

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

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

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:

PCSO Rob Parry

Mr. R. Sheehan

1 Member of the public

- North Wales Police.

- North Wales Newspapers.

108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. K Gregory, C. Harper, J. Johnson, S. Jones and M. King

109. POLICE MATTERS

The crime statistics were verbally presented for the month of November. It was noted that criminal damage was still increasing and arson was still a serious issue. In analysing the figures for assaults (total of 19) it was noted that 8 incidents were domestic related and 4 were attributed to the Smithfield Ward and so these could relate to incidents in the town centre. It was felt that it would be helpful for monitoring purposes if the figures for assault and criminal damage could be divided into domestic related and other incidents. Members discussed the arson incidents in more detail and the PCSO stated that the Police were looking for community support in terms of helping them to identify the offenders. One Member suggested that perhaps holding public meetings to raise awareness of the arson issues might be useful.

Other issues:

There appeared to be a number of garages being broken into in the Pentre Gwyn area and locks being cut off.

The PCSO was reminded that last month it was mentioned that the Morris Dance Group meeting at Pentre Gwyn Community centre on a Thursday were experiencing anti social behaviour and it was agreed by the PCSO present at the meeting that this would be monitored. To date it appeared that this monitoring had not taken place. It was mentioned that the Community Centre was technically in

Abenbury and so could come under the Rural Policing Team even though the Whitegate PCSO had traditionally dealt with issues at the Community Centre and attended meetings there. PCSO Parry agreed to liaise with the Rural Team to ensure the matter was addressed.

In response to a request from the Police representatives, it was agreed to relocate the camera currently sited at Montrose Gardens to Pentre Gwyn for a period of time.

110. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: *That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 12th November 2015 be received and adopted as a true record.*

Matters arising:

111. PROVISION OF LIGHTING – MUGA OFF QUEENSWAY (PM126, 133, 154 & 166- 2014) (PM12, 27, 46, 63, 78 & 95)

The Clerk advised that there had been no further information received to date from Wrexham CBC.

112. SPEED WARNING SIGN – CEFN ROAD (PM 14vi , 28, 47, 64, & 96)

The Clerk advised that he had been informed that the signs were part of a larger order and were expected to be installed within a few weeks. It was expected the cost would be reduced as a result of the bulk purchase.

113. PROPOSED CHANGES TO ARRIVA BUS SERVICE ROUTES (PM 104).

The Clerk read a reply received from the General Manager at Arriva advising that there were no further changes (other than the minor changes introduced on 8th November 2015) to routes within Caia Park.

114. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. Paul Williams – Attended Smithfield Residents Meeting.

Cllr. B. Halley – Attended Residents Association meeting at Pentre Gwyn.

Cllr B. Cameron – Attended Residents Association meeting at Pentre Gwyn and a residents meeting at Hightown.

Cllr B. Pritchard – referred to the recent favourable Estyn Report relating to Hafod y Wern School. Members were pleased to note the significant progress made by the school in recent years.

115. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received and noted:

- (i) **Wrexham County Borough Council – details of play sufficiency assessment and details of meeting to be held on 7th January 2016 from 6pm – 8pm**
- (ii) **Police & Crime Commissioner – details of public meetings to be held (Wrexham 12th January 2016 at Glyndwr University 6pm)**

- (iii) **Wrexham County Borough Council – Final confirmation of public footpath diversion order (diversion order of footpath No 16 in the community of Caia)**

116. INITIAL BUDGET PREPARATION FOR 2016/17 (CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED ITEMS)

Members considered a report in relation to outstanding matters deferred at last months meeting covering premises hire charges and the level of support for Pentre Gwyn Community centre.

(i) **Premises hire charges:**

The Clerk reminded members that these were last increased in 2010 and provided details of hire charges for other premises within the community for comparison purposes. It was noted that the bookings at Cartrefle had decreased significantly and that whilst St Peter's Hall was used every evening during the week, a modest increase would not yield a significant increase in annual income.

Following discussion, it was **Resolved:** *That the hire charges for Cartrefle and St Peter's Hall would remain at the current rates for 2016/17*

(ii) **Pentre Gwyn Community Centre**

The Clerk advised that since the last meeting, the invoices had been sent to hirers by Wrexham CBC and the amounts had been credited to the Pentre Gwyn Account. As a result the shortfall for April to November amounted to £4139 even though we have paid £5535 for quarters 1 & 2 based on previous figures provided. It was noted however that energy and water costs had not been debited to the account for this period.

A general discussion ensued and it was mentioned that the Council only agreed to underwrite the total net costs for 2014/15 although this was extended for a further year to cover 2015/16. Whilst pleased with the progress the Residents Association had made to secure the interior refurbishments, there was no evidence after this two years to indicate that they were addressing the issue of taking over the management of the centre themselves or that grants had been applied for to help reduce the net deficit.

The member of public present mentioned that the Residents Association had requested Wrexham CBC to address certain costs saving issues and these had not been implemented.

Following further discussion, it was **Resolved:** *To make a financial contribution towards the annual net deficit at Pentre Gwyn Community Centre to a maximum sum of £6,500 for the year 2016/17 and that this decision be conveyed to the Residents Association as freehold owners of the site and Wrexham County Borough Council as leaseholders of the community centre site.*

Cllrs. B. Cameron, B. Halley and C. Lloyd declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to Pentre Gwyn Community Centre as members of the Pentre

Gwyn, Tan y Coed and Coed y Bryn Residents Association and withdrew from the meeting whilst the item was under consideration. Cllr C. Powell declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in this matter and remained in the meeting.

117. 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:

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| (i) | Bellevue Playgroup | - | £60.00 |
| (ii) | Friends of Hafod y Wern School
(For specific equipment) | - | £585.33 |
| (Councillors B. Halley and B. Pritchard declared an interest in this applications and withdrew from the meeting whilst under consideration) | | | |
| (iii) | Kardell / Shirdale Morris Dancers | - | £250 |

Supplementary agenda:

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| (iv) | Clwb TTP (St. Anne's School) | - | £100 |
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118. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved: That no objection be raised to the following applications

- (i) **P2015/0857 9 Churchill Drive, Wrexham.**
Change of use from shop A1 to A3 take away use (Pizza, kebabs and burgers)
- (ii) **P2015/0871 Sparkles Day Nursery, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham**
Retention and continued use as storage, of mobile unit (previously granted under P2010/0707)

(Supplementary agenda)

- (iii) **P2015/0917**
The people's Market, Chester Street, Wrexham
Change of use to incorporate new arts centre, retail and cafes within the existing market, ancillary storage and car park uses, external alterations to include new glazed opening on the south and east façade, new ventilation grilles to plant rooms, new condensing units to roof, new roof lights, paintwork and painted signage to all facades.

The Clerk advised that the Council had submitted an application for change of use of the former Health Centre at Prince Charles Road but as this was a Community Council application, it would not be appropriate to comment on it.

119. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

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

120. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: That the following accounts payable in December 2015 be approved for payment :

6722	Rentokil	Cartrefle	*		234.00
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	*	11.21	
		CAS	*	<u>45.20</u>	56.41
6724	Wrexham CBC	General Admin			190.00
	British Gas	St Peter's Hall	*		283.03

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall			13.79
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
6728	Soc Local Council Clerks	General Admin			167.00
6729	WCBC	Cartrefle (Refuse)			452.00
	WCBC	Community Agent (Printing)			160.00
	WCBC	Environ & Amenity			8419.39 (play areas)
	WCBC	Environ & Amenity			4403.98 (Pentre Gwyn Q2)
6730	Bingham Rawlins Partnership	General Admin	*		384.00
6731	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*		24.31
6732	WNW	Cartrefle	*	86.36	
		St. Peter's Hall	*	<u>48.45</u>	134.81
6733	J. W. Hinds	Cartrefle			90.00
6734	Clwb TTP	Donation			100.00
6735	Kardells Morris Dancers	Donation			250.00
6736	Friends of Hafod y Wern	Donation			585.33
6737	Bellevue Playgroup	Donation			60.00
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

S. Jones (Sal Dec)	CAS
P. Rondel (Sal adj Dec)	St Peter's Hall
H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Dec)
Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Dec)

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable