**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 18th September 2024 @ 1830

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

C Archer, S Watson, R Walsh, K Cupit, T Ankers

M Jones, & Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs St Watson, P Taylor, W Austin, K Powell and D Owen 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 **July Minutes**. There were none and MJ proposed with JO’K seconding these minutes as a true record and this was carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Vice Chair has tried chasing up the relevant information to advance the matter of formally thanking the **litter picking volunteers**, who carry out sterling work in Llay. Although some of those involved are known, it is felt important not to omit anyone from official thanks although a number of the volunteers wished to have no publicity for their outstanding work.. A number of councillors spoke in support of individuals they are aware of who litter pick, often starting early in the morning. The Chair suggested to move this forward, an article be included in the next Llay Newsletter. This was agreed by all and RW will include this item in the next edition. RW gave a brief report on the ongoing **20mph speed limit discussions and possible amendments.** There is a general concensus in support of 20mph remaining for the estate roads. Some of the main thoroughfares through Llay have contrasting opinions locally, with some wishing to increase back to 30mph and some wishing to keep the 20mph in place. RW updated all that following a recent meeting of all **school governors**, there is still one vacancy at Park CP School that remains unfilled.

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

**5. Police Matters:** The Chair invited comments from Council regarding the latest Crime Figures document that had been distributed by PCSO Griffiths-Hughes. The Chair mentioned that the overall crime figures have reduced which is good news. **Inconsiderate parking** was mentioned by some Councillors as still occurring, in close proximity to the school especially in the morning, although Police attendance occasionally does reduce this. It is also acknowledged that the number of cars at each property, which has increased drastically over the last decade or so, adds to the problem of parking. Another councillor raised the issue of motor bikes being ridden at great speed, usually in the evenings. The Clerk will pass this on to our PCSO in the hope they can be caught.

**6. New Matters:** There were no new matters on this occasion**.**

**7. Finance:** The **July Income (£1,296.33) and Expenditure (£13,301.58) Figures** and **August Income (£48,509.38) and Expenditure (£9,111.05) Figures** distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. These were unanimously approved with JO’K proposing and SW seconding. There were no other comments regarding the finances at present. The Chair asked for approval to **transfer £20k from 1197 to 0477** accounts for the purpose of paying invoices before the October meeting. This was proposed by JO’K and seconded by SW and carried unanimously.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a brief report regarding lighting with no major issues at present. The Pentre Street matter is still ongoing with no firm outcome as yet. RW gave a report of a number of lights he is aware are currently not working. These have been reported, in the hope they will be repaired before the dark nights draw in. Two new lights, that have not worked properly since installation near the new Aldi store, require attention and the Clerk will inform WCBC Lighting after this meeting.

**9. Planning:** The Chair raised the first issue of the erection of a **new boxing club** at the Llay RBL site. He also gave some useful background information on this project. There were no concerns at this stage. The second application relating to the conversion of a property to a **Café/Beauty Salon** was discussed. The Chair gave some guidance regarding allowable objections to assist all. There were no comments at this stage.

**10. Burial Matters:** JO’K & KC gave their **inspection report** to all Councillors. The cemetery was considered to be in excellent condition, and this was confirmed by a small number of visitors who were present when the inspection was taking place. Some more weed killer will be needed, which KC will purchase and council will reimburse. The next inspection will be in November and the nominated councillors will be appointed at the October meeting. The second listed item, regarding burial fees, will be discussed in Part 2 of the meeting with Public excluded.

**11. Reports:** The Chair instructed the Clerk to chase up **Mega Electrical** to ensure all is ready for the Xmas Lights to be erected and maintained this year. RW reported that the worst part of Wats Dyke was recently resurfaced. RW mentioned that a number of **serious issues remain in Fern Meadow**, part of the new estate on Gresford Road. These are being progressed by county councillors and other interested parties.

**12. News/Website:** Nothing to report on this occasion.

**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 and notes were taken by the Clerk.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by JO’K seconded by MJ and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2045.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th October 2024 in the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair