**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 15th March 2023 @ 1830

**In Attendance:** Cllrs B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (Vice Chair), S Apsley, J O’Keefe, T Ankers,

S Watson, St Watson, K Cupit, M Jones, C Archer, P Taylor, K Powell

D Owen, & Clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Apologies were received from Cllr R Walsh, W Austin. There were no declarations of interest.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The **February Minutes** were discussed by all after which the Chair sought approval of the Minutes as a true record. DO proposed and KP seconded and the Minutes were approved.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair will be attending a police meeting later this week and will mention that attendance by a member of the NWPS at Llay CC meetings would be appreciated. Regarding the Gresford Road issues, JO’K mentioned that WA was meeting the Rural Inspector from NWPS, and gave an update on recent events. A number of Councillors mentioned that the dangers to the public in the area previously mentioned still exists, including dangerous kerbs and entering/exiting the new Aldi supermarket. An issue involving bank details and expenses payments was discussed and has now been resolved. The Chair mentioned another nursing home has recently closed following the closure of Gwastad Hall. The Chair mentioned the review of Burial Fees, noting this is listed for Burial Matters. The Chair stated that the Youth Club situation is progressing, but there is no further news regarding the former Co-Op site. The Vice Chair asked that the IRPW report be uploaded onto the website by the Clerk. Now the report has been accepted by the IRPW, this will be done immediately.

**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. Concern was expressed regarding quad bikes riding around Alyn Waters on the Llay side. Councillors also mentioned some unsavoury behaviour within the play area at Alyn Waters. Councillors also raised the issue of people working underneath cars on Council Street that make passing difficult. Inconsiderate parking remains a problem in various places in Llay. Of particular concern is parking on corners, blocking views of traffic, parking on pavements and not using drives when able to do so. The Chair will contact our local PCSO to pass on these matters before attending the meeting at the Police Station. This will hopefully allow our PCSO to commence taking action, where appropriate, to deal with these matters.

**6. New Matters:** The Chair informed all he had not received any response regarding progressing the lease of unused land but will keep trying. St W also had no new information to present at this stage.

**7. Finance: The** **February Income and Expenditure** (£6,502.85) figures distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. There were no queries and these were approved. Proposed by DO, seconded by JO’K and approved unanimously. The Chair then read out the WAO Annual Return, including the minor points. These involved uploading of Minutes, obtaining quotes, recording meetings involving staff salaries and recording of burial fees. An Unqualified Audit Report has been received for 2021/2022. The Chair then outlined the issue of Community Agents, giving background and informing all of conversations he has had with other County Councillors. The Chair wishes to investigate further, to be in a position to assist Council in making a decision, as the information currently held is slightly confusing to most of the Councillors.

**8. Street Lighting:** On behalf of RW, the Chair informed all of the most up to date situation report relating to a number of lights that are currently not working and have been reported. These await repair by WCBC, who have acknowledged receipt of the faults. KC mentioned some more lights that require attention which was noted. The Vice Chair invited the Clerk to mention the upcoming inspection by WCBC, held every six years, which will produce a lighting report and lists of urgent repairs to columns. It is expected this will be received in the Summer, at which point Llay CC can make a decision on how to proceed.

**9. Planning:** The Chair asked for comments relating to the application from Three Fields Farm, Rackery Lane. A number of Councillors commented regarding the purpose of the application, its’ situation within the LDP, and that it is outside the settlement area, which could then lead to others. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Officer at WCBC urgently.

**10. Burial Matters:** The Chair asked all for their thoughts on the review of Burial Fees that was listed on the Agenda. SA suggested that to make the best decision going forward, it made sense to wait for the new WCBC Burial Fees List which is expected after April 1st. This was agreed to be a good idea and the matter will be relisted in the April Agenda. Regarding the second item listed, that of producing a list of Approved Contractors for the various works occasionally required at the cemetery, there were no immediate suggestions. However, JO’K suggested Councillors could look at the WCBC Approved Contractors list to see if any firms local to Llay were already listed there. All agreed this was a good suggestion and the matter will be relisted for April.

**11. Reports:** The Chair gave an update on matters relating to the business conducted at WCBC, in his capacity as a County Councillor. He gave some detailed reports on the LDP, thanking those Councillors, and other members of the community, that had enabled the successful outcome relating to contentious matters that everyone was aware of. Those who had formally taken part in surveys and correspondence with WCBC Planning would be receiving written replies shortly, although some Councillors stated they had already received their letters.

**12. News/Website:** Other than the Clerk ensuring the latest IRPW Report was uploaded asap, there was nothing further to report on this occasion.

**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 SR and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2035.

Part 2 of the meeting was then convened by the Chair and Vice Chair. Minutes for this section will be formulated and retained by the Chair.

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

In the Church Hall, Llay

Signed………………………………………………………..

B Apsley, Chair

19th April 2023