**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 20TH March 2024 @ 1830

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

 K Cupit, C Archer, W Austin, M Jones, S Watson,

 St Watson, T Ankers & Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs S Roberts, D Owen, P Taylor and K Powell 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 **February Minutes**. There were none and the February Minutes were proposed as a true record by JO’K, seconded by RW and approved unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair mentioned the issue with vehicles badly parked, in numerous locations, which he is discussing at present with the Police. This long standing problem is also discussed under Police Matters within these minutes.

**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. Councillors confirmed the issue of **dangerous parking** in many areas is still occurring, with areas being dangerous for pedestrians. Other concerns relate to youths **riding scooter/moped type bikes** with no lights or helmets. Council instructed the Clerk to prepare a letter outlining these issues to be sent to the local Police.

**6. New Matters:** There were no new matters on this occasion.

**7. Finance: The** **February Income** (£1,720.49p) **and Expenditure Figures** (£10,146.19p) distributed ahead of the meeting were considered. These were unanimously approved with MJ proposing and RW seconding. One of the items listed, from Mega Electrical, raised the issue of some unhappiness with the service Llay CC received in relation to the Xmas Lights last year. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to MEGA following the listing of this matter on the July agenda. The **grant appeal from Dynasty Stars Morris Dancing Group** was considered. This had been distributed to all Councillors ahead of the meeting. After a discussion, JO’K proposed £300 with SW seconding. There were no amendments to this proposal and it was carried unanimously. The Clerk then left the room so Council could carry out the **annual pay review**. This was completed and the Chair will retain notes from the discussions relating to this review. 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, confirming the lights in the vicinity of Aldi is still to be resolved.

**9. Planning:** Although not listed on the Agenda, due to time constraints the new **licence application for the Croeshowell Restaurant** was raised by the Chair. Any comments from Community Council have to be submitted by 9th April, ahead of the next meeting. It was generally felt more information was needed relating to proposed activities at the Croeshowell, for councillors to decide if they wish to comment formally, under the specific reasons for commenting on a licence application. The Chair will try and find out as many details as possible and inform all councillors as soon as possible. This matter can then move forward appropriately.

**10. Burial Matters:** Nothing to report this meeting. The Chair reminded all that the discussion about a memorial area within the cemetery would be on the agenda in April.

**11. Reports:** RW and the Chair mentioned a long list of planning considerations that have not been met by the developers on the **Gresford Road estate** that have been raised by residents. These were outlined in detail. In addition, some ongoing issues relating to failed bin collections and poor drainage in areas were also mentioned. The Chair mentioned the issue of **speed limits on Park Road**, which are dangerously high with little regard to public safety. It was generally felt that the current permissible speed defies all logic and common sense.

**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 the RW and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 1945.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 1830

In the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair