**Minutes of October Meeting of Llay Community Council**

**Location: Llay Royal British Legion**

**Date and Time: 21st October 2026 @ 6.30pm**

**In attendance:** Cllrs B Apsley (Chair), S Apsley, Ste Roberts, Sta Watson, T Ankers, Ste Watson, K Cupit, J O'Keefe, V Prytherch, B Thomas (Clerk).

PCSO Natalie Roberts also attended for NWPS matters.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs S Roberts (Vice Chair), R Walsh, C Archer*, M Jones, W Austin, K Powell.

   *The Council agreed to extend the absence required for Cllr. C. Archer under the circumstances.

2. **Declarations of Interests:** None.

3. **Approval of previous minutes:** KC proposed & Ste R 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 deadlines now were extremely tight. To that end, it had been arranged for him, together with Ste R, to attend a meeting with a third company the next morning (22nd October) to fulfil the requirement for the third quotation. (b) The Chair also reported that the draft Planning Application for the fencing around the extended boundary of the cemetery had been completed by the Clerk and had been forwarded to him to be held in readiness. (c) He also asked for the permission of the Council to reimburse SA for the purchase of pads and batteries for the village defibrillators and this was granted. Special mention was also made of the training of the Support Guardians for the defibrillators (which also included CPR techniques) on 12th October, and thanks were offered for this to Rob Goldsmith of St. John's Ambulance, with gratitude for his time and support. On a similar subject, the initiative launched by the Mayor, Cllr Jeremy Kent, was launched to provide up to 1 000 people with basic First Aid training and the Chair invited proposals from the Council for the most appropriate times and venues based on size of response and number of volunteers.

5. **Public Questions:** No questions had been received from members of the public.

6. **Police Matters:** PSCO Natalie Roberts presented the latest statistics (September) for Llay. During discussion on specific issues, thanks were offered for what appeared to be an increase in local patrols, as well as the presence of speed monitoring vehicles that had been noticed.

7. **New matters:** (a) Wreaths (x2) for the Remembrance Day arrangements were confirmed. (b) The arrangements for the Christmas Light / Carols / Procession were also confirmed by SA for 27th November at 6.00 pm, with plans for the tree to be organised by J O'K with WA and in place for the quoted date.(c)It was also requested that the identified potential need to replace a number of benches for the Rockery (Market Square) and elsewhere be kept on the Agenda.

8. **Finance and Appeals:**
   (a) A grant for Wrexham Sounds was refused. (b) A grant for Dynasty Stars Dance Troupe would be more fully considered after the Council had received additional supporting documentation and the Clerk agreed to request this.

9. **Streetlighting:** (a) It was reported that three long term issues with columns in Penderyn Way had been fixed, but one column in Bryn Place needed a scissor lift to be hired (this was subsequently reported as working).

10. **Planning:** (a) Planning Application P/2026/0587 for 'Change of Use' from a garage to a dog grooming salon in Lindley Gardens, Llay, resulted in no comments at this stage.

11. **Burial Matters:** (a) It was reported that the meter at the cemetery has been disconnected but a standing charge was still in effect and the Council had been informed that "a team" needed to visit to remove it. (b) Large stones had been deposited in the rubbish bins which was a cause for concern and some large stones are unavoidable once the soil is dug up and the volume displaced taken up by the coffins. (c)It was agreed that one more cut of the cemetery grass was needed after the coming weekend.

12. **Reports:** (a) The Chair reported that the response from Barclays Bank regarding the recently signed banking mandates was still being awaited. (b) He also reported on the recent experiences and quality assessment of the cemetery maintenance and asked the Clerk to request a quote from the third company who had recently made an inquiry about the work.

13. **Website News / Update:** Nothing to report.

14. **Correspondence:** Not already mentioned during the meeting: (a) The Clerk had received notification of a Wrexham Armed Forces Carol Service on 3rd December 2026 and detail had been circulated to all Councillors.

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 KC, and The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2026 at the Royal British Legion, Llay.

Signed…….

B Apsley, Chair, Llay Community Council