**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 19th June 2024 @ 1830

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

C Archer, W Austin, P Taylor, K Powell, S Watson, Steve Watson, D Owen & Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs R Walsh, K Cupit, T Ankers, M Jones sent their apologies ahead of the meeting. There were no DOI’s.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The Chair asked if there were any comments or points to consider relating to the **May Minutes**. DO proposed with WA seconding these minutes and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair opened the discussion relating to the **20mph speed limit issue**.

He also mentioned comments from RW, suggesting that opinions are needed from a variety of sources in Llay, to ensure as full a concensus as possible is obtained. SA mentioned the time constraints for ensuring Llay CC could have their proposals considered. There was a general agreement that the whole of Llay New Road could return to 30mph, with 20mph remaining in place elsewhere. It was felt that Llay New Road could be safely reinstated as a 30mph limit to stop drivers avoiding the road and speeding elsewhere. It was noted no traffic is ever parked on Llay New Road and the traffic flows freely at all times. It was also generally agreed that it was sensible to reinstate 30mph limit in the Llay Industrial Estate. The Chair will consult RW and prepare a draft letter for approval at the July meeting. The Chair asked for further thoughts on the **Memorial area** at the cemetery. A number of suggestions relating to this matter were considered with further consideration to take place in July. The Clerk will relist. Finally, the Chair asked for approval to state that changes/updates to the **Policies and Procedures/Standing Orders/ Financial Regs** have been considered by all Councillors. This was agreed by all. The Chair reiterated that any changes can be made throughout the year as required. A general discussion followed relating to the lack of grass cutting and maintenance of various hedges pathways throughout Llay. The Chair asked the Clerk for confirmation that the Stonemason had been informed of the outcome for the matter discussed last month involving the unique grave in the cemetery. This was confirmed.

**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. JO’K mentioned that a motor bike was spotted travelling down the pavement on Shone’s Lane. This will be passed on to the PCSO.

**6. New Matters:** The Chair asked for any comments regarding the **Llay Mining Disaster memorial events and the Park CP School Centenary celebrations**, due to be held in December and September respectively. CA suggested a display in the Library involving all the events would be worth considering. It was agreed that the Chair would also contact Mr Vic Tyler Jones inviting him to give a talk to Council . The Vice Chair mentioned that she felt it would be appropriate to recognise the hard work of a number of volunteers who give up their time to collect litter on a voluntary basis around Llay. Whilst a photograph and article in the next newsletter would be nice, it was also felt a small gift of some sort would also be correct. JO’K agreed to contact one of those involved whom he knew. JO’K would report back in the July meeting.

**7. Finance:** The **May Income** (£1, 007.85) **and Expenditure Figures** (£10,162.48p) distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. These were unanimously approved with DO proposing and SW seconding. It was unanimously agreed to allow the transfer of funds between accounts by the Clerk for the purpose of paying invoices in July.

**8. Street Lighting:** The Chair gave a brief report regarding lighting with no major issues at present.

**9. Planning:** The Chair spoke briefly regarding the issues relating to the listed matter of the Reindeer Farm application. He gave some updates on matters he was aware had progressed slightly. The safety concerns regarding the traffic were still the same, including near the entrance. JO’K stated that whatever is eventually approved has to be as safe as possible for the public. The Chair reiterated that it was safety of the public that was the main area of concern regarding this application. CA highlighted the needs of the applicant being urgent due to the livestock involved and requiring a decision by September at the latest. There was general bemusement about the timing of areas of the application and the system of applying for everything at once rather than prioritising by need. The Chair will prepare comments for the Clerk to send a letter to WCBC Planning on behalf of Llay CC.

**10. Burial Matters:** There were some concerns regarding the condition of the cemetery grass. The Clerk will discuss these matters with the Cemetery Groundsman. PT and SW agreed to carry out an inspection of the cemetery and report to the July meeting.

**11. Reports:** The Chair updated regarding the RBL housebuilding issues that are still unresolved, especially relating to the RBL car park and residential parking in the future. On behalf of RW the Chair stated that overgrown paths, for example poor visibility for motorists on Llay Road across Manor View require urgent action but the underfunded Environment department mean this may not change soon. It was agreed a letter from Llay CC to Darren Williams of WCBC would at least ensure that the principal Council are aware of the frustration felt by numerous residents about the state of pathways in Llay.

**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 DO and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2055..

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th July 2024 in the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair