

MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Llay Resource Centre
Date & Time: 18th September 2019 @ 1830

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley (Chair), D Owen (Vice Chair), S Apsley, K Cupit, J O'Keefe, K Powell, R Walsh, J Osborne, D Adams, L Jones, S Watson, P Taylor & Clerk. PCSO Sawyer and Press, 6 members of staff from Aldi.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr T Boland, W Austin, S Roberts
Declarations of Interest: Nil on this occasion
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Chair asked for approval for the July minutes as published. Proposed by DA and seconded by KP and carried unanimously.
- 3. Matters Arising:** SA gave an update on the **bench replacement** within the cemetery. In summary, SA asked for this to be listed for October when full price details will be known. JO asked for the addition of the item relating to **Finance and appeals**, where the Minutes published had not contained her proposal that Llay CP School be awarded the full amount for transport costs to swimming lessons and not just the amount they had requested. This was agreed by those present as correct and is included in these minutes in recognition of the fact. The Chair then invited a number of members of staff from **Aldi PLC** to give a presentation and take questions relating to their proposed new store in Llay. This related to historical information and why Aldi wish to open a supermarket in Llay. A number of pertinent questions, with particular attention on the potential for major traffic issues, were asked by councillors. In summary, Aldi have stated they will not commence any construction work until the approved traffic improvements scheme was completed. RW mentioned the **speed signs** that was carried over from July, giving an update on funding for signs in other local villages. He stated that rough costs for each sign would be in the region of £2k, and actual locations would be vital. The Chair suggested that waiting for the surveys to be completed for locations would be useful before relisting for a final decision and this was agreed by all. DO then spoke about the **defibrillators** being approved by the Brewery for installation at this location. He also mentioned the telephone box that was purchased from BT that would be available to be used as a possible location, although some councillors mentioned that a number of residents preferred the box to stay in its current location. In summary, the Chair thanked the Vice Chair for his work and it was agreed to progress to purchase of these items. LJ also mentioned she was able to get some demonstrations of the machines from a contact within NW Ambulance Service which would be useful.
- 4. Public Questions:** No questions from the Public had been received by the Clerk on this occasion.
- 5. Police Matters:** PCSO Sawyer elaborated on the figures for July and August that were distributed ahead of the meeting. The Chair invited questions or comments from council and a number of councillors asked for clarification relating to some of the figures.
- 6. New Matters:** The Chair read out correspondence received from **Llay Welfare FC**, asking for council observations regarding their plans for Shones Lane pitch. The Chair explained that as council had given full support to Llay United FC only four months ago, it would not be good practice to revisit this issue in accordance with Standing Orders. In addition, the Chair also felt that as the landowner was WCBC, they were very unlikely to listen to anything the community council might say. Another issue is the long standing use of this pitch by Llay United for over twenty years, which had failed to be recognised by WCBC and apologies to Llay United FC were issued for this oversight. RW felt that he and the Chair need to meet with Mr Howarth of WCBC to discuss this fully. KC also spoke briefly stating he did not have enough information to comment. DO confirmed that a lot of the **overgrown hedges and footpaths** have now been cut in various areas, particularly along the straight mile and near the cemetery. However, the footpaths still need attention, as currently, pedestrians have to almost walk on the road to get along. RW explained that in some of the areas, the footpaths are the responsibility of the landowner, and some having changed recently. SA highlighted some areas requiring urgent attention on Pentre Hill where the ability to walk down there was reduced by overgrowth. SW mentioned that on School Road, there is a tree overgrowing the path that parents are concerned about. The Chair encouraged everyone to ring the appropriate department at WCBC and register concerns. The more that did this, the more likely to be actioned. SA raised the issue of **archiving old Minute Books and Finance Transaction Ledgers**

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with the Archive Service in Ruthin. This would protect them for the future and it was unanimously agreed to be a good idea. The Clerk will arrange delivery to SA of said books.

7. **Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk sought approval for the **expenditure for July totalling £4,675.72p, and August totalling £3,510.72p.** The Chair asked for approval of these payments. This was proposed by RW seconded by DO and carried unanimously. The Chair then signed a copy of the Inc/Exp Schedule. The Clerk then highlighted the **report from the External Audit (Grant Thornton) who have given an unqualified audit report,** with a couple of items that were presented to council.

8. **Street Lighting:** RW gave a brief report relating to lighting issues, with PT mentioning some serious issues on Llay Road requiring attention which RW was aware of.

9. **Planning:** The Chair outlined the planning matter as listed on the Agenda. These were **PR Pugh, Day Nursery (change of use)** which required no comment at this stage. **On Healthcare Provision,** RW stated that this is ongoing, along with other local villages and he will report when more information is available. DO spoke regarding the **Tree Preservation Order on Gresford Road.** KP mentioned some issues around one of the Oak Trees which the Clerk will highlight in consultation with DO before sending a letter to WCBC. **Imrose Ltd creation of new access point on Llay Ind Estate** was passed without comment at this stage.

10. **Burial Matters:** The **inspection report** by JO'K and DO was presented and discussed briefly with no major issues being raised. DO mentioned some graves required sprucing up and suggested that in time, perhaps council could purchase some slate stones etc to cut down on weeds. The Chair stated that due to absence of SR, the new tree matter listed will be carried over. However, SA mentioned a number of people and groups might be interested in **purchasing trees for the cemetery** in memory of loved ones. The Clerk will make signs for the cemetery inviting interested parties to contact him to discuss further.

11. **Reports:** RW is meeting with Council Leader and others to discuss minimising the disruption to residents affected by **roadworks along Gresford Road.** JO mentioned some recent incidents highlighting the need for this discussion. **Crown crossroads** meeting is due to be held next week along with meetings concerning the Public Examination of traveller sites. RW also mentioned his **annual dinner dance** that is upcoming and invited all to join him. RW mentioned **parking issues on Park Road** which are also concerning many residents and is being addressed. SA raised the **difference between Gwersyllt side of Alyn Waters** when compared to Llay and yet the car park charge is the same. There are no facilities on Llay side. This was agreed by all. In his report, the Chair wished to recognise help he had received from the public when dealing with the **Public Examination.** The Chair is also concerned at the number of developers **pursuing land in green wedge/agricultural land.** **Budget discussions** are ongoing, but pressure on London has not increased settlements which are below what is required to meet needs of local people. Finally he mentioned the **well being of future generations act** which is being used by many especially when dealing with planning matters which may, in time, prove useful to Llay. JO mentioned her attendance at the One Voice Wales meeting, and highlighted that the agenda would need posting going forward as it was not approved in Wales for electronic delivery. The Clerk will conform to this.

12. **News/Website:** No issues to report at this stage.

13. **Correspondence:** There was none that had not already been discussed. Prior to closing the meeting the Vice Chair mentioned the recent passing of **Mr Eifion Roberts,** a local retired High Court Judge, who passed away recently. He had been a wealth of knowledge in recent times in relation to the Gresford Road issue and will be much missed.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved by JO'K seconded by RW and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2053.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16th October 2019 at 1830** in
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:

Mr B Apsley, Chair,
16th October 2019

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