**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 18th January 2023 @ 1830

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

S Watson, St Watson, K Cupit, M Jones, T Ankers,

D Owen, W Austin & Clerk.

Prior to the start of the meeting, two representatives from MEGA Electrical gave a presentation relating to street lighting options available to Llay CC going forward. Due to time constraints, the Chair suggested questions based on the presentation be forwarded asap and this matter be relisted once Council are ready to move forward.

The Chair asked all present to stand for a moment of silence for former Councillor Terry Boland who sadly passed away recently.

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Apologies were received from Cllrs C Archer, P Taylor and K Powell. There were no declarations of interest.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The **December Minutes** were discussed by all after which the Chair sought approval of the Minutes as a true record. Approved by JO’K and seconded by MJ and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair asked that copies of letters relating to the burial matter be sent to all. Following the earlier presentation regarding street lighting for the future, the Chair suggested that a Public Meeting might be appropriate, to inform the residents of Llay what Council are considering doing, when a decision is made. The meeting would also ensure the public are aware of why lighting decisions are taken. It was also agreed to include this matter in the upcoming issue of the Newsletter.

**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 by all. Issues involving bad parking and speeding on 10th Avenue continue to cause concern. Information will be passed on to NWPS by the Clerk

**6. New Matters:** St W stated that despite pressure from Cllr Walsh, there is still no movement regarding the unused former play areas that Llay CC would wish to possibly improve. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the Head of Housing (J Francis) to request some answers relating to the areas concerned.

**7. Finance: The** **December Income and Expenditure** (£9,235.86p) figures distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. There were no queries and these were approved. Proposed by DO, seconded by RW and approved unanimously. The SLA for the Play Area and Skate Park with WCBC was approved to be renewed, provided the percentage increase was in line with guidelines. Finally, the appeal for funding for a defibrillator cabinet from Your Space (situated at the Resource Centre) was deferred until the February Meeting. The Clerk will inform the applicant of this decision.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a report of the numerous issues involving lights at present that are awaiting repair or replacement.The lack of urgency in completing repairs by WCBC continues to frustrate Councillors and public alike.

**9. Planning:** The Chair informed all there is a training group starting shortly, within WCBC, to improve understanding and implementation of enforcement sections of planning law.

**10. Burial Matters:** The review of cemetery fees will be relisted for February. This will allow Councillors to consider the current fees charged locally, which the Clerk will send to all after this meeting.

**11. Reports:** The Chair mentioned that although the Co-Op had received planning permission for 4 new flats, nothing has started yet and the site remains the eyesore it has been for a number of years.The Chair then gave an interesting report regarding “void” properties within the WCBC area and how the system works. Finally, the Chair gave an update regarding the long running saga of the Local Development Plan (LDP) which is still not resolved and should, in fact, have concluded in 2021. RW mentioned that concerns remain in place regarding the Cwrt Pentwympath development and that the new building will overlook existing properties on Eighth Avenue.

**12. News/Website:** Nothing to report on this occasion. Councillors agreed that a period of 2 months was appropriate before removing any items of news or local interest.

**13. Correspondence:** No correspondence has been received, other than mentioned in other Agenda items.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by DO, seconded by JO’K and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2036.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 1830

In the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair

15th February 2023