**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 21st February 2024 @ 1830

**In Attendance:** Cllrs B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (Vice Chair), S Apsley,

J O’Keefe, R Walsh, K Cupit, C Archer, K Powell

P Taylor, D Owen & Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs M Jones, T Ankers, Steve Watson, W Austin and S Watson 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 **January Minutes**. There were none and the January Minutes were proposed as a true record by DO, seconded by JOK and approved unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair raised the listed item of **Gresford Charities Trust**. He gave a further update regarding the organisation. The Chair informed all that Cllr S Roberts has now joined this Trust. He asked all Councillors that if they became aware of any worthy organisations in Llay that may benefit from a small grant, to contact himself or the Vice Chair. Some previous examples of grants awarded were also presented to assist. There was no update regarding the **disused land in Llay**, and the Community Council vacancy on the Park CP **School Governors Board** remains unfilled at present. The Chair read out a full response from NWPS regarding the letter of concern about people being released from custody at school opening/closing times. A number of Councillors commented on ongoing issues relating to this matter and the Chair would respond to the letter from NWPS.

**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 state of **parking** on Pentre Street in particular was raised by a Councillor. There was a general feeling that if the Police were able to be a bit more pro active in enforcing the law in this regard, it would help, perhaps using the “gentle reminder” stickers that have been used in the past. Another Councillor raised the ongoing issue about residents **repairing vehicles on the road**. This has been reported previously, but appears to have restarted. The Chair will mention this as soon as possible to NWPS. It was noted that School Staff have asked parents to be considerate when parking around the school premises.

**6. New Matters:** The Chair explained to all the IRPW Expenses matter, which will be required to complete before the start of the next financial year. The SLA with WCBC for the Play Area and Skate Park for 2023/2024 was accepted and renewed, proposed by CA seconded by KP and carried unanimously.

**7. Finance: The** **January Income** (£1,390.44) **and Expenditure Figures** (£ 10,965.29) distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. These were unanimously approved with DO proposing and JOK seconding. There were no other finance matters to discuss at this meeting.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a report on ongoing issues with a number of streetlight issues around Llay, assisted by a number of Councillors who gave him further details of streetlight issues. An issue relating to the streetlights across from Aldi is still ongoing.

**9. Planning:** The Chair introduced the listed planning matter (P/2024/0003) concerningthe change of use at **Carlton Garden Centre** to a Haulage Yard. It was considered that a letter to the Planning Officer was required, highlighting issues that would arise relating to noise pollution, lack of parking, and the dangers of children crossing an already busy road in the vicinity.

**10. Burial Matters:** The Chair informed all about a letter he had received from a concerned resident regarding the possible erection of a **Memorial Wall** at the cemetery. The Chair had replied to the resident, correcting the factual errors contained in the letter. This reply had been accepted. Moving on to the discussion relating to the possibility of a Memorial Wall, the Chair sought comments from Councillors. Possible sites within the cemetery were raised, along with how the plaques would be installed to ensure the wall would befit the cemetery. It was agreed to take further soundings and relist this matter for the April meeting. The Chair gave a brief summary of the recent Finance Committee concerning the **extension of the cemetery** that is going to be required in the next couple of years. Due to the finance involved, it was agreed that no single person would be able to take any decision alone. The County Councillors agreed to approach the planning situation, with all other matters relating to size of extension initially, new paths/trees/equipment/increased car park, being firmed up as required. This matter will continue to be discussed by both Finance and full Council.

**11. Reports:** RW mentioned the proposed increase to the **Council Tax** for the next financial year, currently under discussion by WCBC. RW will be investigating the proposed traffic diversion in Llay that is upcoming. The next edition of the **newsletter is being prepared**, and RW mentioned that he already had a number of interesting articles that will be included. RW asked for as many as possible to assist with the delivery of the Newsletter, with any volunteers who could assist being utilised. The Chair expressed concern about local education with the current budget situation at WCBC. There is still no reply from Mega Electrical regarding local lighting. A new phase is being prepared at Ballswood Quarry but Councillors will closely scrutinise any actions ongoing.

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

**13. Correspondence:** The Chair read out a letter from a local residentconcerning dog waste in various sites and the lack of bins available. This matter will remain under consideration for future investment, although it was highlighted that an application for two new bins at either end of a popular walking path, that Llay CC and the Quarry Company had agreed to purchase, have still not been installed after nearly a year. RW agreed to reply in full to the resident

**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 KC, seconded by the DO and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2029.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 1830

In the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair