**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 19th February 2025 @ 1830

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

 S Watson, M Jones, R Walsh, C Archer, T Ankers, K Powell, P Taylor & Clerk. PCSO Griffiths Hughes also attended.

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs S Roberts, St Watson, W Austin, K Cupit & D Owen sent their apologies ahead of the meeting. There were no Declarations of Interest on this occasion.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The Chair asked if there were any comments or points to consider relating to the **January Minutes**. There were none and MJ proposed, with RW seconding that these Minutes be accepted as a true record and this was carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** RW spoke about the 8th Avenue streetlight issue and we await further news from WCBC Lighting.

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

**5. Police Matters:** The crime figures as presented prior to the meeting were discussed. The Chair welcomed PCSO G-H to the meeting and she gave an overview of the current situation involving housing issues, speeding and some other anti-social matters causing problems for residents. Regarding misuse of bikes, it was explained there are difficulties in actually pursuing those involved, and methods of prevention are being tried to avoid the matter escalating further. Another Operation Cinnamon meeting will be held in late March at the Church of the Nazarene, and all are encouraged to attend. Regarding speeding, PCSO G-H offered to liaise between those responsible for the Go Safe vans and Councillors if they wished to e mail her. It is also hoped that some involvement from local schoolchildren about speed awareness can be organised. There will be a return to an old system of Council identifying their three main priorities, and these being closely followed up every 3 months by the local Police for updates. The Chair thanked PCSO G-H for her attendance and the information passed onto Councillors.

**6. New Matters:** The **governance committee matter** listed on the Agenda will be relisted for March, subject to RW explaining the purpose of this committee to Councillors before the March meeting so Council can make an informed decision.

**7. Finance:** The **January Income (£3,515.87p) and Expenditure (£14,508.22p) Figures** have been distributed ahead of the meeting. There were no queries regarding these figures and they were accepted as a true record with SW proposing and RW seconding and carried unanimously. Regarding the **Annual Salary Review**, the Chair outlined some percentage figures over the preceding months relating to inflation etc. It was agreed that this would be finalised at the March meeting and the Clerk will relist. The **Service Level Agreement with WCBC** for maintenance and repair to the Play Area and Skate Park. Council approved the **transfer of funds** between accounts to maintain balances to pay invoices.

**8. Street Lighting:** A small number of ongoing streetlight issues were mentioned and RW will ensure these are followed up. It was concerning that all lights are currently out on the Straight Mile. WCBC have explained they need a hoist to repair lights requiring attention in Bron Alyn which is causing a delay as there are only so many hoists available for the whole County.

**9. Planning:** The Chair raised the issue relating to the9 houses being proposed for **the Llay RBL site (P/2024/1070).** Concerns regarding this amendment to the original plans have already been passed onto WCBC Planning. This had involved ten concerns from the effect on local residents and roads to the loss of amenities and inconvenience to users of the Llay RBL. In support of the Chair, RW mentioned the loss of the car park, which was fully utilised for events at certain times of the year, and he hoped that the developers would ensure a suitable car park was built before concluding the development. It was agreed to forward the concerns of Llay CC to WCBC Planning and the Clerk will arrange a letter.

**10. Burial Matters:** The Chair gave all an update from the Finance Committee regarding the **extension of the Cemetery**. It had been agreed that no individual would make any decisions alone due to costs. Then the Chair outlined the different options, relating to land, that were possible for the extension. A site visit will be arranged in the near future, to visualise the site to assist in making the right decision on where and when to extend. The next item, relating to use of **personal equipment in the cemetery**, will be carried forward to March when WA will hopefully be in attendance.

**11. Reports:** RW reported on some upcoming meetings at WCBC involving safeguarding matters. RW then gave an update on intentions for roads in Llay that are **affected by the 20 or 30mph speed limit issue** and informed all how the matter would be concluded later this year. He emphasised that this matter had resulted in many people making formal representation, both for keeping the 20mph limit or to return to the 30mph limit. The Chair spoke about the 20mph speed limit issue first. He stated that certain roads could return to 30mph with a vast majority supporting, but was perplexed that some roads being suggested for an increase did not need to increase due to their width and/or layout. The Chair wished to publicly thank the **Resource Centre for their hospitality at the recent celebration of their 20th Anniversary**, which was very successful.

**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 JO’K seconded by SW and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2015.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 19th March 2025** in the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair