**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 15th January 2025 @ 1830

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

 S Watson, M Jones, R Walsh, K Cupit, C Archer, T Ankers, St Watson, K Powell, & Clerk. Also in attendance was PCSO L Jones.

The Chair wished all in attendance a Happy New Year at the first meeting of 2025

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs S Roberts, P Taylor,

W Austin and D Owen sent their apologies ahead of the meeting. RW declared a personal interest relating to item 7b as a Governor at Park CP School.

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

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair mentioned the **8th Avenue streetlight** matter and asked for updates. RW has spoken to the developers but has yet to receive a response. This will be relisted for February. The Chair informed all that he had written to WCBC regarding the overdue invoice for **streetlighting maintenance** that has still to be presented. Whilst receiving an apology, no invoice has been received. The Chair will contact WCBC again to chase up this matter. The Chair asked all to revisit the e mail from WA regarding the use of **personal equipment** within the cemetery, and invited further comment relating to the wording WA has already distributed. The Chair stated that the item listed on the Agenda regarding the **cemetery extension** will be relisted for February, after a suitable date for the Finance Committee to meet has been agreed outside this meeting.

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

**5. Police Matters:** The crime figures as presented prior to the meeting were discussed. PCSO Jones elaborated on the figures and sought comments from Councillors to be passed back to NWPS and the Llay PCSO. Councillors offered updates on items relating to the use of **motor bikes,** which will be passed on. The long standing **issue of speeding** will also be passed on again. Another matter relating to **inconsiderate/dangerous parking** and residents working on vehicles parked on the main road will also be investigated again. There were no further items and the Chair thanked PCSO Jones for her attendance.

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

**7. Finance:** The **December Income (£48,469.76p) and Expenditure (£8,822.85p) Figures**  have been distributed ahead of the meeting. There were no queries regarding these figures and they were accepted as a true record with St W proposing and JO’K seconding and carried unanimously. The **internal account transfer** was approved by SW and seconded by TA and carried unanimously. The grant appeal from **Treasure Chest Llay** was discussed by Councillors, having read the application distributed some time ago. After a lengthy discussion SW proposed, with St W seconding, an award of £500 for this worthy cause. This was carried unanimously and the Clerk will ensure payment is made promptly. Next, the Chair raised the grant appeal from **Resourceful Learning** towards their celebration event of 20 years within the Resource Centre. RW proposed, with BA seconding an award of £480 towards this event. This was carried by a majority with one abstention. Again, the Clerk will ensure this is paid promptly. Finally, the Clerk asked all to please advise if they wish to change their previous declaration regarding the **IRPW Annual Expenses** payment before the end of January. If nothing heard, then payments will be made in February as previous years.

**8. Street Lighting:** A small number of ongoing streetlight issues were mentioned and RW will ensure these are followed up.

**9. Planning:** The planning matter **P/2024/1675,** relating to an industrial development on Davy Way was discussed, having been sent to all ahead of the meeting. There were no concerns at this stage.

**10. Burial Matters:** The **cemetery extension** matter will be relisted for February, in the expectation that the Finance Committee can meet ahead of 19th February to bring recommendations for the full council to consider. The next **inspection of the cemetery** by Councillors will be listed for the March Agenda.

**11. Reports:** The Chair gave an update to all regarding the ongoing court matters relating to the **LDP**. There is still no clear direction regarding this contentious matter unfortunately. The Chair will keep everyone informed if and when he received information. Next, the Chair updated all regarding the recent meeting he had attended on 7th January, held to discuss the future of the Library. It is beyond doubt that the Library and the Resource Centre are held in high esteem by everyone in Llay. RW gave an update regarding the **resurfacing work** taking place at present. The process for people to comment on the **30/20 mph issue** concludes at the end of January, when further decisions will be taken. Next, RW updated all about **Arriva/Taxi Bus** and the routes taken. Arriva have a no reversing policy, which stops them going to the area next to the new Aldi store and are unlikely to change this stance. In conclusion RW mentioned that with all that was going on, a Newsletter would be published shortly and he invited all to contribute with articles.

**12. News/Website:** Nothing to report on this occasion.

**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 JO’K seconded by SW and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1955.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 19th February 2025** in the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair