**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 19th April 2023 @ 1830

**In Attendance:** Cllrs B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (Vice Chair), S Apsley, J O’Keefe, St Watson, K Cupit, C Archer, P Taylor, K Powell, D Owen, R Walsh, & Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Apologies were received from Cllrs M Jones, T Ankers, W Austin and S Watson There were declarations of interest (Personal) from SA, KP, BA relating to Item 7c, and from SR for 7d.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The **March Minutes** were discussed by all after which the Vice Chair (standing in for the Chair who was delayed due to County Council business) sought approval of the Minutes as a true record. DO proposed and JO’K seconded and the Minutes were approved. (NB. At 1940 the Chair assumed control of the meeting, having arrived with RW, from meetings at WCBC.)

**3. Matters Arising:** Several Councillors mentioned the issue of unruly car driving and working on vehicles on Council Street is continuing, and actually getting worse with cars having to swerve to avoid items in the middle of the road. Councillors also reported receiving verbal abuse when challenging those responsible. The Chair will liaise with the Police about the situation with the possibility of a letter being sent to Enforcement at WCBC regarding the increase in concerns for the safety of residents in the area.

**4. Public Questions:** On this occasion, no questions had been received from members of the Public.

**5. Police Matters:** The latest crime figures and information received from NWPS were discussed in detail by all. Concern was expressed at the number of **harassment cases recorded**. Once again, it was hoped that a **member of NWPS** would be able to attend a meeting of Llay CC in the near future.

**6. New Matters:** St W stated that, once again, he had no more information as of yet, regarding the future use of the identified areas of unused land. The Vice Chair informed the Clerk that important matter was to remain on the agenda.

**7. Finance: The** **March Income and Expenditure** (£8,945.51p) figures distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. There were no queries and the figures were approved by DO and seconded by JO’K. The Chair then gave some information relating to **Community Agents**, that has been carried over from last month. The Chair gave some new information after which it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Community Agent Organisation at WCBC, to await an internal report about Community Agents that is due mid May. This was agreed unanimously. Prior to discussing the **grant appeal from Llay Luncheon Club**, the Chair, SA and KP left the meeting, having signed DOI’s relating to the matter. A discussion followed, after which it was proposed and seconded that the new fridge be purchased as per the grant request application.. After the Vice Chair asked for a vote, it was agreed that the full cost of the new fridge be awarded as requested. The Clerk will arrange payment. Having re-entered the meeting, the Chair mentioned that he had received a request for some garden furniture for Tyr Y Capel Residents. Prior to this matter being discussed, the Vice Chair left the meeting, having signed a DOI declaring an interest. The matter was discussed at length with St W suggesting that it would be useful to find out exactly what was needed before proceeding. The Chair will liaise firstly with WCBC to enquire if they will also assist. This matter will then be relisted as required.

**8. Street Lighting:** St W was pleased to report the long standing light issue in **Bryn Place** has been resolved. A couple of other minor light issues were mentioned by Councillors.

**9. Planning:** The Vice Chair raised the listed agenda item relating to **Creative 7 Storage Building** application on the Llay Industrial Estate (P/2023/0115). CA mentioned that various important pieces of information are missing from the application, making it difficult to research effectively, especially that relating to environmental issues. The Clerk will inform the Planning Department of WCBC regarding this omission.

**10. Burial Matters:** The Chair raised the matter of reviewing **Cemetery Fees**, confirming the list of comparable fees from WCBC Cemeteries, had been distributed prior to the meeting**.** After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to discuss this matter using e mails through the Chair. IN summary, more details of cemetery fees will be communicated and published when known. SA mentioned that she is sure there is a document that contains a list of recommended tradespeople. SA will try and locate this to assist. The Vice Chair gave some background relating to a **new fridge** for the Cemetery building. After a short discussion, it was proposed by JO’K and seconded by KP that the fridge as recommended by the Vice Chair be purchased. This was approved unanimously, with SA agreeing to purchase the item and be reimbursed once purchased. Finally, the Chair raised the matter of the **double grave** that had resulted in a request for a wider than usual kerb set. This was necessary because a unique set of circumstances and ground conditions had made it necessary for the interment of two coffins above the original interment, to be side by side. The Chair emphasised there were no other graves in the cemetery with this problem so the matter would not arise again. The Clerk and Chair will construct a notice to be displayed.

**11. Reports:** The Chairgave some information to those present relating to how empty properties are occupied through the current system.There was a general feeling of disappointment at the perceived lack of community as time has gone on, which is a reflection elsewhere in the Borough and not just Llay. RW thanked all for their assistance in delivering the newsletter.

**12. News/Website:** The Vice Chair asked that the home page include the latest newsletter and other information be moved to its’ specific section. The Clerk will ensure this is done.

**13. Correspondence:** JO’K mentioned receiving correspondence from a local resident asking for a couple more bins at two locations in Llay (Geggin Lane and the top of Chapel Lane). It was agreed the Clerk will chase up some quotes for installation from WCBC. The Vice Chair also mentioned being contacted by a resident enquiring if the council could rent a fenced off piece of land, for the possible use of dog walkers/trainers to use as its’ safe and secure. RW will look into this but recalls it being rejected when applied for some years ago.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by DO, seconded by JO’K

and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2045.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 1830

In the Church Hall, Llay

Signed………………………………………………………..

B Apsley, Chair

17th May 2023