

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on  
9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham.

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

Vacancy	Cllr S. Jones
Cllr B. Cameron	*Cllr M. King
Cllr B. Halley	Cllr C. Lloyd
Cllr C. Harper	*Cllr C. Powell
Cllr J. Johnson	*Cllr B. Pritchard
*Cllr Maurice Jones	Cllr P. M. Williams

\*Absent

Also present:

P.Cs W. Williams and G. Poulton	-	North Wales Police
Ms. D. Mitchell & Mr. P. Williams	-	Potential co-optees for vacancy
Mr. Rory Sheehan	-	North Wales Newspapers.

**160. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. King, C. Powell and B. Pritchard

**161. POLICE MATTERS**

PC Wesley Williams introduced PC Gemma Poulton as the new Community Beat Manager for Caia Park. He re-iterated comments made at the last meeting by Insp P. Wycherley in terms of a reduction in the incidents of recorded crime, particularly since new policing measures were introduced in January 2015. He also commented that the situation encountered in Sycamore Road also seems to have improved.

The Clerk referred to the proposed visit of the Police & Crime Commissioner which was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, advising that he had forwarded the itinerary for the visit to all County Borough Councillors who were welcome to join the Commissioner on his tour of the area. It was noted that two councillors were already involved with the visit. He also advised that he had written to the Ministry of Justice regarding the need for the timely transfer of information relating to convictions from the Courts to the Police. PC Williams advised that this had improved of late and that, where necessary, the information was shared with Wrexham County Borough Council Housing staff

An overview of the crime statistics for the whole of Caia was presented indicating a reduction in incidents of recorded crime. There seemed to be a general perception that matters were indeed improving.

**Other matters:**

- (i) Concern that the Harm Reduction mobile unit was parking up in residential areas (Havard Way) and that residents had contacted some Members expressing their concern. It was agreed to contact a representative of the Harm Reduction Team for views.

**162. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved:** *That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 be received and adopted as a true record.*

**Matters arising:**

**163. OLDER PERSONS COMMUNITY AGENT (PM 71, 84, 104, 120, 136 & 152)**

The Clerk reported that the appointee was currently awaiting completion of a DBS check but has started and was undertaking some induction visits.

**164. WREXHAM CBC LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION (PM 156(i))**

It was reported that the Chair had responded to this document on behalf of the Community Council.

**165. CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR TO REPRESENT SMITHFIELD WARD**

The Clerk reminded Members that a vacancy had arisen in the Smithfield Ward and that there had been no call for an election within the prescribed time period. As a consequence the Council was now free to co-opt and following a period inviting expressions of interest, two members of the public had contacted the Clerk for consideration and both were present at this meeting.

Members voted on the two nominations and it was **Resolved:** *That Mr Paul Williams of 32 Bernard Road, Wrexham be co-opted as a Member of Caia Park Community Council.*

(Mr Williams duly completed his declaration of acceptance of office and undertaking to observe the Authority's Code of Conduct and was handed a copy of the Code of Conduct for retention)

**166. PROVISION OF LIGHTING – MUGA OFF QUEENSWAY (PM126, 133& 154)**

Cllrs J. Johnson and B. Cameron reported that some community consultation had taken place since the last meeting. The results were as follows:

28 forms returned to date with one objection to lights being installed

With regard to the proposed "switch off" times, of the 27 returned not objecting:

- 1 suggested 7.30pm
- 2 suggested 8.00pm
- 10 suggested 9.00pm
- 6 suggested 10.00pm
- 8 expressed no preference

Members thanked the Youth Team for undertaking this consultation and **Resolved:**

- (i) *To support the project in principle and fund from the street lighting reserves.*
- (ii) *To obtain quotations for the supply and installation of lights prior to further consideration and submitting an application for planning consent.*

**167. MEMBERS REPORTS**

**Cllrs B. Halley, B. Cameron and C. Lloyd** – Attended Pentre Gwyn, Tan y Coed and Coed y Bryn Resident's Association Meeting

(Cllr. Mrs. P. Williams left the meeting at this point)

## 168. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received:

- (i) **Wrexham CBC – Invitation to attend Annual meeting of Council**  
*Resolved: To note the invitation.*
- (ii) **Llangollen International Eisteddfod – Invitation for two people to attend an event at the forthcoming Eisteddfod.**  
*Resolved: To offer the invitation to users of Deva House Older People's Centre*

## 169. APPLICATIONS 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:*

- (i) *Smithfield Residents Association.* - £250

(Councillors A. K. Gregory and J. Johnson declared an interest in this application as Members of the Association but did not withdraw from the meeting as the grant requested was under £500 and therefore claimed exemption under the Code of Conduct)

- (ii) *Pentre Gwyn Pensioners Club* - £1,550

(Councillors B. Haley and C. Lloyd declared an interest in this application as participating volunteers with the project).

## 170. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial statement for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 was submitted.

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

## 171. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**Resolved:** *That the following account submitted in April be paid*

D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 66.41	
		CAS	* <u>134.61</u>	201.02
6584	Graphic Office Syst.	General Admin	* 19.47	
		CAS	* <u>41.54</u>	61.01
6585	Jewson	Amenity/Environment*		203.76
6599	The Venture	CAS		1140.00
6600	Powys LHB	General Admin	108.35	
		CAS	325.04	
		Cartrefle	<u>49.92</u>	483.31
6601	Caia Park Partnership	CAS		390.00
6602	RBCW	St Peter's Hall	84.00	
		CAS	<u>41.00</u>	125.00
6603	Alpha (Wrexham) Windows	St Peter's Hall *		1848.00
6604	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/Environment		2625.00
6605	(Alpha (Wrexham) Windows	St Peter's Hall *		147.60

(Paid in March reported April)

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D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		13.86
D.D.	Plus net	St Peter's Hall	*	12.00
D.D.	INVESTEC	General Admin	*	84.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		666.40
	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		156.40
6606	WCVA	Community Agent		44.00
6607	Child Poverty Action Group	CAS		390.46
6608	Wrexham Area Civic Society	General Admin		25.00
6609	Petty Cash	General Admin		50.00
6610	Smithfield Residents Assoc	Donation		250.00
6611	Pentre Gwyn Pensioners Club	Donation		1550.00
D.D.	CAB	CAS	*	725.80
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		29.35
D.D.	Plus net	Cartrefle	*	32.03
	G. Evans (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	J. Carter (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	L. Mills (Sal adj)	General Admin		
	S. Jones (Sal Apr)	CAS		
	K. Cramer (Sal Apr)	CAS		
	A. Humphreys (Sal Apr)	St Peter's Hall		
	P. Rondel (Sal adj)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Apr)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Apr)		

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

## 172. FOOTPATH GREENBANK STREET – RIVULET ROAD

It was reported that some residents have expressed concerns over the amount of fly tipping taking place in the vicinity of the public footpath, anti social behaviour taking place on the footpath and the fact that overhanging branches were causing some problems. The Local member asked if it would be possible to install a street light on the path in the interest of public safety.

Members were reminded that the County Borough Council had rejected the closure of this public footpath as the body responsible for public rights of way. Much of the fly tipping was occurring on private land and therefore it was not the Council's responsibility. Some members expressed concern over illuminating the path as this could lead to increased activity in the area.

Following discussion, it was **Resolved:**

- (i) *The Local Member would contact the private landowner to establish if they would clear the area*
- (ii) *The Clerk would contact Wrexham CBC to report the overhanging vegetation and request a quotation for a street light.*