**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 20th October 2021 @ 1830

**In Attendance:**  Councillors B Apsley (Chair), S Apsley, R Walsh, P Taylor, D Owen J O’Keefe, C Archer, S Roberts, S Watson K Powell, Steve Watson, Clerk and PCSO.

**1.** **Apologies for Absence**: Cllrs J Osborne, W Austin, L Jones, K Cupit

**Declarations of Interest**: Nil Declared

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chair welcomed Mr Steve Watson as the newest Councillor to join Llay CC. The Chair also informed all that Cllr Jan Osborne has decided to resign from Council. It was agreed that the Chair would write a letter thanking her for her service.

The **September Minutes** were discussed by all. The Chair asked for approval for the **September Minutes** as published. Proposed by RW and seconded by JO’K and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** RW stated the **speed sign** matter is nearing completion. The Chair mentioned the **Play Area upgrade** and reminded all about the background. The 3 quotes obtained through WCBC varied significantly, with the cheapest being from Play and Leisure. DO proposed, with SR seconding that we proceeded with this recommended quote to ensure the Play Area remains in good condition. This was agreed unanimously. The Chair informed all that the number of **Poppies** required had been calculated for the March Route and the total was £740, of which Llay RBL are likely to contribute fifty percent. It was agreed to purchase the required number with some spares to allow for damage. Next the Chair updated all regarding the **Xmas Lights** and some issues that have arisen with the new venues for the non Main Road Lights and the missing lights from the Main Road (19 as opposed to 20 last year). The Chair will chase this up with the contractor. The intention is still to ensure the community can attend for the first night, although the timings will be a few minutes apart for them all to be on, due to the timing system. This will be progressed. The Chair gave a short update on the NWPS **Community Alert** system and other Councillors mentioned their involvement. The Chair mentioned the recent award of a “**Keys to Llay**” to a Llay resident which was well received by the recipient, and it also received positive local press coverage. Regarding the **Foregolf** Development issue, RW explained the use of the retained bond money is still to be decided. CA emphasised the urgent need to carry out safety/drainage checks to ensure there is no risk to the Public. The Chair and RW will chase up and report back. SA proposed with PT seconding, that Llay CC purchase the £500 **Target Hardening** **Equipment** through NWPS. This was agreed unanimously and the Clerk will inform the local PCSO to purchase this crime prevention equipment. RW has taken photos of the **damaged railings** at the Rockery Gardens to chase up with WCBC. The Vice Chair updated all regarding the “**Welcome to Llay**” signs (2 in number) and gave all the quotes. It was agreed that one would be on Llay New Road, as you come into Llay from Wrexham, and the other would be near the Croeshowell Restaurant.

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

**5. Police Matters:** The Chair welcomed the Llay PCSO who outlined the latest figures and explained the current issues being addressed. The Chair informed the PCSO that a final decision on which package of crime deterrent equipment would be made this evening and passed on. Some comments were made regarding recent entries on **social media** relating to local crimes. Halloween and Bonfire Night are upcoming and although there is nothing official organised, it will be a busy time. In addition funding has been obtained for up to 20 local children to attend “**Op Bang**” which involves attending an anti social workshop in the morning with a visit to a Laser fun facility at Llandegla in the afternoon. Finally, two Councillors passed on some recent incidents for the PCSO to follow up, including a short discussion relating to recent incidents involving dog attacks.

**6. New Matters:** The issue of the **telephone box** will be fully resolved by 18th November, in accordance with Council guidelines from November 2020.

**7. Finance:** The Chair asked all present to consider the **September Income & Expenditure** aspresented, (£8,830.59) and sent to all Councillors. It was proposed by RW and seconded by DO that these be approved and this was carried unanimously. After a short discussion, Council approved the adoption of **all current policies in place**, having had time to check their content. This includes Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Capital Reserves Policy, H & S Policy, along with other policies. Finally it was unanimously approved, once again, to purchase **2** **RBL Wreaths** through Llay RBL. One would be for the Memorial at Llay RBL and the other would be placed in the Cemetery at the foot of the Silent Soldier.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a brief report on recent lighting issues, all of which have been formally reported to ensure repairs as soon as possible. RW has had a meeting regarding the long standing issue of a new column on **Llay Road**. As this new light is suitable to be a solar light, which is competitively priced, it was unanimously agreed to proceed with this and the light will now be ordered.

**9. Planning:** P/2021/0915 (Variation of Planning Permission at Llay Hall West) was discussed, with RW expressing his opinion that the variation did not impact greatly on any local resident, being based where it was, and Council then passed it without further comment.

**10. Burial Matters:** There were no major issues to discuss and the appearance of the cemetery is considered good. PT agreed to plant some daffodils within the Cemetery. A wreath will be placed on the silent soldier in the Cemetery.

**11. Reports:** RW reported the Crown Crossroads improvements will be commencing in January. Virgin Media are due to visit in the near future to carry out improvements. RW also mentioned major pot hole issues in certain areas, which is being chased up. If this is not productive, a letter will be sent from Llay CC to chase up long standing pot hole issues. The Chair gave a brief update regarding the Aldi development.

**12. News/Website:** Nothing to report.

**13.** **Correspondence**: There were no further correspondence matters to discuss.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by DO seconded by JO’K and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2030.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th November 2021 at 1830 in**

**The Church Hall**

Signed: …………………………………………………………………..

Mr B Apsley, Chair

17th November 2021