



## MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

accepted that interest rates are poor, BA proposed and DA seconded the moving of all monies from Lloyds over the £85k threshold figure covered by the FSA. This was carried unanimously and the Clerk will ensure this is done as soon as possible. MD mentioned that he had received a number of e mails from concerned residents regarding the confirmation at the last meeting, to award £750 to **Llay Junior Band** for their trip to Germany in August. MD stated that he regarded his position as a Councillor meant he should give a helping hand whenever possible to all parts of the community but remained concerned that supporting this particular trip left him feeling uneasy. BA mentioned that this item had been discussed and agreed at the last meeting, with MD supporting the award, but BA respected MD raising this issue again after receiving e mails since the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that all present were happy for the award to be made, as it was due to be done prior to the next meeting. All present agreed.

**5. Police Matters:** PC Hughes gave a presentation of the May crime figures to those present. He also gave a breakdown on the different anti social issues that had been dealt with. PCSO Hughes reminded all Councillors that the new forms for collating local crime allowed the Community Council to list 3 main priorities that they wanted the local Police to particularly target. MD, supported by BA, mentioned the **speeding issues** that constantly cause issues of the New Road through Llay. DA mentioned that the **new Skate Park** would undoubtedly lead to more activity in this area. PCSO Hughes informed all that this was accepted and extra patrols were already visiting this area. PCSO Hughes encouraged all to consider priorities for future meetings going forward.

**6. Finance and Appeals:** The Clerk presented the finance figures for May. He highlighted the increased clerks' expenses caused by unusually high call volumes regarding planning applications for the tree felling application and election issues. He has also arranged for an increase on free minutes to avoid this one off situation arising again. The Clerk informed all of the expense that the forthcoming elections would create for the Community Council. He will inform everyone once the actual figure is known which should be next week after nominations close.

The Clerk read out a letter from the Head of **Park CP School** for financial assistance to offset the **costs of trips** arranged during the summer term by the school. This letter was appealing on behalf of the 340 children at the school. Once it was confirmed that £600 was awarded last year, PE proposed that this be increased to £650 to allow for increased transport costs. SW seconded this proposal and it was carried unanimously.

**7. Street Lighting:** VW mentioned that the Vale View lighting issue had been resolved. MD mentioned some lights out on New Road but these are the responsibility of WCBC and not Llay CC.

**8. Planning:** Apart from the recent refusal of WCBC regarding the application to fell trees, there were no other planning issues to discuss at this meeting.

**9. Burial Matters:** The issue of **kerbstones** around grave spaces was discussed at length with SA and SW mentioning their recent visit, in support of the previous work and report carried out by BA and KC. SW mentioned that there had been as many burials this year already as for the whole year in recent times. Therefore, it would be just over a year before the final piece of new ground would be in use. Various councillors spoke on this matter but in conclusion it was agreed that the matter had been resolved and minuted in January 2015, resulting in the decision to not allow any more kerbstones from January 2015. The Clerk was instructed to inform the person who had requested a change in this rule of this decision, and to arrange for extra signage to ensure all those using the cemetery would be aware of this. BA mentioned that a number of grave spaces were causing issues, due to natural ground settlement, for the Groundsman, which was agreed by

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others present. SW also mentioned the lack of space between some graves, due to the excessive width and length of kerbstones that pre-date the January decision. The Clerk will liaise with both the Groundsman and families whenever possible, to resolve these issues. Where no family members are available, the Clerk was authorised to make safe any spaces that were a health and safety concern.

- 10. Correspondence:** There was no separate correspondence on this occasion.
- 11. Reports:** There were no reports to be given at this meeting.

There being no further business, Standing Orders were moved by DA, seconded by MD and agreed and the meeting closed at 1935. The date and time of the next meeting is:

**THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2015 (subject to access being available)**

Signed:.....

Mr B Apsley  
Vice Chairman  
23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015