**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 17th April 2024 @ 1830

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

R Walsh, K Cupit, C Archer, M Jones, S Watson,

St Watson, T Ankers, D Owen & Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs P Taylor, W Austin and K Powell sent apologies ahead of the meeting. There were no DOI requirements.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The Chair asked if there were any comments or points to consider relating to the **February Minutes**. There were none and the February Minutes were proposed as a true record by MJ, seconded by RW and approved unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair mentioned the proposed **Memorial Garden** area item that had been relisted. A number of Councillors expressed opinions, relating to potential cost, delaying until the cemetery is extended and having it form a part of the new area, possible use of the blank wall near the building, using the area near the front of the cemetery as a wild garden area and others. It was agreed to relist again in June. The Chair then raised the licensing application for the **Croeshowell Restaurant**, currently under review. This will continue to be monitored. JO’K mentioned the poor service received from WCBC relating to a promised **litter bin** on a popular walking path near Ballswood Quarry. Numerous promises to install have not produced the result, even after 2 Councillors met the person responsible from WCBC in person on two occasions to discuss the exact location. This will be chased up.

**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. RW asked the Clerk to pass on to the PCSO that the issue of **parked cars** is still causing issues. RW asked if the PCSO could be alert to any vehicles blocking driveways or parked close to junctions, in the hope that a note from the PCSO might alleviate the problem. JO’K stated that **constant speeding** in various locations is still a major issue.

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

**7. Finance: The** **March Income** (£2,455.06p) **and Expenditure Figures** (£11,666.81p) distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. These were unanimously approved with JO’K proposing and RW seconding. The Chair asked for comments regarding the **SLA for streetlighting maintenance** and it was approved unanimously, although Councillors agreed that searching for an alternative should also be investigated whenever possible by all.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a report on ongoing issues with a number of streetlight issues around Llay that are ongoing.

**9. Planning:** The Chair mentioned the listed Planning Application for **Clwyd Concrete Products,** where there were no comments at this stage.

**10. Burial Matters:** Nothing to report this meeting, although some dry weather to allow the Cemetery Groundsman to cut in between the graves would be useful.

**11. Reports:** RW gave an update regarding the recent recruitment drive for **foster carers** and was pleased someone from Llay has applied. **Potholes** continue to be a major problem in Llay and a further request for action on this is forthcoming. RW reported that a new zebra crossing is being installed now, close to a junction, but no-one from the Council was aware they were starting this until the contractors arrived. RW reported that **Bellway Homes** have been fined for their breaches of planning conditions, but the amount was only £1000, which Councillors considered inadequate to act as a deterrent. A general discussion then ensued, with a number of Councillors relaying stories of major issues on the development, some involving new home residents having to move into rented accommodation whilst issues are resolved. The Chair mentioned he had attended a presentation at **Ballswood Quarry** recently. One of the issues involves the requirement for the company to fully restore areas they have completed work in before they are allowed to move to new areas to quarry. This is being watched by a number of interested parties, who will do their best to ensure this long standing requirement is adhered to. The Chair then gave an update regarding ongoing planning matters relating to new housing proposals going through WCBC at present. In particular, he mentioned a large proposal along the Holt Road, with current mineral extraction issues being overlooked, along with mixed messages from Betsi Cadwaladr, about their ability to cope with a sudden large increase in the local population that is difficult to comprehend. Councillors are not aware of any area in Wrexham where an appointment with a local surgery is not difficult at present, without the addition of surges in the population.

**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.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by DO seconded by the RW and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2015.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 following the conclusion of the Annual Meeting for 2024, in the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair