

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
8th October 2015 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 Maurice Jones
Cllr S. Jones

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

*Absent

Also present:

PCSO Sophie Mclellan - North Wales Police.
Mr. R. Sheehan - North Wales Newspapers.

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. K. Gregory, B. Cameron, M. King and Mrs P. M. Williams.

75. POLICE MATTERS

The PCSO presented statistical information for the month of September categorised into types of crime and the number occurring for the period in each ward. It was felt that this format was more useful than a community total which did not identify problem areas or wards. Unfortunately, the comparisons for the same period last year were not provided as has been the case in the past and so it was difficult to see if there was a sustained improvement or deterioration. The Clerk advised that he had emailed the Inspector to pass on concerns expressed by Members from last month. It was noted that criminal damage and anti social behaviour numbers were still concerning.

Other matters:

i. A Member referred to the problem behaviour of a tenant living in the Pont Wen area and commented that it was giving cause for concern amongst the other residents. It was claimed that the matter had been ongoing for over 12 months and had been reported to the relevant Housing Estate Office with no improvement. The PCSO commented that they also need to be advised if there were issues in a particular area and they were not aware of the complaints.

76. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: *That the minutes of the Ordinary & Confidential meetings held on 10th September 2015 be received and adopted as a true record.*

Matters arising:

77. BARRIER FENCING GWENFRO (PM41 & 60)

The Clerk advised that to date a quotation for the replacement fence had not been received.

78. PROVISION OF LIGHTING – MUGA OFF QUEENSWAY (PM126, 133, 154 & 166- 2014) (PM12, 27, 46 & 63)

The Clerk advised that he was awaiting a response from Wrexham CBC Environment Department and the Centre for Alternative Technology in relation to possibly using solar powered lights.

79. SPEED WARNING SIGN – CEFN ROAD (PM 14vi , 28, 47 & 64)

The Clerk advised that there was still no scheduled date for installation.

80. ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY (PM66 (iii))

The Clerk reported that he had invited a representative to attend the October or November meeting to present to members, but had not as yet received a reply.

81. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr B. Pritchard – Attended Hafod y Wern School visiting classes and also met at the school with builders and architects responsible for the development of the new school.

Cllr. J. Johnson and Paul Williams – Attended Smithfield Residents Meeting. Some concern expressed over activities taking place by the new occupiers of the former EP Packaging premises. Also attended the coffee morning held at St Peter's Hall to raise funds for the McMillan Nurses. Members agreed to waive the hire charge for this event.

Cllr. B. Halley – Attended Governors meeting at Hafod y Wern School and the Residents Association meeting at Pentre Gwyn.

82. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received:

- (i) **BBC Trust Audience Council Wales – Invitation to consultation event 15th October 2015.**

Resolved: To note the details (Members to advise Clerk if attending)

- (ii) **North Wales Fire & Rescue Service – Website link for Public consultation on services to be provided 2016 and beyond.**

Resolved: To note the details

- (iii) **Wrexham CBC – Invitation to attend Remembrance Day service.**

Resolved: Cllr. A. K. Gregory to represent the Council.

- (iv) **Planning Aid Wales – Invitation to attend training event in Wrexham Thursday 22nd October 10am – 1pm**

Resolved: To note the details (Members to advise Clerk if attending)

- (v) **Wales Audit office – External Audit arrangements for three years commencing 2015 – 16.**

Resolved: To note the details

- (vi) **Wrexham CBC – License variations for Wrexham Lager Beer Co Ltd and Mecca Bingo Ltd**

Resolved: To note the proposed changes.

- (vii) **To receive a copy of “Wrexham Matters” issue 5**

Resolved: To note the information provided within the newsletter.

Supplementary:

- (viii) **Wrexham CBC – Town Centre Masterplan consultation (details of survey and website information)**

Resolved: To note the details

- (ix) **Wrexham CBC – Invitation to budget consultation event (13th October 2015)**

Resolved: That the Chair attend.

- (x) **Lower Park Farm Co-operative – Invitation to visit**

Resolved: To note the details

83. CLOSURE OF NANT SILYN RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME (PM 67)

Members were provided with a copy of the letter sent to Wrexham County Borough Council and copied to all other Community Councils, together with a copy of the reply received from Wrexham CBC.

It was noted with regret that the invitation to officers to attend the Community Council meeting had been declined, and that the reply fell far short of answering the points raised in the Community Council’s letter of objection to the closure.

The Clerk advised that the matter was to be considered by the Executive Board of Wrexham CBC on Tuesday 13th October and that the report and recommendations were available for viewing on the Wrexham CBC website.

Members felt that any further observations made would not change the recommendation and noted with regret the stance being taken by Wrexham Council on this matter.

84. WELSH GOVERNMENT DRAFT DIRECTIONS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT & BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES

The Clerk presented a report on the current consultation and advised that the directions recommend a councillor / elector ratio of no less than 1:4000 which would result in the representation for Caia being reduced from five to two councillors in any reorganisation of local government unless account is taken of

special circumstances such as deprivation. The directions also asked the Commission to comment on a Wrexham/Flintshire merger or a Wrexham/Flintshire/Denbighshire merger.

It was **Resolved:** *To note the report at this stage.*

85. THE PLAYING FIELDS (COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DISPOSAL DECISIONS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2015

The Clerk provided further information on this matter and provided clarity on the status of some open space in Caia which benefits from Owain Glyndwr Status under the Fields in Trust initiative.

It was **Resolved:** *To note the report*

86. PROPOSED CHANGES TO ARRIVA BUS SERVICES.

Resolved: *In the absence of the Councillor who requested this item be place on the agenda, the item be deferred until the next meeting.*

87. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved: That no objection be raised to the following application

(i) P2015/0695 Tesco Stores Ltd., Crescent Road, Wrexham

Display of 2 no fascia signs, 1 no. hanging sign, 6 no. various other signs and 1 no. internally illuminated gantry sign.

88. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial statements for period ending 30th September 2015 was submitted.

Resolved: *That the financial statement for the period be received and adopted.*

In addition, a six monthly budget monitoring report was presented indicating that income and expenditure was as predicted.

89. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: *That the following account paid in August be noted :*

D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 58.91	
		CAS	* <u>146.33</u>	205.24
6689	The Venture	CAS		1213.21

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		13.79
D.D.	Plus net	St Peter's Hall	*	6.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		667.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		154.00
6690	CPL	Cartrefle	*	1171.28
6691	MFS Ltd	Cartrefle	*	147.60
6691	MFS Ltd	Cartrefle	*400.80	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>100.80</u>	501.60
6692	Graphic Office Systems	CAS	* 42.82	
		General Admin	* <u>18.54</u>	61.36

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		28.00
D.D.	Plus net	Cartrefle	*	31.49
	G. Evans (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel)	CAS		
	J. Carter (Travel)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	S. Jones (Sal Oct)			
	P. Rondel (Sal adj Oct)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Oct)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Oct)		

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable