

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre

Date & Time: 19th September 2018 @ 18:30

In Attendance:

Councillors D Owen (V Chair), S Apsley, K Cupit, D Adams, J O'Keefe, K Powell, W Austin, R Walsh, & Clerk, Press, 1 member of the public.

Due to the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair would chair the meeting. Prior to commencement, DO welcomed Cllr Kath Powell to her first meeting since being co-opted onto Llay Community Council.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs T Boland, B Apsley, S Watson, S Roberts, J Osborne, P Taylor and L Jones
Declarations of Interest; Nil
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the **July meeting** were accepted as a true record, proposed by RW, seconded by DA and carried unanimously.
- 3. Matters Arising:** RW gave an update on the **red telephone box** at Croeshowell, mentioning that SR is progressing the posters with the local children to decide on its' future use. RW mentioned a local resident has expressed keenness to assist in the process. It was agreed to discuss this matter further when SR is in attendance, to allow Cllr Roberts to update all regarding the posters and any suggestions. It will therefore, be relisted for October.
- 4. Public Questions:** No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.
- 5. Police Matters:** In the absence of both PCSO Harris and PCSO Land, all present had copies of the Police Figures and reports for the last two months. No comments were made regarding these. JO'K and other Councillors mentioned the **speeding issue** throughout the whole village. RW will liaise to find out costs of the community council purchasing speed awareness signage. After a discussion regarding speed in various parts of Llay, the Clerk was instructed to write a formal letter to the local Inspector, requesting the latest information on how the police intend reducing speeding issues within Llay. It is noted that this subject is one of the Community Councils stipulated priorities. DA asked about the quotes for CCTV, the contents of which were discussed briefly. This will be relisted for October.
- 6. New Matters:** The Clerk mentioned the new **H and S Policy** for approval. After a discussion, JO'K proposed and RW seconded implementing the new policy produced by the Clerk. This was carried unanimously. JO'K raised the listed issue of the **dangerous state of the paths** within Llay Woods, which he felt needed urgent safety assessments and upgrading. KC felt the paths were the responsibility of WCBC and RW also, in agreeing with KC, stated that he could contact Streetscene to improve the rubbish collection in the area. SA gave some background information regarding previous improvements in the area that had involved a contribution from the community council. SA also mentioned that "Groundwork" had installed handrails and carried out other work within the woods. DO mentioned that this area and pathways, including lighting, was part of the approved planning application for the new Gresford Road development. RW will chase up within WCBC and report back. The Clerk was instructed to send a formal letter to WCBC to find out their intentions, if any, to improve the paths and handrails. The Clerk will send a letter to the local Inspector to highlight the concern of all councillors.
- 7. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for July, £8,119.16p and August £4,605.07p**. This was proposed by JO'K and seconded by RW and approved unanimously. All expenditure items were individually approved, having been sent for approval during the two months since the last meeting. The Vice Chair signed a copy of the Inc/Exp Schedule. The Vice Chair then asked for agreement on a date for the **first Finance Committee meeting**. After discussion it was agreed to relist for October due to the absences of committee members. The Clerk then read out **the External Audit report from Grant Thornton**, and informed all councillors about issues raised involving dates for display of legal notice, signature dates on the annual return and concerns from the Auditor regarding the levels of reserves held. The Clerk

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explained that these points had been discussed in person with Grant Thornton and would be actioned as necessary.

8. Street Lighting: RW gave a short report highlighting some defects he was aware of and also mentioning the new lighting that some residents were concerned were too bright.

9. Planning: The Clerk reported that he hoped to update all councillors, regarding getting paper copies of applications, after the Community Clerk Forum to be held tomorrow evening. The TPO matter was discussed briefly, and the other two planning matters listed were passed without comment.

10. Burial Matters: Prior to giving the monthly report, members of the Press and Public were asked to leave the meeting. SA gave a report from herself and SR. This contained a number of areas that were in need of attention relating to untended graves and weeds and some general cleanliness matters. In addition it was agreed that the Clerk should purchase a water butt and new guttering for the rear of the cemetery, to replace the old tank which should be removed. After a short discussion it was also decided to not add any more water towers at this stage as there had been no requests from members of the public, and it had proved extremely difficult to obtain quotes for this work. All matters raised by SR/SA in their comprehensive report will be passed on to the cemetery groundsmen. The October inspection will be carried out by KC/BA.

11. Reports: The County Councillors gave their reports. Planning is very active at present, with planning meetings raising a number of frustrating issues. The CAB funding cuts will have a detrimental effect on those who need help most. Bus services continue to be a problem and the Kingdom contract issue still needs resolving. The use of weedkiller is another issue still to be concluded. RW raised the memorial tree in the Rockery, which has now been inspected and found to be in fair condition. However, some basic gardening would help and WA agreed to carry out some basic maintenance to assist. RW mentioned the Dingle area is overgrown and some worrying nettles near the school that are causing concern. The old school site continues to await work that has been requested.

12. News/Website: DA requested the updated DOI Register to list on the website, following the recent addition of Cllr Powell. The Clerk will ensure this is passed on.

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

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved and seconded and the Vice Chair declared the meeting closed at 2056.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 17th October at 1830** in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:

Mr D Owen

Vice Chair

17th October 2018

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