**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 11th December 2024 @ 1830

**In Attendance:** Cllrs B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (Vice Chair), S Apsley, J O’Keefe,

 S Watson, R Walsh, K Cupit, W Austin, T Ankers, St Watson, P Taylor,

 D Owen, K Powell, & Clerk. Llay PCSO Cat Griffiths-Hughes also attended.

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs C Archer, M Jones sent their apologies ahead of the meeting. There were no DOI’s for this meeting.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The Chair asked if there were any comments or points to consider relating to the **November Minutes**. There were none and JO’K proposed with DO seconding these minutes as a true record and this was carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** RW confirmed the new governor at Park CP was now in post and was grateful for the community council support.

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

**5. Police Matters:** The crime figures as presented were discussed. The PCSO was asked about how the figures are produced as they seemed to cause some confusion when trying to understand them. PCSO explained the form was constructed by Senior Officers to assist all communities. Continued speeding throughout the village continues to cause concern, as does the lack of Go Safe vans in Llay. It was agreed that presently**, parking and speeding** are the main causes of concern in Llay. Dangerous parking at junctions was also passed on. An enquiry was raised about the **youth in Llay**. The PCSO reported that, due to the large number of activities that are going on, there have been few issues recently, which is good news.

**6. New Matters:** None on this occasion.

**7. Finance:** The **November Income (£1,324.29) and Expenditure (£10,869.89) Figures** that were distributed ahead of the meeting, DO proposing and JO’K seconding and carried unanimously. The Chair informed all the recent meeting of the Finance Committee had discussed the **Precept recommendation for 2025/26**. The Chair explained how the various factors had been considered, including inflation estimates, cost of energy etc. It was also noted that after increasing the Precept for this financial year, the decision had proved correct so far. It was proposed that the Precept would be £155,465 for the next financial year. This was proposed by St W, seconded by SW and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will duly inform WCBC Finance once the letter asking for this information was received.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW reported on recent e mails regarding the **relocation of a streetlight near Eighth Avenue**, caused by the redevelopment taking place. It was agreed after lengthy discussion, to carry out further enquiries regarding the logistics of this light, before making a final decision. The Chair agreed to write to the Head of Wrexham CBC Finance section to enquire why Llay CC had not received **lighting invoices for over 12 months for maintenance and repairs** that were expected on a quarterly basis, which had been the historical case until fairly recently. The anticipated outstanding amount is sufficiently large to make precise budget predictions extremely difficult. A discussion then followed regarding the **Xmas Lights** that were recently erected and switched on by the contracted company. Whilst recent issues with lights being out has been largely addressed, there is still some disparity between the lights coming on. The Clerk was instructed to contact the company to ascertain why the timers cannot allow the lights to appear at the same time each day.

**9. Planning:** No matters to discuss on this occasion.

**10. Burial Matters:** The use of **personal power tools in the cemetery** was discussed at length. It was agreed that the use of personal power tools shall not be permitted in the cemetery with immediate effect. The Clerk was instructed to ensure signage was placed at the cemetery informing visitors of this new rule, once the correct wording was agreed by Council. The Chair raised the issue of the **cemetery extension and, following a discussion,**  it was decided that the Finance Committee should meet again in January, with a view to firming up recommendations to bring to full Council in February. This was unanimously agreed.

**11. Reports:** The Chair gave a brief report regarding recent events that had occurred during **Planning Committee** meetings held recently. A further discussion followed regarding the process for allocation of council properties when they became available. RW mentioned that the **20mph review is ongoing**. A recent appearance of **Welsh Water on Haywoods Field** is being actively investigated to discover why they were there. Finally, RW asked all to continue to support, using the online form or in person, the future of the **Library and Resource Centre,** with another opportunity to attend a meeting in person, **which will be held on January 7th between 1430 and 1630.**

**12. News/Website:** The Clerk was instructed to add a Xmas message onto the website.

**13. Correspondence:** Nothing received that has not been addressed elsewhere in the meeting.

**14.** **Post Meeting Actions**: The list of agreed post meeting actions to be carried out was discussed and agreed and will be prepared by the Clerk and distributed with the draft Minutes.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by RW seconded by DO and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1947.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15th January 2025** in the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair