

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> January  
2014 at Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham.

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

\*Cllr T. A. Birch  
Cllr B. Cameron  
Cllr B. Halley  
Cllr C. Harper  
Cllr J. Johnson  
Cllr Maurice Jones  
\*Absent

\*Cllr S. Jones  
\*Cllr M. King  
\*Cllr C. Lloyd  
\*Cllr C. Powell  
Cllr B. Pritchard  
\*Cllr P. M. Williams

Also present:

Temporary Inspector P. Wycherley and P.C. W. Williams - N. Wales Police  
L. Randall – Press

**99. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T. Birch, C. Lloyd, S. Jones and P. Williams.

**100. POLICE MATTERS**

The crime statistics for the previous month were tabled and a general discussion on the content followed. Temporary Inspector Wycherley advised that burglaries (other than dwellings) had come down across all areas and there appeared to be less young people on the streets at inappropriate times. There had been one case of arson in the neighbourhood which involved a car stolen from Rhosddu and burned out on Bryn y Cabanau Road. He highlighted the success of engaging with targeted young people who were participating in the Phoenix project.

**Other matters:**

- (i) Members raised concern over the number of recent opportunist burglaries which had taken place in the Smithfield Ward in January. Insp. Wycherley commented that suspects had been identified for some burglaries and that he would report further at the next meeting. One Member congratulated the Police for their prompt response in attending to a particular burglary.
- (ii) A discussion took place over the presence and visibility of PCSOs in their wards. It was reported that, at times over the Christmas period, it was necessary to deploy them to assist with an operation linked to shop lifting in the retail areas of the town. Obviously, staff numbers are limited and priorities have to be set.

- (iii) Members asked for an update following concern expressed last month of anti social activities taking place around the Kingsley Circle shops area. (It had been agreed last month that it would be monitored and homes in the vicinity visited).

PC Williams advised that some monitoring had been undertaken and a number of youths had been targeted. Because of other pressures, home visits had not yet taken place, but there had been no individual reported incidents other than the reference made at the Community Council meeting. Members were reminded to advise residents to report incidents to the Police 101 contact number.

A discussion followed on whether the mobile CCTV camera should be relocated to Kingsley Circle. It was, however, pointed out that there is already a camera on the roundabout connected to the County Borough Council system and individual occupiers of the shops also had cameras fitted to their property.

- (iv) Members asked for an update following concern expressed last month over possible drug handling / use in the Whitegate bridge area. It was reported that the area would continue to be monitored.
- (v) Concern was expressed over excessive vehicle speeds on Cefn Road since the replacement of the traffic calming measures. It was perceived that the 20mph area was being ignored and that further along Cefn Road, vehicles often appeared to be travelling in excess of 30mph. Insp Wycherley agreed to arrange for some traffic speed monitoring/enforcement to be undertaken.

#### **101. PRESENTATION ARSON REDUCTION TEAM**

Ms. Helen Madeley and Mr. Kevin Jones (Team Manager) were welcomed to the meeting. The Chair advised that the issue of arson had been a serious concern in Caia for a considerable time. Members were aware of some of the initiatives and the ongoing work particularly connected to the Pheonix programme.

Mr. Jones advised Members that he covered North Wales but was involved extensively in Wrexham as it is the largest area. In addition, monthly meetings were held with the Police and Fire Service to discuss what new initiatives can be tried and to monitor the effectiveness of those measures in place.

The Fire Service has funded two youth outreach workers to engage with young people and to encourage them into main stream youth activities. This replicates a scheme running inlay which has proved successful. Funding has also been provided to assist with clean up days and the Pheonix project continues providing diversionary activities for targeted young people. Qualified teachers work with both primary and secondary schools to raise awareness of arson issues. Strategies have been considered as well as alley gating, extra CCTV, and other work with the Community Safety Partnership. The Arson Reduction Team was dependant on funding and it was not clear if this would be extended beyond this financial year.

In terms of statistics, there had been 56 incidents of arson last year and 41 this year. This includes all categories of arson (bins, cars etc). There had been a slight increase in vehicle arson from 14 to 16.

A general discussion followed and I was agreed that a further presentation and update could be given in six months time.

#### **102. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

***Resolved:***

*That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013 be received and adopted as a correct record.*

**Matters arising:**

#### **103. HIGHTOWN SURGERY (PM93)**

The Clerk advised that this issue was due to be considered at a meeting of the Community Health Council scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014. To date, a reply had not been received from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. It was reported that some County Borough Councillors were due to attend a meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014 to discuss this matter further.

#### **104. MEMBERS REPORTS**

**Cllr. B. Pritchard** - Attended a meeting of the Kingsley Circle Community Centre Management Committee who are also due to meet with representatives of Wrexham CBC on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 to discuss closure.

#### **105. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were considered:

(i) **Request to nominate a Community Governor at Hafod y Wern School**  
As two members of the Council were also members of the Governing Body as LEA Representative nominations, it was ***Resolved:*** *To write to the County Member to ascertain if they may have a suitable nominee.*

(ii) **Wrexham CBC – Off Street Parking Consolidation Order 2014**  
This correspondence gave details of proposed changes and increases to parking charges for the town centre car parks. It was felt that to limit free parking until after 3pm from currently 12 noon at Crescent Road and the People's Market would have a detrimental effect on the neighbouring residential streets.

***Resolved:*** *To forward these observations to Wrexham CBC.*

(iii) **Wrexham CBC – Invitation from Licensing Team Leader to address a Council meeting on licensing requirements.**

***Resolved:*** *To accept the invitation and invite him to a future meeting of the Council.*

**106. BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2014/15 AND TO DETERMINE THE PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2014/15**

Members were presented with a report detailing historic information in relation to the precept and options for the future with the resultant effect on the cost per Band D equivalent properties. Budget trends over previous years and an estimated situation at March 2014 was also included. It was noted that there was not likely to be an increase in 2014/15 on the special levy imposed by Wrexham CBC for street lighting revenue costs.

Members were reminded of their increased liabilities for the forthcoming year as a result of resolving to fund play areas, school crossing patrols and Pentre Gwyn Community Centre for 2014/15 and the decision not to increase the precept for 2014/15. The Clerk advised that to achieve this, it was suggested that no new allocation be made for the provision of new street lights (there is a reserve fund) and that the grants budget be reduced by £10,000. Small savings had been identified within existing budget heads by reducing contingency amounts and end of year balances were expected to be slightly higher than expected due to some in year savings in 2013/14. There was also a small increase in the tax base which resulted in a small increase in precept yield.

Following discussion, It was **Resolved:**

- (i) *To accept the budget as prepared.*
- (ii) *To set the precept amount for 2014/15 at £211,120 (which is equivalent to £56 per annum per Band D property).*

**107. PLANING APPLICATIONS**

It was **resolved:** *That no objections be raised in respect of:*

- (i) **P2013/0840 Land between Coed Aben and Glan Gors, Wrexham**  
Residential development (8 flats & 15 houses)

(Request that the goal posts currently located on the site are relocated elsewhere on the adjoining public open space)

- (ii) **P2013/0833 Land to rear of 42 St George's Crescent, Wrexham**  
Proposed extension to provide additional storage for tanks

**108. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The Clerk reminded Members of the requirement to undertake an annual review of Financial Regulations and Standing Orders and presented a report thereon.

**Resolved:**

*That the Standings Orders AND Financial Regulations be adopted without amendment*

**109. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

- (i) The financial statement for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 was submitted.  
**Resolved:** *That the financial statement for the period be received and adopted.*

**110. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT***That the accounts due for payment in January be authorised for payment*

D.D.	EON	St Peter's Hall	*	48.16
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 59.51	
		CAS	* <u>119.28</u>	178.79
6331	P. Donnellan	CAS		31.45
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D.D.	WCBC Rates	Cartrefle		642.00
D.D.	WCBC Rates	St Peter's Hall		148.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		12.45
D.D.	Plus net	CAS (St Peter's)	*	12.00
6332	CPL Petroleum	Cartrefle	*	1530.92
6333	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	93.48
6334	Gittins McDonald	Cartrefle	*	428.00
6335	Church in Wales	CAS	354.00	
		St Peters Hall	<u>708.50</u>	1062.50
6336	Wrexham CBC	Environ /Amenity (Kingsley Circle 2013/14)		2498.00
6336	Wrexham CBC	Environ/Amenity (Pentre Gwyn 2013/14)		1798.00
6337	Petty Cash	General Admin		80.00
6337	Client Grant	CAS		250.00
D.D.	EON	Cartrefle	*	389.34
D.D.	Plus net	General Admin	*	32.03
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		24.04
	J. Francis (Salary Jan)	St Peter's Hall		
	G. Evans (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	P. Donnellan (Travel)	CAS		
	J. Carter (Travel)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	P. Rondel(Sal adj Jan )	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Jan)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Jan)		

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable