

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
10th September 2015 at Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham.

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

Cllr B. Cameron
Cllr B. Halley
Cllr C. Harper
Cllr J. Johnson
Cllr Maurice Jones
Cllr S. Jones

Cllr M. King
*Cllr C. Lloyd
Cllr C. Powell
Cllr B. Pritchard
*Cllr P. M. Williams
Cllr Paul Williams

*Absent

Also present:

PCSO's John Davies & Sarah Pawley - North Wales Police
Mr. R. Sheehan - North Wales Newspapers.

57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C. Lloyd and Mrs P. M. Williams

58. POLICE MATTERS

The PCSOs present provided statistical information based on the whole of Caia Park and advised members that this was to be the new format in the future.

Members felt that it was not detailed enough and masked possible problem areas and certain types of crime in each individual ward. It was felt that as there are staff members with specific responsibilities for each Ward and that the Community Council has to complete a quarterly return for PCSO satisfaction rates on a Ward basis then the statistics should also be provided on a Ward basis.

The PCSOs present agreed to relay members concerns and it was further resolved to contact Insp P. Wycherley to outline Members views.

In the main, the statistics showed a continuing reduction in recorded crime overall and this seemed to follow a downward trend in recent months. It was hoped that existing staffing levels would be maintained to achieve similar or better results in the future.

Other matters:

i. Alleged drug activity in Smithfield Ward. The County Councillor reported that he had spoken to the appropriate sergeant with information and commented that he felt residents were feeling somewhat intimidated. The PCSOs urged members of the public to report incidents and to come forward with information directly to the Police or via Crimestoppers. It was the intention to distribute leaflets in the area over the next few days and provide reassurance.

- ii. User group at Pentre gwyn Community Centre felt intimidated by youths loitering in the grounds of the community centre – PCSOs agreed to monitor.
- iii. Indiscriminate use of motor cycles in the Coed Aben area with many riders not wearing helmets etc – PCSOs reported that this was being monitored throughout the community.

59. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: *That the minutes of the Ordinary & Confidential meetings held on 9th July 2015 be received and adopted as a true record.*

Matters arising:

60. BOLLARDS ON FOOTPATH BY QUEENSWAY LEISURE CENTRE & BARRIER FENCING GWENFRO (PM41)

The Clerk advised that these had been re-instated and that the Housing Department were obtaining quotes for the replacement of barrier fencing at the small car park in Gwenfro.

61. CCTV CAMERA (PM23&43)

The Clerk advised that this had recently been installed and sited at the location recommended by the Police.

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

No further information on proposed meeting with County Councillors and PC Priamo had not reported back any information.

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

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. A quotation for supplying the electrical feed had been received in excess of £19,000. This, in addition to the costs of the lights would be prohibitive. It was suggested that if a power source could not be obtained from the nearby street lights, alternative types of lighting should be explored such as solar powered.

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

The Clerk advised that the sign had been ordered with the Highways Department of Wrexham CBC but a date for installation had not been received.

65. MEMBERS REPORTS

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

Cllr B. Cameron – Attended planning appeal for the proposed shop at Kings Mill Hotel and Smithfield and Whitegate Housing Group.

J. Johnson and Paul Williams – Attended Smithfield Residents Association.

66. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received:

- (i) **Pentre Gwyn, Tan y Coed and Coed y Bryn Residents Association – Invitation to open day Saturday 19th September 2015.**
Resolved: To note the details (Members to advise Clerk if attending)
- (ii) **Welsh Government Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal (Wales) Regs 2015 – website link to document**
Resolved: To download the document and ascertain the designation of spaces within Caia.
- (iii) **Alzheimers Society – Request to address the Community Council**
Resolved: To invite a representative to attend the next meeting.
- (iv) **Dee Valley Water – Drought Plan 2015 – website link.**
Resolved: To note the information.
- (v) **AVOW – Relaunch of Shopmobility – Invite to re-launch of service on 17th September 2015**
Resolved: To note the information.
- (vi) **Community Health Council - Link to details of proposed changes to maternity services.**
The Clerk also had available at the meeting a list of scheduled meetings to discuss this matter, some information booklets and questionnaire forms.
Resolved: To note the information.
- (vii) **Welsh Government – Consultation on Draft Directions to the Local Government and Boundary Commission for Wales.**
It was noted that within the Directions two options were to be considered for Wrexham -a Wrexham / Flintshire merger or a Wrexham / Flintshire / Denbighshire merger. It also outlined that there was an expectation for one councillor to represent in the region of 4000 electorate. This could result in a reduction of County Councillors representing Caia Park from 5 at present to 2/3 in the future.
Resolved: To consider further at October meeting.

Newsletters, publications and consultation documents:

- (i) **Wrexham Area Civic Society – Newsletter 18 - Noted**

67. CLOSURE OF NANT SILYN RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

The Chair asked for this matter to be considered by Members as he felt that there had been insufficient consultation over the possible closure and decommissioning of Nant Silyn. Whilst service users and families of residents had been consulted there had been no wider consultation within the community or with democratically elected representatives or Community Councils.

It was not known if any discussions have taken place with the Health Authorities for possibly complimentary uses to be delivered from Nant Silyn and there were concerns that its closure could put pressures on alternative providers of respite care by withdrawing this facility. In terms of viability it appeared that the deliberate decision taken in 2006 not to admit new residents, even though there are over 20 surplus places, guaranteed that the facility would not be viable in the long term. Concerns were also expressed that a significant amount of refurbishment had taken place in recent years and the cost of this had not been considered. Similarly, comparisons with the private sector provision did not seem to take account of the imminent changes to the minimum wage rates.

Following consideration it was **Resolved:**

- (i) That Wrexham County Borough Council should keep Nant Silyn open as a valued community resource and engage with staff, the local community and other service providers to deliver elderly care
- (ii) *That the views of the Community Council be sent to Wrexham County Borough Council and copied all other Community Councils*
- (iii) *That the relevant officer be invited to attend the next meeting of the Community Council to discuss the Council's concerns.*

68. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved: *To note the following applications considered during the August recess by the Ward Members to which there was no objection:*

- (i) **P2015/0478 Land off Holt Road opposite Bickleywood Drive**
Renewal of previous permission for retention and continued use of disabled parking space
- (ii) **P2015/0521 Land off Whitegate Road, Wrexham**
Variation of condition 5 of planning permission P/2014/0497 to require submission and approval of highway scheme to adoption standards and its implementation before dwelling is occupied.
- (iii) **P/2015/0573 Mazda House, Market Street, Wrexham**
Non illuminated sign to side elevation 3.4m long and 1.5m high located 1.25m above ground
- (iv) **P/2015/0587 Land at Rubery Way, Wrexham**
Erection of dwelling (4 bedrooms)

That the following comments be made in respect of the applications listed below:

- (v) **P/2015/0552 50 Tanydre, Wrexham**
To operate private hire taxi use from existing dwelling incorporating the parking of two private hire vehicles at the premises and the running of a non operational office function for up to 9 vehicles.

Comment: Concern over potential vehicular movement. Suggest temporary permission to assess impact

(vi) P/2015/0577 Land at Gwenfro, Wrexham

Outline application for residential development (14 dwellings) all detailed matters reserved for further approval

Comment: Originally objected to the 2010 application due to loss of open space.

(vii) P2015/0579 Land at St Giles Crescent, Wrexham

Outline application for residential development (8 dwellings) all detailed matters reserved for further approval

Comment: Originally suggested in 2010 when originally considered that 6 houses would be more appropriate

That no objection be raised to the following application, but to express concern over highway safety given the vehicle speed and inappropriate use of traffic lanes in that area

(i) P/2015/0603 Smithfield Garage, Hightown Road, Wrexham

Change of use from A1 retail to create a leisure facility for dance and fitness classes (D2 use)

That no objection be raised in respect of the following application:

(ii) P/2015/0663 Tesco Stores Ltd. Crescent Road, Wrexham

Construction of click and collect canopy and works to existing car park.

69. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE STATISTICS

Members considered the statistics for period April – June 2015 together with the reported benefit gains for the same period.

Resolved: To note the information provided and to thank the Advice Service staff for their contribution.

70. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(i) Review of Financial Regulations

The Clerk presented a report outlining suggested changes to the Financial Regulations as a result on the internal audit recommendation relating to the use of the credit card along with suggested other changes and updates.

Resolved: To amend the Financial regulations as outlined in the report.

(ii) Financial Statements for July & August

The financial statements for period ending 1st July and 31st August 2015 were submitted.

Resolved: That the financial statements for the periods be received and adopted.

71. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: *That the following account paid in August be noted :*

D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	*	13.92	
		CAS	*	<u>41.32</u>	55.24
6666	J. W. Hinds	Cartrefle			90.00

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall			13.86
D.D.	Plus net	St Peter's Hall	*		6.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle			667.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall			154.00
6667	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin/CAS	*		64.33
6668	Bates Office Supplies	St Peter's Hall	*		20.57
6669	Walker Fire	St Peter's Hall	*		74.46
6670	Wrexham CBC	Amenities/Environ			1131.61
6671	Don Hughes Electrical	Cartrefle	*		77.86
D.D.	SSE (Electricity)	Cartrefle	*		272.80
6672	North & Mid Wales Assoc Of Councils	General Admin			75.00
D.D.	SSE (Electricity)	St Peter's Hall	*		95.01
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle			28.00
D.D.	Plus net	Cartrefle	*		32.03
	G. Evans (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS			
	P. Donellan (Travel)	CAS			
	J. Carter (Travel)	CAS			
	K. Walker (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS			
	K. Cramer (Sal Aug)	CAS			
	P. Rondel (Sal adj Aug)	St Peter's Hall			
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Aug)			
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Aug)			

Resolved: *That the following accounts submitted for payment in September be paid*

D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	*	10.35	
		CAS	*	<u>34.87</u>	45.22
6678	British Gas	St Peter's Hall	*		109.13

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall			13.82
D.D.	Plus net	St Peter's Hall	*		18.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle			667.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall			154.00
6679	WCBC	Environment/Amenity			2771.25
6680	Powys LHB	General Admin		30.45	
		CAS		91.37	
		Cartrefle		<u>24.12</u>	145.94
6681	Caia Park Partnership	CAS			390.00

6682	RBCW	St Peter's Hall	750.00	
		CAS	<u>375.00</u>	1125.00
6683	Bates Office Supplies	CAS	* 16.30	
		General Admin	* <u>16.84</u>	33.14
D.D.	PHS	Cartrefle	*	86.34
D.D.	PHS	Cartrefle	*	639.31
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		28.00
D.D.	Plus net	Cartrefle	*	32.03
	G. Evans (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel)	CAS		
	J. Carter (Travel)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	P. Rondel (Sal adj Sept)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Sept)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Sept)		

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable