Minutes of November Meeting of Llay Community Council

Location: Llay Royal British Legion

Date and Time: 18th November 2026 @ 6.30pm

In attendance: Cllrs B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (Vice Chair), R Walsh, S Apsley, S Harper, S Watson, K Cupit, J O'Keefe, V Prytherch, W Austin, B Thomas (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** C Archer, M Jones, K Powell, T Ankers, Ste Roberts, N Roberts (NWPS).
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Approval of previous minutes:** KC proposed & SW seconded that these minutes be accepted as a true record and this was carried unanimously.
4. **Matters Arising:** (a) The Chair provided an update on the 'Pride In Place' initiative and advised that he was awaiting a response on a number of points raised in correspondence with, and made known to, WCBC, but nothing had been received as yet. He reported that he had also carried out a consultation on the proposed play area covering a sample of residents in Sixth and Eighth Avenues. From ten (10) residents, four out of five spoken to were enthusiastic, the other five were left with questionnaires, none of which had been returned. He also reported that one resident had phoned stressing strong concern about the potential for anti-social behaviour. (b) The arrangements for the Christmas Lights switch on, torch parade and carols were all confirmed for Friday 27th November at 6.00 pm. It was stated that there would be no band, but music would be played. WA committed to collecting the tree and planting at the site on the morning prior to the event, any assistance would be welcome. It was reported that the Church of the Nazarene would be arranging non-alcoholic mulled wine, tea, coffee and mince pies etc. at the end of the event and it was proposed that a small contribution with the Council's thanks should be made. An amount of £150 was proposed by VP and seconded by SR and this was carried unanimously. c) A review of the third quote for cemetery maintenance was carried out and the Chair also reported that a leaf collection had been carried out there that week by the individual who had completed the last cut. (d) It was requested that the issue with mounds / stones on recently filled graves should remain on the agenda for review, as should the quote for the potential replacement of a number of benches at the appropriate time.
5. **Public Questions:** None.
6. **Police Matters:** The figures for October were presented. The Clerk was requested to write to NWPS to ask for more detail and clarify the issue with recent domestic burglaries as it was a cause for concern to the Council.
7. **New matters:** None.
8. **Finance and Appeals:** (a) The Chair reported that due to savings that have materialised with the movement of cemetery work to an 'ad hoc' basis, funds were in a better position. (b) He also announced that there was now a need to arrange Finance Committee Meetings in the upcoming month to discuss and finalise the precepts for 2027 / 2028 and he has circulated an e-mail asking Councillors for preferred dates and times. c) It was also made known that a Public Notice Event would be arranged following the completion of the Financial Audit in order to receive any comments from members of the public. This will be arranged shortly. (d) A grant for Dynasty Stars Dance Troupe was discussed and an amount of £1 200 was proposed by WA (on the basis of £20

per child member, 60 in total, who lived in the village) and seconded by BA, but this was increased by a counter-proposal of £1 500 (£25 per child) by SH and seconded by VP, and this was subsequently approved by the Council following the withdrawal of the first proposal.

9. **Streetlighting:** (a) It was reported that there were some issues with lighting on the "black path", between Sixth Avenue and Oak Tree Avenue, Council Street, Tir Y Capel, Croes Howell, Gresford Road and also opposite Ninth Avenue, at least one requiring a scissor lift.

10. **Planning:** (a) Planning Consultation ENQ/2026/0282 for the siting of a communication pole ("telegraph pole") in Chapel Lane, Llay. There were no comments at this stage, but the Clerk was requested to ascertain if any level of information or consultation had been afforded to local residents most impacted by this work by those planning the work.

11. **Burial Matters:** (a) It was reported for clarification that the meter at the cemetery had been switched off (previously reported as disconnected). (b) Two sets of ashes had been requested to be moved from South Wales to Llay (former residents) c) There was no paperwork related to a grave opened late August / early September and permission was granted by the Council to seek legal redress for the associated costs.

12. **Reports:** (a) Feedback was provided on a recent meeting with the Health Board and owner of Nant Y Gaer Home. (b) The Chair reported that the response from Barclays Bank regarding the recently signed banking mandates was still being awaited and those mandates may need to be re-done yet again. (b) A letter received from Hafren Dyfrdwy concerning outstanding monies due to them had now been paid. c) it is planned that some financial responsibilities will shortly move to the Clerk and meetings will be arranged to facilitate that process.

13. **Website News / Update:** The Clerk reported that handover of responsibility for the Website from the Vice Chair is going well.

14. **Correspondence:** Not already mentioned during the meeting: (a) The Clerk had received an e-mail relating to a "Could You Be A Councillor?" event on 26th November between 5 and 7 pm.

15. **Post meeting actions:** The list of post meeting actions was reviewed and agreed by all.

16. There being no other business, **Standing Orders** were moved by J O'K, seconded by SH, and The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.22 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th December 2026 at the Royal British Legion, Llay due to the festive season.

Signed…….

B Apsley, Chair, Llay Community Council