

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
8th December 2016 at the Community Council Offices, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham.

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

Cllr B. Cameron	Cllr C. Lloyd
Cllr B. Halley	Cllr C. Powell
Cllr C. Harper	Cllr B. Pritchard
Cllr J. Johnson	Cllr I. Viegas
*Cllr S. Jones	Cllr Paul Williams
Cllr M. King	*Cllr P. M. Williams

*Absent

Also present:

PCSO's Rob Parry and John Davies
Mr. R. Sheehan

North Wales Police
NW Newspapers

84. ELECTION OF CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, it was resolved that Cllr B. Cameron would chair the meeting for the evening. The presiding Chair welcomes Ms. Iolanda Viegas to her first meeting of the Community Council

85. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. Jones, S. Jones and P. M. Williams.

86. POLICE MATTERS

The Police representatives presented the crime statistics for the month of November.

A Member expressed concern over the recent number of thefts of garden furniture in Whitegate. The representatives present agreed to get the PCSO for the area to update the Member individually.

Concern was expressed over the number of assaults in the Queensway Ward particularly the 11 incidents of domestic assault. It was noted that strategies were being introduced across the area as a whole to address this issue.

It was noted that the levels of reported crime in the Wynnstay Ward were low in comparison to other areas except for criminal damage which seemed to be the trend every month.

A Member praised the involvement of the Police and for their attendance at a recent road traffic accident at the Churchill Drive roundabout.

It was noted that the report requested last month on the use and monitoring of the mobile CCTV cameras had not been presented. It was agreed to formally write to

North Wales Police to request this information. Similarly, the crime statistics for October have not been forwarded to the Clerk as agreed in the November meeting.

The Clerk reported that following contact with B.T. he had been advised that they were prepared to remove the telephone call boxes at locations in Gwenfro and Montgomery Road as discussed in the November meeting.

87. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: *That the minutes of the Ordinary & confidential meetings held on 10th November 2016 be received and adopted as a true record.*

Matters arising:

88. COMMISSIONING FRAMEWORK FOR YOUTH SERVICES (PM 73)

The Clerk advised that he had now received clarification from Wrexham CBC and was able to confirm that there would be a reduced budget from April 2017 for community based youth activities. The agreed proposal is to finance each of three areas in the County Borough with £45k per area plus additional sums for the promotion of Welsh and some small grant funding. When compared with the current finance for Caia, this represents a reduction in present funding to cover a wider area.

Members discussed the possible effect on service provision within the community, considered the implications of a possible new service provider taking over from September 2017 and the current relationship the Community Council has with Caia Park Partnership by funding some outreach sessions.

The decision of the County Borough Council was noted with regret.

89. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. B. Cameron – Attended a meeting with officers of Wrexham CBC to discuss Pentre Gwyn Community Centre., Whitegate, Smithfield & Hightown Residents meeting, a Caia housing communications group meeting and Pentre Gwyn, Tan-y-coed and Coed-y-Bryn Residents Assoc. meeting.

Cllr. B Halley - Attended Pentre Gwyn, Tan-y-coed and Coed-y-Bryn Residents Assoc., a meeting with officers of Wrexham CBC to discuss Pentre Gwyn Community Centre and two meetings of Hafod y Wern School Governing Body.

Cllr. C. Lloyd - Attended a meeting with officers of Wrexham CBC to discuss Pentre Gwyn Community Centre.

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

90. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Wrexham CBC – Reply to letter sent regarding the closure of Caia Family Centre and Plas yn Rhos day care services.

The response from the Head of Adult Social Care indicated that the consultation process had focused on current service users and their families/carers and staff. In addition, they had also informed District Nursing and Community mental Health teams, all Wrexham Councillors, local M.P and A.Ms, trade union representative, the Older People’s Commissioner, the Wrexham over 50’s Forum and CSSIW (the regulator). It had also been

highlighted in the budget consultation “Difficult Decisions”

The matter was being presented to the Council’s Executive Board for consideration on 13th December 2016 and if the decision to cease providing

day care at these venues was agreed, then the future use of Caia Park Family Centre would be a separate consideration at a later date.

A Member reported that the matter had been considered by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee and a business case presented although in his view this was not convincing. Several Members expressed the view that the facility in Caia had been deliberately run down over a period of time. All of the existing attendees were from outside of the immediate community except for one. It appeared that the strategy was geared to commissioning day care services rather than being a provider.

A Member felt that the consultation should have been wider and should have included potential users. Some were critical that Council Officers were promoting these changes although it was pointed out that the recommendation was led by elected members.

The response was noted with regret.

- (ii) **Wrexham CBC _ School Crossing Patrols.** The letter gave details of the costs associated with the school crossing patrols for 2017/18 and requested the Community Council to advise if they were prepared to continue to fund the provision for the next financial year. Members were reminded that they had already agreed to fund for the next financial year at their budget preparation meeting in November.
- (iii) **Natural Resources Wales – Areas of responsibility** – This fact sheet outlined areas that NRW are responsible for and areas where they have no direct input. *Resolved: To note the information*
- (iv) **MS Society – Details and venue of forthcoming pilates classes** – Noted
- (v) **Wrexham CBC Alternative sites submitted as part of Local Development Plan preferred strategy consultation.** The Clerk advised that these sites had been put forward following the Preferred Strategy consultation and at this stage were not being endorsed or rejected by Wrexham Council. It was reported that they have a duty to report on but not consult on sites received at this point in the process. It was reported that there were no additional sites put forward for the Caia Community. *Resolved: To note the information.*
- (vi) **Sales information – Public Access Defibrillator provision** – The Clerk advised that some communities have purchased defibrillators and had placed them in strategic points within the community. It was felt that this may be effective in small communities with a well defined centre or focal point however location in larger communities may be difficult. *Resolved: To note the information.*

Additional correspondence:

- (i) **North Wales Miners Association Trust** – Letter of thanks for donation and

invitation to Christmas event – Noted.

- (ii) **Wrexham Recycling Centre – Invitation to liaison meeting Monday 19th December** - Noted

91. PENTRE GWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk presented a report reported on the management and issues associated with the governance of Pentre Gwyn Community Centre following the November meeting when consideration was being given to supporting the Centre financially for 2017/18.

It was reported that since the November Community Council meeting a meeting had taken place with representatives of the Resident's Association and officers of Wrexham County Borough Council to discuss accounting issues and the lack of procedures in relation to invoicing and other duties previously undertaken by Wrexham County Borough staff. As previously discussed, there was concern that the Community Council were being asked to fund the shortfall between income and expenditure but were not able to influence the work undertaken by the Association or Wrexham CBC to ensure the shortfall was kept to a minimum. This had been raised with the Association in 2016//17 and that was the reason for the cash limited amount of £6500 allocated in 2016/17.

It was noted that reports had not been submitted to the Community Council and there was still no progress in terms of managing the Centre. It emerged from the meeting that Wrexham CBC were likely to cease any involvement with the Centre from April 2018 and that they would end the lease and hand the land back to the Resident's Association Trustees.

A general discussion followed in terms of an acknowledgement that Community Centres generally run at a loss but do provide a welcome community facility. Two members of the Resident's Association were present and were invited to give their views.

Following discussion, it was **Resolved:**

- (i) *To include the sum of £6,500 in the budget for 2017/18 as the financial contribution to the running of Pentre Gwyn Community Centre – this is to be confirmed when the budget and precept are set at the January meeting.*
- (ii) *That the financial contribution is conditional upon quarterly progress reports being received from the Resident's Association which should include detail on any issues in terms of invoicing and cash recovery from hirers, progress made on reducing the deficit and governance arrangements for the future should Wrexham CBC cease involvement.*

Cllr B. Cameron vacated the Chair for consideration of this item (Cllr C. Harper chaired the meeting from this point on)

Cllrs. B. Cameron, B. Halley and C. Lloyd declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as Members of the Resident's Association and left the meeting prior to the resolution being put and subsequent voting thereon.

92. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE STATISTICS

The Community Advice Service statistics were presented for the period July – September 2016. It was noted that the quarterly gains (Caia only) amounted to £195,480 and cumulatively for the first six months of the year £465,905.

It was **Resolved:** *To note the statistics and quarterly information provided.*

93. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved: *That no objections be raised in respect of the following planning applications:*

(i) P/2016/1066 The Black Horse Inn. 10-11A Yorke Street Wrexham

Display of 1 illuminated fascia sign and 1 illuminated hanging sign to front elevation and 2 illuminated other signs to side and rear elevations.

94. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It was **Resolved:**

That the Council, in accordance with its powers under S137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

Caia Park Partnership/ Early Years - £598

Cllrs. M. King as a Trustee and J. Johnson as an employee of Caia Park Partnership declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

95. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The financial statement for period ending 30th November 2016 was submitted.

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

96. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	*	69.52	
		CAS	*	<u>117.26</u>	186.78
6936	British Gas	St Peters Hall	*		92.21
D.D.	SSE	St Peter's Hall	*		201.98
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road			108.24

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall			13.62
D.D.	Plus net	St Peter's Hall	*		12.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall			156.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle (part rates)			271.36
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Rd (Rates)			624.00
6938	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Rd (Waste)			165.30

6938	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/Environ (Pentre Gwyn)		3582.12
6939	Hallam Heating	Prince Charles Road	*	96.24
6940	British Gas (Elect)	Prince Charles Road	*	303.18
6941/2	SLCC	General Admin		167.00
6943	P. Donnellan	CAS (Phone for CPP)		51.82
6944	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	66.00
	Graphic Office System	General Admin	* 38.87	
		CAS	* <u>116.61</u>	155.48
3945	CPAG	CAS		39.35
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		31.35
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		32.00
D.D.	NATWEST Card Payment (Royal Mail redirection)	General Admin		520.00
6946	Bates Office Services	General Admin	* 60.54	
		CAS	* 47.65	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>12.34</u>	120.53
6948	Caia Park Partnership	Donation		598.00
6947	Coralines Community Crafts	Community Agent		90.00
6950	Petty cash (stamps)	General Admin	20.00	
		CAS	<u>60.00</u>	80.00
	G. Evans (Travel)	CAS		
	P. Donnellan (Travel)	CAS		
	J. Carter (Travel)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Travel/sal adj)	CAS		
	P. Rondel (Sal adj Dec)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Dec)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Dec)		

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable