

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
9th July 2015 at Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham.

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

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| 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 |
| *Cllr S. Jones | Cllr Paul Williams |

*Absent

Also present:

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| Insp P. Wycherley & PC R. Priamo | - | North Wales Police |
| Mr. R. Sheehan | - | North Wales Newspapers. |

40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Marc Jones, C. Harper, S. Jones, M. King, C. Lloyd and C. Powell

41. POLICE MATTERS

Insp. Wycherley introduced PC Richard Priamo who has specific responsibility for the Caia Park area. The statistics for June, in relation to reported crime, indicated that there was a 31% decrease across Wrexham and a 40% reduction in burglary and burglary (other than dwellings). This was attributed to the new policing regime in Caia and the fact that known individuals had been detained through the courts.

Members felt that the situation was improving and made positive comments in terms of recent police activity, certain officers and levels of crime.

It was noted that shoplifting had increased in the Whitegate Ward when compared to the May figures. It was felt that this may be as a result of increased police activity in the town centre displacing the problem to the surrounding areas.

Other matters:

- (i) Concern expressed over the lack of PCSO attendance at the Smithfield Residents Association meetings in recent months. Insp. Wycherley assured Members that someone would attend the next meeting scheduled for 7th August 2015. This was felt to be important given the concerns over the presence of rough sleepers in the area and an apparent increase in discarded needles. Insp. Wycherley gave an assurance that all intelligence received is seen and considered by senior officers and that more warrants have been executed in the last six months than in the previous year.

- (ii) A member expressed concern over activities taking place in and around the disused youth shelter located off Prince Charles Road and enquired if any progress had been made over its removal. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries with Wrexham CBC.
- (iii) Concerns expressed over unauthorised use of motor bikes on the playing fields of Ysgol Morgan Llwyd and the difficulties in apprehending offenders due to the number of gaps in the perimeter hedge and open access to the public footpaths crossing the fields. The Clerk advised that the PCSO for Abenbury had raised this and PC Priamo agreed to liaise with the school regarding the gaps in the hedges.
- (iv) Concern expressed over the disappearance of the lockable bollards across the footpath by the Queensway Leisure Centre preventing vehicular access onto The Dunks. Clerk to try and ascertain who had removed these and why they hadn't been put back.

42. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 11th June 2015 be received and adopted as a true record.

Matters arising:

43. CCTV CAMERAS (PM23)

The Clerk advised that he had ordered the HD 360 Ultra Camera which following consultation with the Police would be installed at the junction of Bryn Hafod and Prince Charles Road.

44. HARM REDUCTION MOBILE UNIT (PM 161 - 2014) (PM10, 25)

It was reported that the date for the meeting with County Councillors had not yet been agreed. A member expressed concern that the mobile needle exchange unit had been seen transporting clients to various addresses in the community. PC Priamo offered to investigate the issue and report back.

45. FOOTPATH GREENBANK ST – RIVULET ROAD (PM 172 - 2014) (PM11 & 26)

The Clerk advised that he had received a quotation for the installation of three lights on the footpath however suggested that this may need more thought as illuminating the footpath may increase problems of anti social behaviour. It was agreed to consider this lighting quotation along with the lighting of the MUGA at Queensway at the September meeting.

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

The Clerk advised that one quotation for the erection of the lights had been received and a second quotation had been received on the day of the meeting but the provider suggested that six and not four lights may be required. It was agreed to seek further clarity and consider at the September meeting.

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

The Clerk advised that the sign had been ordered with the Highways Department of Wrexham CBC.

48. MEMBERS REPORTS

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

Cllrs J. Johnson, A.K. Gregory and Paul Williams – Attended Smithfield Residents Association.

Cllrs B. Halley and B. Pritchard – Attended concert at Hafod y Wern School and meeting of the Governing Body.

49. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received:

(i) **University of 3rd Age – Notification of services offered – Resolved: To note the details.**

(ii) **Caia Park Partnership – Invitation to attend birthday celebrations (11th July) Resolved: To note the invitation**

(iii) **Wrexham CBC – Advising date of next Town & Community Council Forum (15th October 2105 at 4pm). Resolved: To note date and time.**

Supplementary

(iv) **Wrexham CBC – Notification of proposed licensing hours for Queens Court Complex 21st June at 11am. Resolved: To note the application.**

Newsletters, publications and consultation documents:

(i) **Local Government Ombudsman Annual Report 2014/15 - Noted**

50. PROGRESS REPORT PENTRE GWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Members considered a written report submitted to the Council by Pentre Gwyn, Tan y Coed and Coed y Bryn Residents Association on the progress made in terms of managing the centre.

It was noted that the centre is soon to have:

- New kitchen units and water heater with the kitchen decorated and new flooring.
- Repairs to the hand rail on the disabled entrance at the rear of the Centre.
- Decoration and repairs to the toilet areas.
- Decoration to the main hall.

Following completion of these works, it is intended to hold an open day to encourage increased bookings/ income. In addition, the Association had held discussions with the Allotment Group

who now attend meetings of the Association and have agreed to work in partnership with the Association to eradicate the Japanese Knotweed present on the site. The report also referred to the Association looking at ways to reduce running costs.

In considering the report, Members were pleased with the progress made in relation to upgrading the fabric of the building but felt that it did not address the fundamental issue or demonstrate how the Association would be able to take over the running of the Community Centre bearing in mind the Community Council had only agreed to underwrite all net expenditure up to 31st March 2016. It was felt that a business plan was required identifying projected income and expenditure, measures undertaken or proposed to reduce costs and with an indication of sources of external funding to reduce reliance on the Community Council funding all of the net expenditure.

It was agreed to acknowledge the report and to ask the Resident's Association to address these issues and comment on them in the next report.

(Councillors B. Halley and B. Cameron declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as Members of the Resident's Association and withdrew from the meeting whilst the report was under consideration).

51. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – ANNUAL INSPECTION

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the service level agreement entered into with Wrexham CBC, all playground equipment had been inspected under the annual inspection regime and a report received on each play area within the community. It was noted that all items were categorised as low or very low risk and so at present did not require attention.

Resolved: To note the contents of each report.

52. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial statement for period ending 30th June 2015 was submitted.

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

53. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: That the following account submitted in July be paid

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| D.D. | Pace Telecom | General Admin | * | 56.77 | |
| | | CAS | * | <u>151.53</u> | 208.30 |
| 6649 | The Venture | CAS | | | 1056.55 |
| 6650 | Powys LHB | General Admin | | 36.08 | |
| | | CAS | | 108.26 | |
| | | Cartrefle | | <u>16.89</u> | 161.23 |
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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. | Wrexham CBC | Cartrefle | | | 667.00 |
| D.D. | Wrexham CBC | St Peter's Hall | | | 154.00 |

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| D.D. | INVESTEC | General Admin | * | | 114.00 |
| 6651 | RBCW | CAS | | 375.00 | |
| | | St Peter's Hall | | <u>750.00</u> | 1125.00 |
| 6652 | WNW | Cartrefle | * | 232.34 | |
| | | St Peter's Hall | * | <u>94.80</u> | 327.14 |
| | WCBC | Amenity/Environ | | | 6977.00 |
| 6653 | UHY Hacker Young | General Admin | * | | 780.00 |
| 6654 | Charles Rayworth | General Admin | | | 360.00 |
| 6665 | Caia Park Partnership | SLA Youth (2 nd Inst) | | | 2000.00 |
| D.D. | EON | Cartrefle | * | | 182.77 |
| D.D. | EON | St Peter's Hall | * | | 25.55 |
| D.D. | Dee Valley Water | Cartrefle | | | 28.01 |
| D.D. | Plus net | Cartrefle | * | | 32.03 |

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| G. Evans (Sal adj & Travel) | CAS |
| P. Donellan (Travel) | CAS |
| J. Carter (Travel) | CAS |
| K. Walker (Sal adj & Travel) | CAS |
| K. Cramer (Sal Jul) | CAS |
| P. Rondel (Sal adj Jul) | St Peter's Hall |
| H.M. Revenue & Customs | Tax NI (Jul) |
| Clwyd Pension Fund | Pensions (Jul) |

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

54. CONCLUSION OF AUDIT

The Clerk reported that the external audit for Financial Year 2014/15 had been completed and the Annual Return received back for Messrs UHY Hacker Young duly certified with no matters requiring attention or consideration by the Council.

Resolved: To note and receive the conclusion of Audit from UHY Hacker Young as appointed external auditors.