**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 21st June 2023 @ 1830

**In Attendance:** Cllrs B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (Vice Chair), S Apsley, J O’Keefe, St Watson, C Archer, K Powell, D Owen, T Ankers, Clerk

Prior to the meeting, the Chair asked all in attendance to stand for a minute’s silence to remember the late Malcolm Williams who had served Llay in a variety of positions for over 30 years.

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Apologies were received from Cllrs W Austin, K Cupit, R Walsh, S Watson, P Taylor & M Jones. DOI’s were signed by Vice Chair in relation to the Park CP School grant application (Item 7b)

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The **May Minutes** were discussed by all and approved without further comment, proposed by DO and seconded by SW.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair raised the issue of the **under utilised land matter in Llay**. He had seen correspondence recently from WCBC, which had caused concern as it indicated that actions were being taken to transfer the land ownership from WCBC to Llay CC. This was not something the Chair, or any other Councillors, were aware of, nor was it the intention when attempting to use land for the community in Llay.. This has caused confusion and alarm and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact WCBC to ask for more information. Whilst Llay CC are willing to see if these areas could be beneficial for residents, at no point have Llay CC indicated a desire to take over ownership. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact WCBC to clarify their position. The Chair mentioned that there were some local events upcoming involving a **Community Agent** from another area. Others also spoke in regard to this event and the Chair asked for this to be listed on the July agenda for a full update, following these events.

**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 had been received from NWPS and distributed ahead of the meeting. Various matters listed were discussed at length, although clarification of what exactly had happened was difficult as no member of NWPS was in attendance to explain more fully. A further discussion took place relating to recent spates of vandalism at a former Care Home. JO’K mentioned the danger in crossing near Aldi, which was causing serious concern for local residents. A resident has also informed the Police of the dangers. It is generally accepted that the crossing is far too close to the junction. The Chair will contact our PCSO and then the Inspector if the new contacts system starts as promised.

**6. New Matters:** There was a brief discussion regarding the **unused** **land matter** mentioned earlier. The **Annual approval of Standing Orders/Financial Regulationss/Other Policies** were discussed and approved by DO, seconded by JO’K and carried unanimously. It was understood that these documents can be checked by all Councillors and amended throughout the year if felt necessary.

**7. Finance: The** **May Income and Expenditure** (£8,948.24p) figures distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. SW noticed that the monthly streetlighting invoice for May had almost doubled the previous month. It was explained that this was caused by the Government monthly subsidy, that had been paid to all qualifying businesses since October, had ceased in April after the six month period of payment. It was agreed to list streetlighting on the July agenda for a fuller discussion. There were no other queries and the figures were approved by SW and seconded by JO’K. Next, the Vice Chair gave some more information regarding the **grant application from Park CP school**, that was carried over from last month for further scrutiny. The Vice Chair then left the room having signed a DOI prior to the start of the meeting. A discussion followed which resulted in JO’K proposing a grant of £900 towards their activity. DO seconded this proposal and there were no other amendments. This was carried unanimously and the Clerk will inform the school. The Chair then mentioned the **grant application to PACT** for target hardening equipment that was sent to Councillors in advance. It was considered a good idea and the Clerk will send off the application asap. The £2.4k of funding applied for will prove most useful in keeping everyone in Llay safe.

**8. Street Lighting:** In the absence of RW, the Chair gave a report of various lighting issues currently under investigation/reported/being repaired.

**9. Planning:** After a brief discussion it was agreed there were no comments, at this stage, in relation to **DMH Tyres** planning matter. In relation to the other planning application, for the use of an outbuilding for Beauty and Nails treatments in **Lindley Gardens**, a number of Councillors expressed concern relating to the size of the building, that it was in a residential area, parking issues and lack of facilities shown in the application. The Clerk was instructed to express these concerns in responding to the Planning Officer.

**10. Burial Matters:** It was agreed to make a slight increase in the **ground rent** paid by a local farmer for a parcel of Llay CC land adjacent to the cemetery. KP proposed £100 with JO’K seconding and carried unanimously. The Clerk will inform the local farmerand ensure this is paid.

**11. Reports:** The Chair gave a full update on the latest developments involving the ongoing **LDP** matter that has been well publicised recently in the press. It is the opinion of many that this still has some way to run before a conclusion. The Chair asked all Councillors to report back in July with locations in Llay that they would like to see having **electric vehicle charging points** in Llay. This would then allow an agreed recommended list of sites to be prepared for a future date. The Chair then briefly mentioned some of the current budget issues under discussion at WCBC.

**12. News/Website:** Some new updates, involving the DOI Register for 2023/2024 and the IRPW List of Councillor Expenses Return have been uploaded onto the website, with directions to locate on the home page.

**13. Correspondence:** There was no further correspondence to discuss.

**14. Summary of Actions;** The Chair asked for the list of matters to be carried out which was agreed as correct and will now form an Annex to the Draft Minutes and will be sent to all. The Clerk recapped these matters which were confirmed as correct.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by DO, seconded by JO’K

and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 1954.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 1830

In the Church Hall, Llay

Signed………………………………………………………..

B Apsley, Chair

19th July 2023