**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

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

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

 S Watson, St Watson, M Jones, R Walsh, K Cupit, K Powell, P Taylor, Clerk, PCSO Griffiths-Hughes & 2 members of the public

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs C Archer, T Ankers, D Owen, W Austin 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 **February Minutes**. A small typing error will be amended post meeting. There were no other issues and RW proposed, with SW seconding that these Minutes be accepted as a true record and this was carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair informed all that the Finance Committee had recently visited the cemetery regarding the extension areas. Given that there are a number of options available in the future, the Chair invited all Councillors to also visit to form their own opinion.

**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. PCSO G-H stated that the figures supported the fact that Llay was a very safe place to live, although there is still an issue involving ASB involving off road bikes. Operation Cinnamon, involving various agencies, will be held on Wed 26th March at Llay Nazarene Church. It was also noted that a regular bike rider is going down Llay New Road at night with little regard to their safety. Motor bikes being ridden without wearing helmets was also noted. Finally, a discussion regarding when the 20mph will return to 30mph as agreed on selected roads, will be implemented. The Chair asked all Councillors to consider their own priorities for the Police and this will be listed on the April Agenda for formal discussion.

**6. New Matters:** The Chair invited two members of the public to address the Council with their concern regarding **dog fouling**. It was explained that in many areas, owners are allowing their dogs to foul grass areas. A number of Councillors expressed support, having witnessed irresponsible dog owners themselves. RW explained that it is still possible to report regular transgressors to WCBC, who will then investigate. The Llay PCSO explained that members of the public can report to the Police anyone they see not collecting their dog waste. RW has agreed to have a site visit with those affected at a suitable time. This will be updated in April by RW. The Chair invited St W to outline the **Governance Committee** matter. St W explained that this committee, if agreed, would recommend the introduction of useful Policies that may not be specifically in place at present. After a general discussion, it was agreed that initially, a Councillor Workshop would be organised to allow in depth study of policies. RW will progress this item.

**7. Finance:** The **February Income (£2,812.51p) and Expenditure (£11,600.04p) Figures** have been distributed ahead of the meeting. There were no queries regarding these figures and they were accepted as a true record with JOK proposing and MJ seconding and carried

unanimously. The Chair outlined the **Grant Appeal from Wrexham Sounds**, as distributed to all before the meeting. This appeal involved providing musical opportunities to local children via outreach workers. After discussion, it was agreed to instruct the Clerk to find out some more information regarding this organisation and then relist for further consideration in April. The Clerk then left the room to allow discussion on **staff salaries review for 2025/26.** Following this, Council **formally approved Staff Salaries for this Financial Year in readiness for Audit checks.** Council agreed the transfer of £20k between accounts to ensure invoices are paid, having also received a long overdue/large invoice from WCBC for street lighting maintenance which was 18 months overdue. The Chair informed all that the Council had received some raffle tickets for the Nightingale House draw. It was suggested, and unanimously agreed to purchase these tickets on behalf of Llay CC and then donate any winnings to a charitable cause when the draw is made.

**8. Street Lighting:** The Chair asked all for comments regarding the **Service Level Agreement for 2025/2026 with WCBC Street Lighting**. It was felt that WCBC need to improve their communication as part of this agreement, along with timings and the issuing of timely invoices. The Clerk will confirm the renewal of the SLA, with the proviso that the timeframes and communication channels as listed in the SLA are adhered to and a breakdown of actual repairs carried out quarterly. RW then outlined some local lighting issues that he has been dealing with.

**9. Planning:** Nothing of note to discuss at this meeting.

**10. Burial Matters:** Regarding the use of personal equipment within the cemetery, it was agreed that the Clerk would inform all, once the signage proposals were ready to distribute. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Austin post meeting to progress this matter. This matter can then be placed on the April Agenda with a view to having an agreed way forward.

**11. Reports:** RW gave a brief update regarding pothole repairs that are ongoing and asked all Councillors to keep him updated in all areas of the village.The Chair outlined the importance of all Councillors checking and updating various policies and procedures**.** To this end, all Policies relating to Finance will be reviewed at the earliest opportunity by the Finance Committee.

**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 2045.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16th April 2025** in the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair