**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 17th January 2024 @ 1830

**In Attendance:** Cllrs B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (Vice Chair), S Apsley, J O’Keefe, R Walsh, St Watson, T Ankers, K Cupit, C Archer,

 K Powell, P Taylor, D Owen & Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs M Jones, W Austin and S Watson sent apologies ahead of the meeting. There were no DOI requirements.

**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 the December Minutes were proposed as a true record by RW, seconded by StW and approved unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair informed all that the next **Ballswood Quarry** meeting will be held on 29th January. There was no update yet regarding the **School Crossing Patrol**, which will be progressed by RW now the holiday season is over.

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

**5. Police Matters:** The Chair invited comments from Council regarding the latest Crime Figures document that had been distributed by PCSO Griffiths-Hughes. The issue of motor bikes being ridden without lights was raised and is noted. Another Councillor had received a message from a resident who was very concerned that someone had been released from custody, at the same time as children were leaving school and was wandering around looking for transport links. The Clerk will write to the local Police Inspector and PCSO to inform and try and seek a solution.

**6. New Matters:** CA raised the problem of maps relating to constraints at Alyn Waters Country Park, which do not show the whole area. The Chair suggested CA contact WCBC and chase this matter up on behalf of the Community Council, with copies of correspondence to RW and the Chair. CA also asked for councillor support regarding the Welsh Government road safety consultation that is upcoming, especially in relation to Park Road.

**7. Finance: The** **December Income** (£30,685.96p) **and Expenditure Figures** (£ 9,100.49p) distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. These were unanimously approved with DO proposing and RW seconding. The Chair asked for approval to transfer money from the savings account to the cheque account so the Clerk can pay upcoming invoices. This was approved unanimously and the Clerk will action.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a report on ongoing issues with a number of streetlight issues around Llay, assisted by a number of Councillors who gave him further details of streetlight issues. Councillors mentioned lighting issues they were aware of which were noted by RW. The subject of light intrusion relating to a new streetlight, and involving a complaint from a resident, was raised by RW and will be investigated in conjunction with WCBC Lighting.

**9. Planning:** There were no formal planning applications to consider at this meeting. The Chair opened a general discussion relating to secondary issues once planning permission is granted for large housing developments, as has occurred in the local area recently. Councillors generally commented on the enormous pressure this causes, and will continue to cause, for local services including schools and medical surgeries.

**10. Burial Matters:** The Chair asked all to consider the **cemetery extension** matter which is due in the next two years approximately. It was agreed that the Finance Committee would initially commence the plans, with all recommendations then being presented to full Council for their consideration. The Cemetery car park would need enlarging possibly, and this could form part of the overall planning. The **Memorial area** is considered a good idea going forward, with a number of possible locations within the cemetery being discussed. The Chair asked all Councillors to try and visit the cemetery to look at possible locations and sizes of memorials to be considered at future meetings.

**11. Reports:** RW mentioned he was busy on Sunday so missed the Friends of Alyn Waters meeting but was aware that speeding on Park Road was on the agenda again and great concern that the 60 mph limit was being allowed to continue by WCBC. RW also made councillors aware of upcoming **A55 roadworks** in late February, that would involve night time traffic increasing along Rackery Lane and the Straight Mile. The Chair gave a brief report about **safe footpaths** that he is involved in. A number of locations identified where grass verges/hedgerows are not being maintained correctly. The Chair then updated all about the **Gresford Charities Trust**, where he had attended a meeting recently. He gave a historical background report dealing with the origins of the charity and its’ purpose/operating procedures. The Vice Chair, SR has replaced a retiring member of the Charity. This matter will be relisted for further discussion in February.

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

**13. Correspondence:** Nil on this occasion.

**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 DO, seconded by the RW and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 1955.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 1830

In the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair