

## MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held At Llay/Resource Centre, Llay  
 Date Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 2016  
 Time 1830

Name	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Bryan Apsley Chairperson	√	N	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	√
Dave Adams	√	O	√	√	√	A	√	√	√	√	√	√
Sandra Apsley	√		√	√	√	A	√	√	√	A	√	√
Terry Boland	A	M	√	A	√	√	A	√	A	√	A	A
Ken Cupit	√	E	√	√	A	√	√/A	√	√	√	√	√
Maldwyn Davies	√	E	√	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	√	√
Peter Evans	√	T	A	A	√	√	√	A	√	A	A	√
Sharon Roberts	√	I	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Rob Walsh	√	N	√	√	A	√	A/√	√	A	√	√	A
Vera Wineyard	A	G	√	√	A	√	√	√	A	√	√	√
John O'Keefe		H		√	√	√	√	√	A	√	√	√
Dennis Owen		E		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Jan Osborne	X	L	X	X	X	√	√	√	√	A	√	√
Christine Archer										√	√	√
Pat Taylor										A	√	√
Mark Williams (Clerk)	√	D	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

In Attendance: 2 members of the public

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs T Boland, R Walsh.

2. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and outlined the Agenda, which contained two items for discussion. The first item involved the rules regarding the election of Chair and Vice Chair of Llay Community Council, and due to his involvement, the Chair asked the Vice Chair to open proceedings on this matter. The Vice Chair gave an historical overview of how proceedings had been carried out in recent years. It was clear that annual voting for the position of Chair had not taken place, whilst the Vice Chair had been voted in two years previous and then assumed the position of Chair. The Vice Chair also stated that his research into other local councils' voting procedures showed that there were a number of different options in place, depending on how each community council wished to carry out their elections. He concluded by proposing BA as Chairman and this was seconded by VW. Prior to any vote on this proposal being called, CA spoke to say that Llay CC must adhere both to its' own standing orders, and more importantly with regard to the Local Government Act of 1972, which was a legal requirement. SR then proposed that the matter of the election of the Chair be postponed until the July meeting. This was seconded by CA. At this juncture, the Chair thanked SR for her work and research on this matter. A general discussion followed with a number of councillors expressing their views on the matter. The Vice Chair then

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asked for agreement that elections for the position of Chair and Vice Chair would be held every year from now on in accordance with standing orders. This was agreed unanimously. Returning to the earlier proposals and amendments, the Vice Chair asked for those supporting the amendment, to carry over the election of the Chair until July. This was not carried. MD then proposed and JO seconded, BA for the position of Chair. This proposal was carried by a majority and BA was elected as the Chair up to the date of the 2017 AGM.

3. The Chair then assumed control of the meeting for the remaining Agenda item. This involved the selection of a sub committee to review the entire Standing Orders with a view to recommending changes/amendments pertinent to Llay CC. Having referred to best practice advice found within local government pamphlets, the Chair recommended that this sub-committee should consist of 5 councillors, which would include the Chair and Vice Chair plus 3 others. He recommended, based on their outstanding research into many matters of interest, that SR and CA form part of the committee. SR and CA both declined this invitation as they felt deeply hurt and aggrieved at the personal remarks they had received during recent times. Both SR and CA felt most strongly, that they had acted honourably and correctly with regard to their insistence that standing orders and local government law should be adhered to at all times. VW mentioned the equal hurt that had been experience by BA regarding the same matter. JO'K asked if it would be possible to now move on from this situation. Others supported this view. MD proposed that DA be part of the sub-committee which was unanimously supported by all present. PE proposed that the Chair and V Chair also be on the sub-committee and PT seconded. This was carried unanimously. Finally, PE proposed and JO seconded that the Chair, V Chair and DA form the sub committee and this was also carried unanimously. The Clerk then suggested that the remaining 2 members of the sub-committee could be selected at the July monthly meeting. In supporting this, SA mentioned that others absent this evening might also express an interest in July. This was agreed by all. The Clerk was instructed to include this matter on the Agenda.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the Special Meeting closed at 1928.

Signed:.....

Mr B Apsley  
Chairman  
21<sup>st</sup> July 2016