**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 19th May 2021 @ 1830

**In Attendance:**  Councillors B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (Vice Chair), S Apsley, R Walsh, K Cupit, P Taylor, D Owen J O’Keefe, L Jones, K Powell, W Austin, J Osborne, S Watson & Clerk

**1.** **Apologies for Absence**: Cllr T Boland, D Adams

 **Declarations of Interest**: Nil.

The **December** **Minutes** were discussed by all. SR asked for an addition clarifying the DOI’s that SR and RW signed make clear it related to a Park School matter (Item 7c). The Chair then asked for approval for the **December Minutes** as published. Proposed by RW and seconded by WA and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** SA mentioned the extra Xmas lightsand that some more were required. In particular, some more lights were required on the left hand side of the road, as well as the possibility of putting up lights around Market Square. This will be progressed. The Chair invited RW to update regarding the speed signs. He outlined the prices per light and stated he felt this needed further discussion, with an initial purchase of 2 lights to get things started. A general discussion looked at various venues for the signs. It was the general opinion that speeding and dangerous driving takes places in numerous areas of the village. The Chair asked for other proposals and there were none. It was carried unanimously that RW progress getting 2 initial signs and RW will discuss this with relevant authorities, with plans to implement further speeding reduction measures for ten years. SA raised the issue of improving the Xmas Tree situation by purchasing a more robust, sturdy tree that would survive for a number of years. WA will investigate this with the location being agreed as the Rockery Gardens. WA thought the best place to establish it might be the cemetery where it can be attended and watered regularly until mature. This was agreed as a good idea. SR updated the welcome signs matter from last year. SR will share the quotes and different designs via e mail for this to be moved forward at the June meeting. The Clerk will add to the June agenda.

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

**5. Police Matters:** Due to the absence on duty of the new PCSO, the latest Police Figures as presented to Councillors were discussed with the Chair inviting comments. SR raised the issue regarding the figures on the Police map, which showed some worrying trends, which RW supported based on conversations he has had with Police. The attendance of a Police representative at future meetings has been passed onto the incoming PC for the Llay area.

**6. New Matters:** SA and PT raised some concerns regarding recent events at the Cemetery. A discussion followed and this matter will be left on the Agenda until finally resolved. The Chair then raised the ICO matter and felt the right to reply had not been fairly offered to Llay CC which was agreed in principle by those present.

**7. Finance:** The Chair asked all present to consider the **December, January, February, March and April figures,** as presented and sent to all Councillors. It was proposed by DO and seconded by RW that these be approved and this was carried unanimously. The Chair then read out the **grant appeal** from **Llay Welfare Bowling Club** which had been distributed to all councillors in December. After a general discussion, where appreciation of the situation the club finds itself in was expressed, SR proposed with WA seconding, an award of £1000 to the Club. This was carried unanimously. Next, the Chair raised the **IRPW Expenses** matter, particularly relating to the taxable element. Councillors will take action as they see fit. **One Voice Wales renewal** was discussed and SR proposed with JO’K seconding this and carried unanimously. The Clerk will arrange payment. In addition, as noted at the Annual Meeting, the Clerk will ensure that One Voice Wales are aware that JO and SA will stand down as representatives from Llay CC. The **Internal Audit Report from Coxeys and Co**, with no pick up points, had been shared previously and following a brief discussion the Chair was unanimously approved to **sign the Annual Return** in readiness for the External Audit Return to Audit Wales.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a brief overview of ongoing lighting issues and was thanked by the Chair for his efforts.

**9. Planning:** TheChair introduced the numerous Planning Applications.The first one, 9a is already approved, 9b is fully supported and the Clerk will forward support. 9c was also supported. The **signage at Home Farm**, 9d, the Clerk will enquire why Llay CC were asked for comments as the intention will be to carry it out anyway. Finally, 9e, relating to dwellings at **Llay RBL,** was discussed generally, with the Chair giving some background from WCBC Planning where numbers have varied wildly and the matter is ongoing. The Clerk will send comments as directed, which will highlight, with regards to the **altered application for 8 of the houses, the risk of accidents at junctions, increased risk of flooding and the removal of trees and hedges which were a screen for the current residents of Wats Dyke.**

**10. Burial Matters:** All councillors were very satisfied with the condition of the cemetery at present. SR and JO’K will carry out an **inspection** before the June meeting.

**11. Reports:** The Chair gave an update on the **LDP**, with the finishing line in view, following the work of the Inspectors and their report. Next, the Chair mentioned the **Resource Centre** and its’ future usage. There is a particular issue around the Youth Club going forward. The Chair mentioned that **Groundwork** will also be interested in addressing Council about their role at some time in the future. RW informed all that **Shones Lane will be resurfaced** in the next 12 months. RW asked everyone to keep reporting **potholes** as and when. It is important that they are reported. Finally, RW briefly mentioned his recent change of political affiliation and the reasoning behind it.

**12. News/Website:** Nothing to report on this occasion, although SR mentioned some updates that are required relating to documents contained on the website. The Clerk will attend to this.

**13.** **Correspondence**: There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by DO seconded by JO’K and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2115.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th June 2021 at 1830 in**

**The Church Hall**

Signed: …………………………………………………………………..

Mr B Apsley, Chair

16th June 2021