**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 15th June 2022 @ 1830

**In Attendance:** Cllrs S Roberts (Vice Chair), S Apsley, K Powell, D Owen, J O’Keefe,

R Walsh, M Jones, S Watson, Steve Watson, P Taylor,

C Archer & Clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Apologies were received from the Chair, W Austin, K Cupit and T Ankers. Prior to commencement the Vice Chair sent best wishes from all Councillors to the Chair as he recovers from his recent operation. A DOI was declared and signed by St Watson reference Item 3A.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The **May Minutes** were discussed by all after which the Vice Chair sought approval of the Minutes as published. CA asked for an **amendment**. Under Para 2, Lines 14-18 in the May Minutes as published **(use of Resource Centre)**, CA asked that the following be inserted for clarification “The original main use of the building was to be for a Youth Club, new Library and a Community Café. The Youth Club no longer exists and the library/community café seating area which are used by the community daily, have not been refurbished, as the business areas have. They are in urgent need of decoration, improvements and repairs.” This amendment was approved by all. There being no other amendments or comments, the May minutes were then approved as a true record with JO’K proposing, seconded by RW and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** CA raised the matter of the **Christmas Farm,** with particular reference to the developments that seem to be occurring without planning permission. RW gave an update and confirmed WCBC Planning were aware of the situation and action will be taken to resolve this shortly. CA then raised the next item relating to the **Foregolf Bond** **money**. She was keen to know when WCBC were going to spend this money on the Llay side of Alyn Waters. RW responded that this was still being decided in due course. CA responded asking why WCBC could not utilise the plans in place when it was going to be a golf facility and employ the same landscaper to make good the mess that has been left behind. Various Councillors expressed dismay how the Llay side has been left compared to the Gwersyllt side of the same park. This will be relisted for a firming up of ideas at the July meeting. RW then gave an update on the **Llay Newsletter** and went through the process of how it will be produced. CA mentioned the MACs LDP consultation, giving some of the difficulties to ensure local people can engage, which included issues around bi-lingual problems on the official forms and also those who do not own a computer. The Vice Chair will clarify for all, how to ensure engagement with the planning inspectors can be guaranteed. In returning to the matter of the Newsletter, RW stated that there were some final hitches relating to the two new welcome signs that is ongoing.

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

**5. Police Matters:** In the absence of the PCSO, the Vice Chair invited all to comment on the recent report from NWPS. JO’K mentioned his great disappointment that North Wales Police Service cannot find a single person to spend ten minutes a month at these meetings, having not attended a meeting for many months. MJ asked about the high visibility patrols that are mentioned in the latest report, as he has not seen any increase in the police presence. Scooter use is also a worry and this will be mentioned to the PCSO by the Clerk.

**6. New Matters:** SA proposed that the Vice Chair and Chair **approve payments** going forward. This was seconded by KP. There were no other proposals and this was carried by a majority. The Clerk will implement with immediate effect and the matter will be firmed up at the next AGM. CA raised the item as listed under 6b, relating to missing reports, RW stated the final report will be presented in September.

**7. Finance:** The Vice Chair asked for any comments relating to the **May Income and Expenditure** (£9,078.04) figures distributed ahead of the meeting. These were unanimously approved with MJ and St W proposing and seconding. The Vice Chair then raised the first of the two appeals from **Dynasty Stars Morris Dancing Team.** After a discussion it was agreed unanimously to delay making a grant until the organisation has a proper business account as opposed to a personal bank account. The Clerk will inform the organisation. The Vice Chair then read out the second appeal from **Church of the Nazarene** for funding to hold an open day at the Gwersyllt side of Alyn Waters. After a short discussion MJ proposed awarding £200 with St W seconding. This was carried unanimously. At this point Cllr P Taylor left the meeting due to a prior engagement.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a brief report on ongoing lighting issues in the village. This involved some repairs and a couple of “burners” that remain permanently on.. RW is aware of these.

**9. Planning:** The Vice Chair then raised **P2022/0448 (Ballswood Quarry extension)** whichwas the only planning matter listed for discussion. SA spoke on behalf of the Chair, confirming he had sent 25 pages of information to all involved at WCBC Planning, explaining his objections. RW will also be objecting due to the location of the business and potential damage to the topography. The Council instructed the Clerk to **send a letter objecting to the application on behalf of Llay CC.**

**10. Burial Matters:** Councillors were happy with the state of the cemetery and Councillors passed on condolences to the Cemetery Groundsman for his recent loss.

**11. Reports:** RWinformed all that **Magellan Aerospace** wished to attend in the near future to see how they can assist organisations within the village. This will be provisionally listed on the July Agenda. He also mentioned that it had been spotted that road markings on the **Gresford Road/Aldi site** were allegedly incorrect and this is being looked at. RW then mentioned the situation regarding **School Crossing Patrols** in Llay, which has been advertised but with no applicants for over two years. He was most concerned that this position had also been removed from display on the WCBC vacancies section. This is being addressed urgently, with a view to re-advertising the vacancy as soon as practical.

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

**13. Correspondence:** No correspondence has been received that has not already been dealt with under previous headings in these Minutes.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by JO’K, seconded by RW and the Vice Chair declared the Meeting closed at 1953.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th July 2022 at 1830

In the Church Hall, Llay

Signed………………………………………………………..

S Roberts , Vice Chair

20th July 2022