

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
10th May 2018 at the Community Council Offices, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham

Cllr M. King (Chair)
Cllr B. Cameron (Vice Chair)

*Cllr T. Calverley	Cllr J. Johnson
Cllr L. C. Crawford	*Cllr S. Jones
* Cllr M. J. Downward	Cllr C. Lloyd
Cllr B. Halley	Cllr L. M. Platt
Cllr C. Harper	Cllr C. Powell
Cllr A. J. Jeorrett	Cllr Paul Williams
*Absent	

PCSO Nicholas Perry
R. Sheehan

North Wales Police
Wrexham Leader (Press)

7. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from T. Calverley and S. Jones

8. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Perry presented a community overview of crime for the month of April.

He advised that at present there were three operational PCSOs working within Caia and that they were no longer working exclusively within wards but across the whole of the community. He advised that there had been incidents of antisocial behavior within the Wynnstay Ward which was echoed by the Members for the Ward. Some incidents were also reported around the Gwenfro Valley area which had required Police attendance.

A general discussion followed regarding issues with nuisance motor bikes. PCSO Perry mentioned that powers of confiscation had been used and that this was an ongoing issue. He commented that whilst bikes could be seized, it was often difficult to identify the riders as they either wear helmets or cover their faces. One Member reported problems at Pentre Gwyn with riders using the footpaths in the area and another Member reported that a film of one incident had been handed to the Police but had not heard anything since. PCSO Perry offered to progress this matter and report back.

A Member mentioned that as there was not a full quota of PCSOs currently in operation, it was important that the Police website was up to date with current contract details so that members of the public knew who to contact. Members were also concerned that one PCSO did not currently have a phone and so was not contactable. This situation had gone on for some considerable time. General concern was expressed over the erosion of operational Police staff within the community given previous assurances that there would be 5 PCSOs deployed in the area as well as regular PCs as support.

PCSO Perry advised that the laptop used to supplement the CCTV camera had been repaired and was due to be returned within the next two days.

It was **Resolved:** To write to the Inspector outlining the concerns of the Council in relation to the staff deployed within the community.

9. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared at this stage.

10. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 12th April 2018 be received and adopted as a true record. (Subject to Minute 167 being amended to read “March” and not “February”*

Matters arising:

11. RELOCATION OF SECURITY CAMERA (PM 168, 154, 140, 122, 104, 86, 70, 50)

The Clerk reported that this matter was still ongoing and that a recently completed privacy impact assessment was deemed not to be required by Wrexham CBC.

12. PLAY AREA TO REAR OF BENJAMIN ROAD (PM 169, 156, 142, 124, 106, 92)

It was reported that plans had now been agreed and the work would now be procured. Cllr. Cameron advised that the work scheduled to be undertaken to the play area at Newquay Drive had now commenced.

13. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr Harper reported that due to inconsistencies and differing interpretations in applying the Housing Environmental Budget by officers of Wrexham CBC, she has requested that this matter be examined by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee of the County Borough Council. Other County Councillors present supported her action.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) **Welsh Government** – Historic Environment Update - **Noted**
- (ii) **Welsh Government** – Independent Review Panel newsletter - **Noted**
- (iii) **Wrexham County Borough Council** – April monthly fixed penalty notices statistics for the performance of Kingdom Security. A general discussion followed on the operation methods of the contractor. It was also felt that their presence was not making any real difference to the amount of litter witnessed within the community. **Resolved:** *To write to Wrexham CBC to suggest that the contract should be terminated when due for renewal in May 2019.*
- (iv) **Wrexham County Borough Council** – Road closure / traffic diversion at Queensway as a result of work being required to strengthen the bridge currently the subject of a weight restriction (work scheduled 23rd July – 2nd September)
Resolved: *To request that the opportunity is also used to permanently close off the underpass beneath the bridge.*
- (v) **Wrexham County Borough Council** – Details of youth support grant and drop in session to be held on 22nd May 2018. - **Noted**

- (vi) **Wrexham County Borough Council** – Details received from Virgin Media relating to the network installation (2nd phase of work) scheduled for Caia Park

Resolved: To invite a representative from Virgin Media to attend the next meeting.

- (vii) **Wrexham County Borough Council** – Details of weblink to the post consultation report on a new Welsh medium primary school – **Noted**

15. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS AND SUPPORTING STATEMENTS FOR 2017/18.

The Clerk reported that the internal audit visit had taken place and accordingly, the Annual Return had been endorsed at Section 4 by the Internal Auditor. The Annual Return was now presented for signature by the Chair and Clerk before it is sent to the External Auditor in June. In addition, the annual accounts, variation analysis, level of reserves and risk assessment were also presented for approval. It was noted that the reserves had been reduced by some £60k in year due to additional expenditure incurred. The Clerk advised that the internal audit report had just been received and would be reported formally at the June meeting.

Resolved:

- (i) *That the Annual Return for 2017/18 be signed*
- (ii) *That the prepared annual accounts, risk assessment variation analysis, reserves and supporting statements be accepted and adopted.*

16. QUARTERLY REPORT (JAN – MAR 2018) GWENFRO VALLEY ICC

Members received the quarterly report from the Manager of Gwenfro Valley ICC as required under the service level agreement with the Community Council. Members were advised that as this was an information report, it was not necessary for those involved with the organisation to declare a personal and prejudicial interest.

It was noted that 76 sessions were delivered in the period with an average attendance of 24 per session. The organisation had also been involved as a distribution centre during the Easter holidays for the Holiday Hunger project, an initiative of St Marks Church and part funded by the Community Council.

As part of their work monitoring, a survey is undertaken involving the service users which indicated that most rated the facility as excellent.

It was noted that an application for continued funding had been submitted to the Communities First Legacy Fund and the outcome was currently awaited although this had been delayed. It was reported that without additional funds the facility would close in July.

Members thanked the Manager for his report but were concerned over the impact the delay surrounding the legacy fund was having on this and other organisations within the community and agreed to write expressing those concerns to Wrexham County Borough Council.

17. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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) *Caia Park Environmental Group Gardening Competition - £575*

18. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved: That objections be raised to the following applications:

(i) P/2018/0264 79 Holt Road, Wrexham (in neighbouring community)

Change of use from mixed use café A3 and residential C3 to 12 bed single occupancy house in multiple occupation.

Reason: Scale of development, proximity of busy road junction and signalised crossing and insufficient off- road parking.

(ii) P/2018/0263 125 Benjamin Road, Wrexham

Change of use to 5 bedroom single occupancy house in multiple occupation

Reason: – relocation of kitchen may potentially be a noise nuisance as property is mid terrace. Current demand for parking on street is high.

Resolved: That no objection be raised to the following application

(iii) P/2018/0361 Ysgol Morgan Llwyd, Cefn Road, Wrexham.

Erection of 6th Form teaching block, associated enclosure to new sprinkler tank and pump and demolition of single storey building.

19. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The financial statement for period ending 30th April 2018 was submitted.

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

20. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts for April were authorised for payment:

7202	Petty cash (stamps)	CAS	60.00	
		General Admin	<u>20.00</u>	80.00
D.D.	Pace Telecom	CAS	* 146.27	
		General Admin	* <u>86.75</u>	233.02

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peters Hall		9.10
D.D.	Plus Net	CAS Admin		12.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		175.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Road		469.00
D.D.	SSE Electricity	Prince Charles Road		315.74
7203	Caia Park Partnership	1 st Inst SLA		2000.00
7204	Best Host	General Admin		10.50
7205	R. Bentley Printers	General Admin	*	153.96
7206	WNW	St Peter's Hall	*	164.22
7207	JDH Business (Audit)	General Admin	*	465.60
7208	C.P. Environmental Group	Donation (Gardening Comp)		575.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		42.24
7216	Petty cash (stamps)	CAS	60.00	
		General Admin	<u>20.00</u>	80.00
	K. Walker (sal adj/travel)	CAS		
	A. Humphreys (sal adj May)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (May)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (May)		

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable