

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
10th November 2016 at the Community Council Offices, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham.

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

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

*Absent

Also present:

PCSO's Rob Parry and Bryn Jones
Mr. R. Sheehan

North Wales Police
NW Newspapers

68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. SA. Jones, C. Lloyd and P. M. Williams.

69. EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Clerk advised that he had received communication from Cllr C. Lloyd requesting extended leave of absence due to illness and from Cllr Mrs P. M. Williams who was requesting leave of absence whilst she was undertaking family caring duties.

Resolved: That authorised leave of absence be granted to both Councillors.

70. POLICE MATTERS

The Police representatives verbally presented the crime statistics for the month of October due to printing difficulties. They advised that reported incidents had lessened this month with Halloween and Bonfire Night passing without incident.

Members felt that since the last meeting there seemed to be some improvement but that the police presence was reactionary rather than preventative. There was still considerable concern over incidents of drug dealing in the area and those present were reminded to report matters immediately rather than raising it some time later at a meeting.

One member mentioned that PCSOs had been attending youth clubs recently and this had proved popular with the young people attending. It was noted that there had been no police presence at a recent meeting of the Rhosnesni Residents Association.

Concern was expressed over the use of the telephone boxes located on Montgomery Road and in Gwenfro as meeting places for anti- social activity. It was reported that Sgt Jacks had given an assurance that the telephone box in Gwenfro would be removed. Members felt that possibly relocating the mobile CCTV cameras to cover the telephone boxes may assist although they were reminded of their previous decision to relocate the camera currently at Coed y Bryn to the Smithfield area in the first instance. Given that the police representatives felt that the camera located at Bryn Hafod was proving useful both in terms of providing evidence and acting as a deterrent, perhaps consideration should be given at budget setting time into providing a third camera.

Members felt that before that decision is made, it would be useful to have a review at the next meeting of the use of the existing cameras and how successful the deployment had been.

Following further discussion, it was **Resolved:**

- (i) *The crime statistics for October when available be emailed to the Clerk of the Council for onward transmission to Members.*
- (ii) *That the Council contact BT to request their views on removing the telephone boxes at Montgomery Road and Gwenfro*
- (iii) *That the police provide a report at the next meeting into the use and monitoring of the footage from the two cameras before a final decision is taken on relocation or acquiring a third camera.*

71. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: *That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 13th October 2016 be received and adopted as a true record.*

72. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. B. Cameron – Attended Pentre Gwyn, Tan-y-coed and Coed-y-Bryn Residents Assoc., Communities First Residents Awards, Whitegate & Hightown Residents meeting and a housing strategy meeting.

Cllr. B Halley - Attended Pentre Gwyn, Tan-y-coed and Coed-y-Bryn Residents Assoc.

Cllrs J. Johnson & Paul Williams – Smithfield Residents Association.

73. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) **Wrexham CBC – Car parking and roadworks in December.** This letter advised that parking at all council owned car parks would be free of charge during December and that non essential roadworks would not take place on strategic routes into town during the same period. **Noted**
- (ii) **Wrexham Fairtrade Coalition.** This was to advise that Wrexham was the first County in North Wales to achieve Fairtrade status which it was now necessary to renew. Community Councils were being approached to pass a motion to support the aims of the Fairtrade movement and commit to using Fairtrade goods at their meetings wherever possible. The Clerk advised that the Community Council had initially pledged this some years ago.

Resolved: To support the aims of the Fairtrade Movement and commit to using Fairtrade goods at their meetings.

- (iii) **North Wales Police & Crime Commissioner – invitation to attend consultation meeting at 6.30pm on 14th November 2016 – Noted**
- (iv) **Wrexham Area Civic Society – invitation to attend the annual awards ceremony – Noted**
- (v) **Wrexham CBC – commissioning framework for Youth Service.** This was to advise of new funding arrangements for the provision of youth services and to ask if Community Councils would like to contribute to enhance provision. Members felt that the information given was unclear and lacked sufficient detail given the current arrangements that apply in Caia Park. It was *Resolved: To seek additional information for the next meeting.*

Additional correspondence:

- (i) **Wrexham CBC.** – Notification for information only of application to vary a licensable activity at the Fat Boar (Formerly Black Horse, Yorke Street, Wrexham – **Noted**
- (ii) **Plaid Cymru** – Request to support their call for Wrexham CBC to consult with communities in to relation their proposals for elderly day care services at Caia Park Family Centre and Plas-yn-Rhos in addition to service users, staff and trade unions. *Resolved: To note with regret the lack of consultation within the wider community and to call upon Wrexham CBC to include the wider community in its consultation and explore the provision of a centre of excellence in Caia Park.*

74. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS & NEWSLETTERS

- (i) **Independent Remuneration Panel – draft report.** The Clerk presented a report on the content of this document which detailed permissive powers given to community councils to make certain payments to its Members. Members *Resolved: To note the report and to reaffirm their decision not to make payments to members other than an allowance to the Chair of £150 as contained within the budget.*
- (ii) **Wrexham CBC – Dog Control and Dog Fouling Proposed Public Spaces Protection Notice - Noted**
- (iii) **Wrexham Area Civic Society – In Touch newsletter - Noted**
Members received details from Wrexham CBC on how to participate in the budget consultation process which ends on 26th October 2016 - Noted

75. COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY (PM 11,24,37,53,65)

The Clerk reported that following re-advertisement, three expressions of interest had been received. Members duly voted on each nomination and accordingly it was *Resolved: that Ms Iolanda Viegas be co-opted as a Council Member.*

76. BUDGET PREPARATION

The Clerk presented a written and verbal report outlining some of the decisions that need to be taken before the Council budget is formally prepared for the January

meeting. Points to consider included the continuation of funding for certain services, a review of charges, the increase in staffing costs due to pension auto enrolment, the possible costs of community council elections in 2017 and the potential capital receipt from the sale of the Cefn Road premises.

Resolved:

That the following be agreed and fed into the budget process.

- *To continue funding the three school crossing patrols at St Anne's, Gwenfro and Hafod y Wern primary schools.*
- *To fund the play areas and facilities as outlined within the report*
- *To absorb the costs of potential elections in 2017 (potentially up to £12,500) from cash reserves*
- *Not to increase the costs of venue hire at St Peter's Hall*
- *To allocate a grants budget of £15,000 for the year 2017/18*
- *To fund the Youth Outreach SLA with Caia Park Partnership at £8000.*
- *To note the receipt of external grants for the Community Agent and Offa Community Council for providing advice sessions and to note the likely ending of Communities First funding.*
- *To note the current position in terms of premises disposal at Cefn Road.*

In addition, that consideration of underwriting the costs associated with Pentre Gwyn Community Centre be deferred until the December meeting until clearer and more accurate financial and management and operational information has been obtained.

77. HALF YEARLY REPORT CAIA PARK PARTNERSHIP YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECT

Members received the six monthly report from Caia Park Partnership for their delivery of the youth outreach work funded by the Community Council. In noting the report, Members commented that the service seemed to be well valued with positive comments being received.

78. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved: *That no objections be raised in respect of the following planning applications:*

- (i) **P/2016/0930 Unit B4, 29 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham**
Installation of additional fire exit to front of restaurant
- (ii) **P/2016/0952 106 Glan Gors, Wrexham**
Incorporation of open grassed area into residential curtilage including the erection of new boundary fencing.

80. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The financial statement for period ending 31ST October 2016 was submitted.

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

81. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

6914	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/Environ	*	148.84
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D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 130.53	
		CAS	* <u>136.09</u>	266.62
6920	K. Cramer	Community Agent		26.76

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		13.62
D.D.	Plus net	St Peter's Hall	*	12.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		156.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle (part rates)		496.47
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Rd		625.78
6921	Caia Park Partnership	SLA 3 rd Instalment		2000.00
6922	Northalls	Prince Charles Road	*	1992.00
6923	Bates Office Supplies	General Admin	* 157.03	
		CAS	* <u>82.63</u>	239.66
6924	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/Environment*		11292.60
6925	Caia Park Partnership	General Admin		24.00
6926	North & Mid Wales Assoc			
	Of councils	General Admin		80.00
6927	British Gas (gas)	Prince Charles Road	*	213.04
6928	Besthost	General Admin		
6929	Petty cash (stamps)	CAS	60.00	
		General Admin	<u>20.00</u>	80.00
D.D.	SSE	Cartrefle	*	229.88
D.D.	SSE	St Peter's Hall	*	73.92
D.D.	NATWEST (Card) GOPAK	Prince Charles Road	*	564.08
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		31.35
D.D.	Plus net	Cartrefle	*	25.00
	G. Evans (Travel)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel)	CAS		
	J. Carter (Travel)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Travel/sal adj)	CAS		
	P. Rondel (Sal adj Nov)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Nov)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Nov)		

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable