**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 16th October 2024 @ 1830

**In Attendance:** Cllrs B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (Vice Chair), S Apsley, J O’Keefe,

 S Watson, R Walsh, K Cupit, W Austin, T Ankers, St Watson, K Powell,

 C Archer, M Jones, & Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllr D Owen and P Taylor sent their apologies ahead of the meeting. There were no DOI’s.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The Chair asked if there were any comments or points to consider relating to the **September Minutes**. There were none and JO’K proposed with KP seconding these minutes as a true record and this was carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair raised the issue of ensuring cemetery policies are kept up to date and clearly written and this will be further discussed at a later date and in conjunction with Finance Committee.

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

**5. Police Matters:** The crime figures as presented were discussed briefly. JO’K stated that, once again**, speeding** continues to be ignored with no clear action being taken locally. The Vice Chair expressed concern regarding the **online crime map**. Figures shown on this map, readily available to any member of the public, do not seem to agree with the same period figures we are sent by our local PCSO. It was agreed the Vice Chair would send a letter to our local PCSO outlining the disparity in figures shown online when compared to our Council report. This should give much needed clarity to Councillors trying to understand these important reports.

**6. New Matters:** The Chair introduced **Gareth Stacey, the Lead Officer from WCBC Play** **Scheme**, to talk about the community provision of Youth Services available. He explained the main aim is to provide fun and a chance for young people to come together in their community. He further explained how the Service operates, involving trips away, external agency input if required, and support for the youth throughout the area. Financial difficulties are always present, and any support from local Community Councils is appreciated and would allow extra sessions to be provided. A number of Councillors then asked various questions about the service, particularly regarding suitable premises in Llay that could be used occasionally. The use of the Resource Centre was widely discussed by a number of Councillors, as a suitable location for the Youth Club as it was in the past. CA highlighted that the main purpose of the Resource Centre when it was built, was to provide a safe environment for a Youth Club in Llay. This is also why the MUGA was also built alongside the Centre itself. The Chair asked Mr Stacey about the cost of providing a youth session. It costs £198.00 per session. The Chair then thanked Mr Stacey for his informative presentation and discussion. The Chair instructed the Clerk to add this matter to the November Agenda for further consideration, following the presentation this evening and the questions posed by Councillors. The Chair asked all Councillors to consider ways forward to benefit the young people of Llay before the next meeting.

**7. Finance:** The **September Income (£5,399.89) and Expenditure (£8,743.09) Figures** distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. These were unanimously approved with MJ proposing and SW seconding. There were no other comments regarding the finances at present. Next, the **Grant Application received from Nightingale House** was discussed. The merits of this outstanding care facility was felt by all, and KC proposed a £500 donation with WA seconding and this was carried unanimously. The Clerk will arrange prompt payment. Finally, the

Chair asked for permission to purchase 2 poppy wreaths as usual from the **RBL Poppy Appeal**. This was proposed by JO’K, seconded by Vice Chair and carried unanimously.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a brief report regarding lighting with no major issues at present. The lights in the vicinity of the new **Aldi store** continue to cause issues but this matter has been reported formally. The early erection of the **Xmas Lights** led to a discussion on the timings and the hope that communication with the companies involved would ensure all defects involving this very popular local attraction are rectified quickly this winter.

**9. Planning:** Nothing to discuss on this occasion.

**10. Burial Matters:** The cemetery was considered to be in good order at present.The Chair and Vice Chair will carry out the next inspection ahead of the November meeting.

**11. Reports:** RW gave an update regarding a recent meeting held to discuss roads in Llay that may return to 30mph from the current 20mph. Also, Vicarage junction and areas around the school at certain times would be looked at with a view to improving things if possible. Improvements to the zebra crossing on Llay New Road is also being considered for an upgrade. RW also mentioned that recent checks on drainage throughout Llay had proved successful following the very heavy rain earlier today. Areas that had experienced flooding in the past were relatively unscathed following the downpours today. The Chair gave a brief report relating to recent training sessions held at WCBC.

**12. News/Website:** Information regarding free data links from WCBC to be added to website by Clerk.

**13. Correspondence:** Nothing received that has not been addressed elsewhere in the meeting.

**14.** **Post Meeting Actions**: The list of agreed post meeting actions to be carried out was discussed and agreed and will be prepared by the Clerk and distributed with the draft Minutes.

Part 2 of the meeting then commenced.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by JO’K seconded by KP and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2020.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th November 2024 in the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair