**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Location**: Llay Church Hall

**Date & Time**: 28th September 2022 @ 1830

**In Attendance:** Cllrs B Apsley (Chair),S Roberts (Vice Chair), S Apsley, D Owen,

J O’Keefe, R Walsh, M Jones, S Watson, Steve Watson,

C Archer, C Ankers, K Cupit, W Austin & Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Taylor & Powell. There were no DOI’s.

**2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The **July Minutes** were discussed by all after which the Chair sought approval of the Minutes as published. Approved by St W and seconded by JO’K.

**3. Matters Arising:** The Chair briefly discussed a staff matter. Under Paragraph 90 of current Standing Orders, this matter will not be minuted. The **Foregolf item** will be carried over, to allow CA to continue her research. RW intends producing a **newsletter** ahead of the next meeting, including bin collection details and some items from the Chair. SA asked for the latest information from Alyn Doctors to be included. RW explained that the **flashing speed signs** matter is on hold, and may well be affected by possible introduction of new speed limits in Wales currently being considered. RW informed all that extra staff have finally been allocated to **Highways**, which should improve the level of service they can provide. This matter will be included on October Agenda. JO’K mentioned some dangerous attempts to enter the new Aldi via the wrong traffic lane, nearly causing an accident. Other Councillors confirmed there have been a few near misses. RW confirmed this would be looked at as part of the Highways safety audit.

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

**5. Police Matters:** RW gave an update regarding the ASB issues that have been recorded in Llay recently as reported. Culprits have been identified and warnings issued. RW hopes this will result in a cessation of ASB.

**6. New Matters:** St W gave a brief update regarding the future use of **disused Play Areas**. He has held meetings on the numerous sites with SW and also the area manager of Groundwork. Increasing allotment space in Llay would require WCBC to confirm they would cease to hold an interest or authority over the disused land. This remains ongoing. It was agreed that St W continues to liaise with Groundwork to develop ideas and plans for these areas within Llay. All current **policies and procedures** have been checked by Councillors and they are considered relevant to the needs of Council. This is an Audit requirement. It was proposed by DO, and seconded by MJ that the policies**, including Standing Orders and Financial Regulations** were fit for purpose, and require no amendments. This was agreed unanimously.

**7. Finance:** The Chair asked for any comments relating to the **July/August Income and Expenditure** (£8,656.13 / £11,565.06) figures distributed ahead of the meeting. These were unanimously approved with DO and RW proposing and seconding. The Chair asked that the **Staff pay review** for 2022/2023 be discussed at the end of the meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

**8. Street Lighting:** RW gave a report of the numerous issues involving lights at present that are awaiting repair or replacement.SR mentioned a couple of “burners” that are remaining on constantly. This is the time of year when lighting becomes a major issue for residents.

**9. Planning:** The Chair gave an overview of correspondence and e mails he has exchanged with WCBC Planning regarding the **Xmas Tree Farm matter.** He is still awaiting satisfactory responses to the 18 separate matters he has raised. CA mentioned her deep concerns regarding the application as it currently stands. The opening hours (there is a significant difference between what was in the application and what is listed on the website), traffic generation envisaged, comparisons with events held at another site owned by the same company, none of which are listed in the application (only water based sports), the lack of public access to the lake, based on recent visits showing it is privately owned, a lack of a floor plan for the largest building that will be in use. CA could not envisage how water sports would take place, given the Society ownership of the fenced off lake area. Therefore, based on how another site is run by the same company, there has to be suspicion. It was agreed to adopt the excellent research work carried out by CA, and for this to form the basis of a letter of objection to WCBC Planning. The Clerk will liaise with CA to ensure the letter from Llay CC is forwarded in line with the extension of time given by WCBC Planning. RW expressed concern that within the pre planning application for **Cwrt Pentwmpath, the three-storey section of the** **development was too high** and needed a reduction in height. MJ was concerned that building erected in the late 70’s were already being knocked down and replaced already. SR also mentioned some concerns about invasion of privacy involved. The Chair briefed all on the extension of time/variation of conditions to the development underway at **Llay RBL.** He also updated regarding the delays in the co-op store proposed. RW mentioned that he was aware of local residents objecting to the development and he still has concerns about it. It was agreed that the Clerk will prepare a letter in liaison with RW objecting to the extension of time. The final matter regarding the **erection of a fence** at a property on Llay New Road was passed without objection.

**10. Burial Matters:** There were no issues relating to the cemetery at present. Councillors remain satisfied with the work carried out by the Groundsman.

**11. Reports:** RW mentioned that **Ballswood Quarry** is being discussed shortly and he has informed a number of residents. The Chair also mentioned the attitude of the applicants has been most disheartening. There is an abject lack of consideration for the surroundings, or the local residents, in regard to the application in general. This was demonstrated by the amount of hedgerow that has been removed already, before the extra dust and noise commences. In addition, the Chair expressed concern that past members of staff of WCBC Planning have much to answer for. There was widespread agreement with these sentiments.

**12. News/Website:** Nothing to report on this occasion, but any assistance to look at improving the site in general would be appreciated by the Clerk.

**13. Correspondence:** No correspondence has been received, other than mentioned in other Agenda items.

Prior to closing the meeting, the Clerk left the room whilst Council considered the annual pay review.

There being no further business, **Standing Orders** were moved by RW, seconded by DO and the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 2104.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 1830

In the Church Hall, Llay

Signed………………………………………………………..

B Apsley, Chair

19th October 2022