Minutes of meeting of Llay Community Council

Location: Llay Church Hall

Date and Time: 16th April 2025 @6.30pm

**In attendance:** Cllrs B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (V Chair), T Ankers, S Apsley, W Austin, K Cupit, J O’Keefe, R Walsh, Ste Watson

1. **Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs C Archer, M Jones, K Powell, P Taylor, Sta Watson sent their apologies ahead of the meeting. There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.
2. **Approval of previous minutes:** RW proposed and TA seconded that these minutes be accepted as a true record and this was carried unanimously.
3. **Matters Arising:** RW spoke about the dog fouling issue from last month. It was noted that the local streetscene operator had visited the area and tidied it up. It was also raised that there seems to be an issue with dog fouling around the rockery. SR will liaise with the school to put some of the children’s posters up to try and encourage the public to pick up their dog’s mess.
4. **Public Questions:** No questions had been received from members of the public on this occasion.
5. **Police Matters:** The crime figures presented to Councillors were discussed. Electric bikes still seem to be a nuisance around the village, particularly the speed and the lack of lighting on these bikes. Councillors discussed what neighbourhood police priorities they would like to forward to the police. It was agreed that these three priorities would be Inconsiderate parking, speeding, and the speeding of electric bikes/scooters in the village. The chair will inform PCSO GH of these.
6. **New matters:** None on this occasion
7. **Finance:** The Chair informed all of the latest funds up to the end of March. It was agreed that the new signatories for cheques would be SA, RW and SR. This will be reviewed once a new clerk is in position. The grant appeal from Wrexham Sounds was discussed. JO’K proposed and Ste W seconded that the full amount of £360 was to be awarded. This was passed unanimously.
8. **Streetlighting:** The ongoing issue regarding Vale View was discussed as well as the light in Ffordd Gryffydd which is in need of a pole replacement.
9. **Planning;** P/2025/0300 Christmas Tree farm was discussed. It was decided that as the plans seem to be the same as the initial application, Llay CC concerns would remain the same. P/2025/0299 was discussed. The Council have no concerns with this application at this time.
10. **Burial Matters:** the wording of the sign regarding the prohibited use of personal powered equipment was discussed. It was agreed to continue discussion of this matter at the May meeting.
11. **Reports:** RW noted that the newsletter was due to be compiled shortly. It is hoped that the library could organize a coffee morning for the Eisteddfod in the first week of August. The footpaths on the straight mile and Rackery Lane are due to be widened by the end of the year.
12. **Website:** Nothing to report on this occasion.
13. **Correspondence:** The Vice Chair read out an email that she had received from Cllr D Owen who stated his wish to stand down as Councillor with immediate effect. The Chair will liaise with the electoral officer to begin the process of electing/ co-opting a new Councillor.
14. **Post meeting actions:** The list of agreed post meeting actions to be carried out was discussed and agreed.

There being no other business, **Standing Orders** were moved by JO’K, seconded by RW and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st May 2025 in the Church Hall, Llay.

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B Apsley, Chair