**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

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

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

C Archer, P Taylor, K Powell, S Watson, Steve Watson,

R Walsh, K Cupit, T Ankers, M Jones & Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs S Roberts, W Austin and D Owen sent their apologies ahead of the meeting. There were no DOI’s.

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

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair highlightedissues with **xmas lights that were defective and the time it took for these to be repaired**. There were some other issues as well and it was agreed that the Clerk would construct a letter asking for an improved service this year from MEGA Electrical and to also include the date of the first switching on of the Xmas Lights which will be Friday November 22nd. Regarding the matter of recognising those in the community who volunteer to **litter pick** periodically, thus improving the appearance of Llay, this matter will be relisted for September to obtain more details. The Chair asked if there were any further comments or suggestions regarding the possibility of a **Memorial Area** within the cemetery. There were none at this stage. This matter will be revisited later in the year. The Chair mentioned the ongoing planning issue relating to the **Reindeer Park** and associated activities. He confirmed the original comments from the Council have been submitted for consideration. The Chair informed all that there were opportunities to comment on potential amendments to the **20 mph speed limit.** RW gave some more information too, relating to media reports not always being completely accurate. As this is a relatively recent development, with clarification expected in the coming months, this will be considered further when information is forthcoming.

**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 Chair highlighted that the latest figures state that crime in the Llay area is down by nearly 50% which is encouraging. Councillors confirmed the electric motor bike issue is still unresolved, as is the motor bike riding on pavements. A councillor mentioned the issue of parking cars on pavements, stopping those with wheelchairs/prams using the pavement. This has been reported to the PCSO. The Clerk will inform the PCSO about the electric bike/motor bike/scooter issues that are still occurring regularly.

**6. New Matters:** Nothing on this occasion.

**7. Finance:** The **June Income** (£1,429.69) **and Expenditure Figures** (£8,722.64) distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. These were unanimously approved with MJ proposing and PT seconding. The transfer of monies between accounts, required to meet expenditure due before the September meeting, was proposed by MJ, seconded by PT and approved unanimously.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a brief report with no major issues at present.

**9. Planning:** The Chair sought comments regarding the **9 residential properties** located on the old co-op site as part of the larger development near Llay RBL. Some clarification was required relating to exactly which hedges will remain and be maintained if/when the 9 properties are actually built. Concern about healthcare provision, the number of new houses already built in Llay, road safety requirements and the lack of a retail business in the area of the proposed 9 houses are the main reasons that objections to this application will be submitted. RW spoke about the **Oakfield Park Home Estate** application. It was agreed that the diversion of the right of way on the application is not a planning matter and the Chair, along with RW, will arrange to meet the Chief Officer for Planning. The Chair and RW will also arrange a meeting with Officers at WCBC to clarify a number of issues relating to the Oakfield site. The final matter related to a retrospective application for **2 flats in Market Square** which had caused no concerns at this stage.

**10. Burial Matters:** SW and PT gave their report following the recent inspection. Overall the cemetery was in a satisfactory condition, but urgent repairs to paths and legal weed killer to kill weeds is required. The Clerk will liaise with Cemetery Groundsman to do this work. The next inspection will be in September with KC and JO’K volunteering.

**11. Reports:** RW gave a short report, highlighting upcoming events and items that will be in the next Llay Newsletter which will be produced shortly. The Chair mentioned he had attended code of conduct training recently and was starting to make progress whilst accessing the new WCBC planning website, the upgrade of which has caused issues for service users.

**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 RW and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2035.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18th September 2024** in the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair