioned upcoming scrutiny of **electoral boundaries**, which may affect the current status quo. In general it was agreed that Llay consists of 1 County Ward with 2 County Councillors, and this should be retained, and both County Councillors would be stressing to authorities that they would wish to be able to assist all residents throughout Llay, and not just those within their respective Wards. Finally, RW mentioned that **6 new litter bins** were ready to be installed. Having reminded everyone present of the 8 possible venues, it was agreed that the new bins would be installed and two more would be ordered to ensure all venues agreed in March, have a litter bin. RW proposed this, with SA seconding and this was carried unanimously.

**12. News/Website:** Nothing on this occasion.

**13. Correspondence:** Other than planning correspondence and other matters already mentioned previously, there were no items of correspondence on this occasion.

Prior to the Chair bringing the meeting to a close, there was a short discussion, in follow up to the staff matter discussed at the last meeting. The member of the press left the meeting prior to this discussion.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2027.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 1830** in  
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed: .....

Mr B Apsley

Chair

21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

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