**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 21st July 2021 @ 1830

**In Attendance:**  Councillors B Apsley (Chair), S Roberts (Vice Chair), S Apsley, R Walsh, K Cupit, P Taylor, D Owen J O’Keefe, L Jones, W Austin, S Watson, K Powell, J Osborne & Clerk

**1.** **Apologies for Absence**: Nil

**Declarations of Interest**: Cllrs Roberts, Austin (7C) Cllrs S Apsley, Powell (7D), Cllr Walsh (7C and 9A).

The **June Minutes** were discussed by all. The Chair asked for approval for the **June Minutes** as published. Proposed by JO’K and seconded by RW and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** RW informed all a site meeting would take place next week regarding the **Speed Signs.** The **Welcome signs** is still awaiting all pricing options from the company, before a final decision can be made. The **litter picking equipment** issue is ongoing with the Resource Centre and the School happy to hold this equipment for future use. SA mentioned that a meeting had been held at Alyn Waters with **Groundwork** who had stated they could assist us in the Play Area.

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

**5. Police Matters:** The Chair mentioned that it appears that the figures will not be forthcoming, but this will be investigated further when the PCSO can attend a meeting. It was agreed an e mail would be sent by the Clerk emphasising the date of the next meeting in the hope the PCSO can attend to comment on a number of issues.

**6. New Matters:** The Chair read out the applications from the three members of the Public who had applied to become a **Community Councillor for Park Ward**. The Chair asked for Proposers and Seconders for each Candidate to be further considered. All three candidates were duly Proposed and \Seconded by individual Councillors and the Chair instructed the Clerk to distribute voting slips. The Chair announced that after two votes Christine Archer was co-opted onto Council and the Clerk will inform all candidates of the outcome. The Chair also informed all that Cllr Boland had now formally resigned and this position will be advertised later this week. The Chair asked all to ensure their **Declarations of interest** were still correct and this was done. The Waltz equipment will be removed and hopefully replaced with new swings including a disabled swing. The Clerk will get the necessary figures and distribute to all.

**7. Finance:** The Chair asked all present to consider the **June Finance Income & Expenditure as presented, (£12,654.87)** and sent to all Councillors. It was proposed by DO and seconded by WA that these be approved and this was carried unanimously. Before discussing the **appeal from Park CP School** for funding assistance, SR, WA and RW having signed DOI’s, left the room. After a lengthy discussion DO proposed £1000 grant with KP seconding. SA proposed an amendment of £2400, which was seconded by SW. After a vote the amendment was carried and the Clerk will inform the school tomorrow. At this point, KP and SA, having signed DOI’s, departed from the room.The Chair then raised the **appeal from Llay WI** for a grant towards the cost of a bus for an outing. After hearing of their needs, SR proposed with PT seconding awarding the Llay WI the full cost of the bus hire of £586. JO’K proposed an amendment with DO seconding, of awarding the requested £300. Following a vote it was agreed to award the full cost of the bus hire and the Clerk will inform accordingly. The matter of confirming agreement on Staff Salaries will be discussed in September.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a brief overview of ongoing lighting issues. A small number of “burners” were mentioned and will be reported, if not already done so. RW will also purse WCBC regarding the requested new light on the outskirts of Llay which is on hold for a while now as WCBC will not give a quote for installing the light and the |Council cannot approve a blank cheque policy.

**9. Planning:** The planning matter listed was discussed involving the retrospective application for the workshop extension to the garage on Ninth Avenue Llay. A number of councillors expressed concern regarding this matter, with a number expressing concern about safety matters regarding parking in the same area, resulting in dangerous risks for pedestrians. The building of the workshop has also removed valuable space. Councillor Rob Walsh – Declared an interest on the basis that he had already pre-determined the application. As a result he withdrew from the meeting for this item taking no part in the discussion and voting thereon.

**10. Burial Matters:** Nothing of note but SR mentioned that some weed killer is required**.** The Clerk will attend to this. The Chair raised a staff matter that Council were aware of. This will be discussed in private following the meeting.

**11. Reports:** RW gave a brief report involving updates on the building development at the Llay RBL and informed all about recent issues regarding bin collections to pass on to residents. The Chair mentioned the ongoing issue regarding Ballswood Quarry where it was agreed a number of liberties had been taken over a number of years. He also updated all regarding the Farm Shop, which has caused consternation amongst some within WCBC Planning but the right decision to allow this development had been arrived at eventually.

**12. News/Website:** It was agreed that all Councillors will try and find someone who may be willing to assist the Clerk in updating the website to ensure it is as user friendly as possible. DO is aware of someone who might assist and will contact him.

**13.** **Correspondence**: There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by DO seconded by RW and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2030.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 1830 in**

**The Church Hall**

Signed: …………………………………………………………………..

Mr B Apsley, Chair

15th September 2021