**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 20th November 2024 @ 1830

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

S Watson, R Walsh, K Cupit, W Austin, T Ankers, St Watson, P Taylor,

D Owen, M Jones, & Clerk

Prior to the meeting commencing, the Chair encouraged all present, along with friends and family, to ensure maximum participation regarding the upcoming opportunity to support the Resource Centre/Llay Library during the current review period. Online forms can also be submitted.

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs K Powell and C Archer 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 **October Minutes**. There were none and JO’K proposed with MJ seconding these minutes as a true record and this was carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Vice Chair has contacted the local Police who have confirmed they will make every effort to **attend the December meeting** to clarify issues relating to the monthly reports. RW stated that the **vacancy on the Park CP School Governors board** remained unfilled but a nomination of Sarah Gilmour was unanimously supported by all Councillors. RW will now take this forward. The Chair asked if the **Xmas Tree purchase is supported**, which it was. WA will purchase in advance, a 12 foot tree as agreed. The intention is to erect in the first week of December, with the main switch on of lights and Carol Service due to be held on Friday 6th December.

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

**5. Police Matters:** The crime figures as presented were discussed briefly. Anti Social Bike riding and unofficial car repairs were again raised by a number of Councillors. Irresponsible parking is still causing major concerns for many residents, particularly parking on pavements.

**6. New Matters:** Following the full presentation last month from WCBC, regarding the provision of **Youth Clubs in Llay**, the Chair mentioned the possibility of local facilities being used for this purpose. A lengthy discussion followed, involving a number of comments regarding the future of youth clubs in Llay. It was agreed unanimously, that a permanent facility needs to be found, if any youth club is to flourish and grow.

**7. Finance:** The **October Income (£2,120.42) and Expenditure (£9,499.53) Figures** that were distributed ahead of the meeting, and displayed on the website, were considered. These were unanimously approved with JO’K proposing and DO seconding. Regarding the Grant Appeals, the application from **Church of Nazarene** was considered first. This is for the annual Nativity celebrations, with a Narnia theme once again, following the success last year. After a discussion about how popular this annual event is, SW proposed awarding £500 with PT seconding. There were no other proposals and this was carried unanimously. The Chair then highlighted the second grant appeal from **Wrexham Round Table for their proposed Santa sleigh** ride through Llay for the purchase of sweets etc. JO’K proposed £200 with SW seconding and this was carried unanimously. The Clerk will inform both applicants. A date for the Finance Committee to meet to discuss the **Precept recommendation for 2025/26** will be arranged before the December Full Meeting, now booked for 11th December. Finally, Council accepted the **Wales Audit Office External Audit, which had given an Unqualified Report to Llay CC.**

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a report regarding lighting with all issues he was aware of at present. **Llay New Road** had experienced lights not working at present and the **Aldi lights** matter is still to be resolved. RW then mentioned a number of individual lighting issues throughout Llay that he was aware of and had reported. A general discussion then followed regarding Council opinions on possible relocation of a streetlight at some point in the future.

**9. Planning: P/1491 and P/1434**, involving local applications to residential properties were discussed with no further comments at this stage.

**10. Burial Matters:** The cemetery was considered to be in good order at present, following the inspection by the Chair and Vice Chair. A discussion followed regarding the **use of personal equipment at the cemetery** which will be further discussed in December. The Chair asked all councillors to give this matter some thought before the next meeting and the Clerk was instructed to add this to the Agenda.

**11. Reports:** RW gave his monthly report. There have been many complaints from residents regarding the **dirt on the road** outside the **RBL development** and also, the **parking of site vehicles**, which has created safety issues on many occasions. In addition, **off site parking on the RBL car park by service vehicles** is causing major difficulties for genuine visitors attending post funeral wakes, christenings and other events, which cannot park adequately in the car park. Also, there are still ongoing issues on the **Fair Oaks development**. On a positive front, the **Rackery Farm Shop** is now up and running and it is hoped, will prove another valuable asset to the village in particular and the wider area generally. The Chair mentioned the non-movement regarding the **60 mph speed limit on Park Road**, which continues to perplex those trying to change this high limit. The Llay County Councillors intend having another meeting with WCBC to discuss this contentious matter once again.

**12. News/Website:** No comments 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 MJ seconded by JO’K and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2027.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th December** 2024 in the Church Hall, Llay

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B Apsley, Chair