

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
8th September 2016 at Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham.

Cllr Marc Jones (Chair)
*Cllr A. K Gregory (Vice Chair)

*Cllr B. Cameron
*Cllr B. Halley
Cllr C. Harper
Cllr J. Johnson
*Cllr S. Jones
*Cllr M. King

*Cllr C. Lloyd
*Cllr C. Powell
Cllr B. Pritchard
*Cllr P. M. Williams
Cllr Paul Williams
Vacancy

*Absent

Also present:

PCSO S. Huws
Mr. R. Sheehan

North Wales Police
NW Newspapers

48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. K. Gregory, B. Cameron, S. Jones, M. King, C. Lloyd and P. M. Williams.

49. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Huws presented the crime statistics for the month of August. It was noted that there has been no drug related incidents recorded and PCSO Huws commented that members of the public seemed reluctant to come forward to report matters.

It was noted that there had been six incidents of arson reported, four of which occurred in Queensway Ward. It was also noted that there was an increase in burglaries in both the town and rural areas with investigations ongoing.

A Member referred to the high number of assaults although it was explained that the figures included all types of assault including domestic incidents. The high number of criminal damage incidents reported in Queensway was also discussed. PCSO Huws advised that some arrests had taken place in relation to criminal damage.

A Member referred to an ongoing issue relating to alleged drug dealing taking place in the Smithfield Ward and that this had been raised at the recent Residents' Association meeting. It was suggested that perhaps the CCTV camera could be relocated from the Tan y Coed area. The Clerk mentioned that the Whitegate County Councillor had suggested that it could be relocated to the Windrush Close

area which was currently experiencing some antisocial behaviour issues, although Members present felt that the Smithfield area was a higher priority at present.

It was agreed to liaise with PC Gemma Poulton regarding the relocation of the camera currently at Tan y Coed. It was also reported that there had been further vandalism of the camera located at Bryn Hafod although this had now been repaired.

50. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: *That the minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential meetings held on 14th July 2016 be received and adopted as a true record. There were no matters arising that were not included on the agenda.*

51. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllrs J. Johnson & Paul Williams – Smithfield Residents Association.

52. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) **Wrexham CBC – Youth Service proposals**
Invitation to attend a workshop to discuss the future of the delivery of youth services and to note the date of a meeting with prospective providers - Noted
- (ii) **Caia Park Partnership – Request for written support for a lottery fund application**
– Resolved: To support the bid
- (iii) **One Voice Wales/ Welsh Government – Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee consultation details - Noted**
- (iv) **One Voice Wales/ Welsh Government – Consultation on TAN 24 (Historic Environment) - Noted**
- (v) **Dwr Cymru – Five Fords treatment Works Report on proposals for anaerobic digestion plant – Noted**
- (vi) **CAB Annual Impact Report - Noted**
- (vii) **Wrexham CBC – Invitation to Mayors Charity Dinner Dance - Noted**
- (viii) **Wrexham CBC – Date and time of next Town & Community Council Meeting – 22nd September 2016 – Noted**
- (ix) **Request to address Council from the Friends of Erlas Walled Garden – Resolved: To invite a representative to the October Council meeting.**

REPORTS & NEWSLETTERS

- (i) **Civic Society Newsletter - Noted**

53. COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY (PM 170- 2015/16 & 11, 24 & 37

The Clerk reported that there had been one expression of interest received to fill the vacancy in the Cartrefle Ward.

Members expressed concern over the poor response and thought that the Summer break may have deterred interested parties. It was **Resolved: To actively re-advertise the co-option before a decision is made.**

54. NOTICE OF MOTION

The Council considered the following notice of motion:

"This council opposes North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority's plan to save £1m by cutting 24 firefighters' jobs and one of Wrexham's two fire engines.

Wrexham's fire services are already dealing with 43% of all North Wales arson and a large proportion of the road traffic accidents across the North. As community councillors, we are very aware of the work being done in terms of fire prevention that needs enhancing to pro-actively stop fires, but there will always be a need for a comprehensive emergency service that has the firefighters and appliances available to deal with any incident.

This proposal comes at a time when £15m has been spent on a brand new combined station in the town with the ambulance service.

This makes even less when you consider that the Welsh Government is anticipating a 20% rise in the borough's population over the coming years and the new prison opens in 2017.

Both will inevitably mean more work for our fire service.

This council calls on the NWFRA to scrap its plan to cut Wrexham's fire service and supports proper funding of this essential emergency service.

This council also resolves to ask other community councils in the Wrexham area to support the motion."

Following discussion, it was unanimously *Resolved*:

- (i) To support the motion and make the appropriate recommendations based on the foregoing when the consultation process is under way*
- (ii) To inform other Community Councils of the decision and invite them to make similar representations.*

55. CONCLUSION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk reported that he had received the Annual Audit Statement from external auditors (Grant Thornton) which confirmed the Auditor General had issued an unqualified audit report. They did indicate that whilst it was an unqualified report they recommend that the Council obtain a letter of engagement from the Internal Auditor stating their independence and outline the tasks they will undertake. The Clerk advised that such letters had been received and were included with the evidence submitted but he would check with the Internal Auditors if anything else was required.

Resolved: To accept the conclusion of audit and to follow the appropriate procedures to advertise the conclusion of audit.

56. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE

Members received and noted the quarterly statistics for the period April – June 2016

57. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members noted the planning applications which had been dealt with during the August recess:

- (i) P/2016/0701 Gwenfro CP School, Queensway, Wrexham**
Variation of condition 2, 4 and 9 to previously approved scheme under P/215/0701 (no objections)

- (ii) **P/2016/0713 Unit 4 Rivulet Road, Wrexham**
Removal of condition 4 imposed under planning permission P/2011/0166 to allow unrestricted hours of operation. (Concern expressed over the effect on amenity of nearby residential properties)
- (iii) **P2016/0491 Trythai Noodle Bar** 37-39 St Georges Crescent, Wrexham
Change of use of first floor from shop storage to dining restaurant (no objections)
- (iv) **P/2016/0765 Unit 4 Queens Court Complex Queensway, Wrexham**
Installation of air handling termination duct above roof line (in retrospect) – (no objections)

58. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The financial statements for the periods 31st Jul 2016 and 31st August 2016 were submitted. The Clerk advised that at the October meeting a six month budget monitoring report would be presented.

Resolved: That the financial statements for the periods be received and adopted

59. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: That the following accounts payable in September 2016 be approved for payment.

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		13.69
D.D.	Plus net	St Peter's Hall	*	12.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		360.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		156.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Rd		234.00
6893	Galleon Supplies	Prince Charles Rd	*	76.80
6984	Alpha (Wrexham)	Cartrefle	*	177.60
6895	Caia Park Partnership	SLA		2000.00
6896	M. Morris	Prince Charles Rd		369.63
6897	Petty cash (stamps)	General Admin/CAS		80.00
D.D.	Pace Telecom	Prince Charles Rd	*	4860.00
6898	Bates Office Supplies	CAS	*	2.05
6899	RBL (Poppy wreath)	Donation		50.00
D.D.	PHS	Prince Charles Rd	*	88.08
D.D.	PHS	Prince Chares Rd	*	702.46
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		31.35
D.D.	Plus net	Cartrefle	*	32.03
D.D.	Pace Telecom (Aug)	General Admin	* 300.26	
		CAS	* <u>69.82</u>	370.08
	G. Evans (Travel)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel)	CAS		
	J. Carter (Travel)	CAS		
	S. Jones (Sal Sept)	CAS		
	P. Rondel (Sal adj Sept)	St Peter's Hall		

H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Sept)
Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Sept)

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable