

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
11th December 2014 at Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham.

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

*Cllr T. A. Birch
Cllr B. Cameron
Cllr B. Halley
Cllr C. Harper
Cllr J. Johnson
Cllr Maurice Jones
*Absent

Cllr S. Jones
Cllr M. King
Cllr C. Lloyd
Cllr C. Powell
Cllr B. Pritchard
Cllr P. M. Williams

Also present:

PCSO Rob Parry

Mr. G. Lloyd

Mr. Rory Sheehan

1 member of the public

- North Wales Police.

- Road Safety Unit Wrexham CBC.

- North Wales Newspapers.

100. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence..

101. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Parry referred to the statistical information which had not been circulated or tabled. It was agreed that these would be e mailed to the Clerk for distribution to Members. He advised that incidents of criminal damage and anti social behaviour had increased. This was a percentage increase across all Wards and not specific to one area. Currently the Wynnstay Ward did not have a PCSO covering the area but it was hoped a replacement would be in place during January 2015.

Members referred to specific incidents that had recently occurred, namely an incident at a garage in the Pentre Gwyn area and the throwing of mud and stones in areas of the Whitegate Ward.

PCSO Parry referred to recent incidents of arson and advised that a walk about had taken place to identify potential hazards and flammable materials in the area. He enquired if Kingsley Circle Community Centre was likely to re-open in the future as approaches had been made by the Youth Workers given that the youth club previously held there on a Monday had been relocated to Caia Park Partnership and was not as popular with the young people. The Clerk advised that meetings were taking place with various groups and agencies but to date nothing firm had been agreed and it would depend on governance issues being resolved and financial stability secured.

102. VARIATION IN AGENDA

It was agreed to exclude the press and public for the next item of business relating to school crossing patrols as this contained information relating to staff members.

103. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: *That the minutes of the Ordinary & Confidential Meeting held on 13th November 2014 be received and adopted as a true record.*

Matters arising:

104. OLDER PERSONS COMMUNITY AGENT (PM 71, 84)

The Clerk reported that an approach had been made to an adjoining Community Council to ascertain if they would be interested in appointing a person to work in both communities. Whilst this had been declined, an approach to a second adjoining Community Council had been made and was currently under consideration.

105. PAINTING UNDER WHITEGATE BRIDGE (PM 74, 86)

Cllr J Johnson reported that a graffiti artist had been contacted to give an indication of costs and that it would be necessary to engage the young people in the project which could be achieved via the youth workers covering the area. It was **Resolved:** *to make the necessary budgetary provision from the Amenities & Environment Budget and Cllr Johnson would co-ordinate the project in the New Year.*

106. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr B Halley – Attended two meetings at Hafod y Wern CP School. He also referred to a recent Christmas event held at Pentre Gwyn Community Centre which had been funded by the Community Council and organised by Caia Park Environment Group. This had been very poorly attended by members of the public.

Cllr B Cameron – Attended a meeting with officers of Wrexham CBC to discuss Pentre Gwyn Community Centre.

The Clerk reported that at a meeting of Wrexham County Borough Council the proposals for polling places and stations put forwarded by the Community Council had been accepted by Wrexham Council.

107. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received:

- (i) **Wrexham CBC – Confirmation of Definitive Map Modification Order**
Resolved: *To note the correspondence.*
- (ii) **Draft N. Wales Joint Local Transport Plan 2015-2020 (details of consultation venues)**
Resolved: *To note that correspondence.*
- (iii) **Wrexham CBC – Precept Payment Schedule and Tax Base 2015/16**
Resolved: *To note the letter and advise Wrexham CBC of the Community Council's precept requirement when approved at the January meeting.*

Supplementary:

- (iv) **AVOW – Invitation to Christmas reception – 19th December 2014**
Resolved: *To note the invitation.*

108. COMMUNITY COUNCIL BUDGET OPTIONS 2015/16

The Clerk presented a report on items for possible inclusion and consideration in the 2015/16 budget. He reminded Members of the decisions taken at the November meeting whereat it was resolved to continue to fund the play areas and the school crossing patrols at Hafod y Wern School and Gwenfro.

(i) School Crossing Patrols

A further review of school crossing patrols was considered during the confidential meeting.

(ii) Pentre Gwyn Community Centre

Members were reminded that they had agreed to fund the net deficit at Pentre Gwyn Community Centre for a period of twelve months from April 2014. This would allow Wrexham CBC to continue to manage the Centre and allow sufficient time for a Residents Association to re-form. (Minute 92 (ii) December 2013 refers and is reproduced below:

“To fund the running costs and any necessary repair costs associated with Pentre Gwyn Community Centre by way of reimbursement to Wrexham CBC for a period of 12 months from April 2014. During this time the County Borough Council would undertake a staffing review and a possible Management Committee could be established to take responsibility for the centre.”

It was noted that the projected deficit would be in the region of £6,200 plus any charges for repairs and maintenance. The Clerk reported that this deficit figure is more likely to be in the region of £8,100 although the repairs and maintenance sum included in the budget is not likely to be fully expended. It was noted that income projection was lower than anticipated and recent measures had been introduced to ensure all record keeping, bookings and fee income taken by the Residents' Association were appropriately dealt with.

A new Residents Association has been formed although this had taken some time to become established. Pentre Gwyn Community Centre is different to other Community Centres within the County Borough as the freehold (along with the playing field) is vested in the Residents' Association. Should the Community Council not fund the deficit, then the Centre is likely to be handed back to the Residents' Association by Wrexham CBC.

Members discussed various options and had regard to the fact that the Centre is located on the edge of the community and there are no alternative venues close by which could be used by the community. However, they did express concern that the Residents' Association had taken so long to get established and that the Community Council envisaged that ultimately the Association would assume responsibility for the Centre with possibly a reviewable annual grant being provided by the Community Council rather than funding the total deficit.

It was, by majority vote, **Resolved:**

- (i) *To fund the net deficit payable to Wrexham CBC for Financial Year 2015/16*
- (ii) *That decisions taken by both Wrexham CBC and the Residents' Association should not impact on the Community Council without prior approval.*

(iii) *That the Residents' Association submit to the Community Council reports at four monthly intervals outlining their progress made in terms of taking responsibility for and management of the Centre.*

(Cllrs B. Cameron, B. Halley and C. Lloyd declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter and withdrew from the meeting whilst it was under consideration. Cllr C. Powell declared a personal but non prejudicial interest and remained in the meeting)

(iii) Venue Hire

The Clerk provided details of the hire charges applicable at St Peter's Hall and Cartrefle which were last reviewed in 2010.

It was **Resolved:** *That the current hire charges applicable to both venues remain as at present for the forthcoming Financial Year.*

(iv) Grants Budget

The Clerk advised that this had been cash limited at £15,000 for the last two Financial Years and had been sufficient for the amount of applications approved.

It was **Resolved:** *That the Grants Budget for 2015/16 be set at £15,000*

(v) Youth Outreach Service Level Agreement

The Clerk advised that the Council currently fund a service level agreement with Caia Park Partnership to provide youth outreach work and Members needed to consider if this should be funded in 2015/16.

It was **Resolved:** *To continue to fund the service level agreement.*

(Cllr. J. Johnson and Cllr. M. King declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter and withdrew from the meeting whilst it was under consideration)

(vi) General

The Clerk advised that it was envisaged that the costs of repairs and maintenance to both St Peter's and Cartrefle could be met from existing reserves.

That the Local Government pay settlement had been agreed for implementation in December/ January 2014 and the new rates would be built into the budget for next financial year. It was noted that the Communities First funding for the enhancement of the Advice Service would end in March 2015 although an application has been submitted to renew but the outcome would not be known until end of December.

Arising from the observations of members, the Clerk was asked to prepare a report on implementing the living wage and present to the next meeting.

109. REPORT OF OUTREACH YOUTH WORKERS.

Members received the six monthly report of the Youth Outreach Workers as agreed under the service level agreement. Members expressed views that the work was worthwhile and were pleased to note the content of the report

It was **Resolved:** *To note the report.*

110. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) P/2014/0868 Kingsmills Hotel, Kingsmills Road, Wrexham

Erection of new convenience retail store (class A1 400 sq.m gross / 298sq.m retail) with alterations to existing access, parking and associated works

It was **Resolved:** *That the Council object to this planning application on the grounds that visibility for access to and egress from, the site is poor and that the proposal is prejudicial to highway safety given the speed of the traffic using the slip road from the A525 to Abenbury Road and the amount of pedestrian movement particularly at school times. Part of the site is also outside of the settlement limit and whilst may have been used as a car park, this does not have the same impact as built development.*

Supplementary:

(ii) P/2014/0866 74 - 82 Smithfield Road, Wrexham

Remove conditions 13, 14 & 15 and vary condition 1 of P/2010/0082

It was **Resolved** *That there be no objection to this application.*

111. REQUESTS 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) Rhosnesni Residents Association (Christmas activities) - £300.00
(Cllr. B. Pritchard declared a personal interest in this application but claimed exemption under the Code of Conduct as the amount of grant requested was under £500)

(ii) Friends of St. Anne's School (staging) - £2,050

112. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial statement for period ending 30th November 2014 was submitted.

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

113. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: *That the accounts due for payment in December 2014 be approved:*

6499	Bates Office Supplies	General Admin	*	45.63	
		CAS	*	<u>46.58</u>	92.21
	British Gas	St Peter's Hall	*		211.90
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	*	9.20	
		CAS	*	<u>46.85</u>	56.05
6509	J. W. Hinds Ltd	Cartrefle			120.00

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall			13.86
D.D.	Plus net	St Peter's Hall	*		10.00
D.D.	WCBC	Cartrefle			654.00
D.D.	WCBC	St. Peter's Hall			151.00
6510	Don Hughes Elect	Cartrefle	*	432.61	

	St Peter's Hall	*	<u>54.12</u>	486.73
6511	Child Poverty Action Group	CAS		28.99
6512	Wrexham CBC	Environment/Amenity	5049.00	s19 Local Govt Act 1972
6513	RBCW (Insurance)	St Peter's Hall		192.22
6513	RBCW	St Peter's Hall	1062.50	s19 Local Govt Act 1972
6514	SLCC	General Admin		167.00
6515	Caia Park Partnership	CAS		390.00
6516	Caia Park Partnership	SLA Youth Work (3 rd Inst)	2000.00	
D.D.	Natwest Card (Wickes)	St Peter's Hall	*	43.27
D.D.	Natwest Card (Homebase)	Cartrefle	*	114.98
6517	Rhosnesni Residents Assoc	Donation	300.00	s137 Local Govt Act 1972
6518	Friends of St Anne's School	Donation	2050.00	s 137 Local Govt Act 1972
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		29.35
D.D.	Plus net	Cartrefle	*	32.03
	J. Francis (Salary Dec)	St Peter's Hall		
	G. Evans (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	L. Mills (Sal adj)	CAS		
	S. Jones (Sal Dec)	CAS		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Dec)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Dec)		

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

114. LIGHTING PROVISION FOR MUGA OFF QUEENSWAY

Arising from the observations of Members, it was agreed to consult with the community over the possibility of providing lighting at the MUGA off the Queensway. Whilst the original proposals for the MUGA specifically excluded lights, representations had been made to provide some form of lighting.

It was agreed that Cllr J. Johnson would ask some young people to attend a future Council meeting with a view to them undertaking the consultation in the area.

115. RESIGNATION OF MEMBER

The Chair of the Council advised that he had recently received communication from Cllr. T. Birch advising that she was resigning from the Council with immediate effect. The Clerk advised that the vacancy would need to be advertised in due course.