

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on  
12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham.

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

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| Vacancy            | Cllr S. Jones        |
| 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 |

\*Absent

Also present:

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Insp. P. Wycherley  | - North Wales Police.     |
| PCSO S. Pawley  | - North Wales Police.     |
| Mr. D. Hughes Caia Park Partnership and a Youth Representative. |                           |
| Three members of the public                                     |                           |
| Mr. Rory Sheehan  | - North Wales Newspapers. |

**132. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P. M. Williams

**133. PROVISION OF LIGHTING – MUGA OFF QUEENSWAY (PM126)**

The Chair welcomed Mr. D. Hughes (Youth Worker – Caia Park Partnership) and a representative of the young people to the meeting. They outlined their reasons for requesting lighting at the MUGA off the Queensway so that it could be used early evenings in the winter months. They advised that it was a well used facility and popular with young people but its use was restricted, particularly in winter months. The Chair reminded the meeting that when the MUGA was first constructed it was on the understanding that it would not be lit to protect the amenity of nearby residents. The Clerk advised that any lights would be the subject of a planning application and so it was important to undertake some preparatory consultation work within the immediate vicinity and that under normal circumstances, they are set on a timer to switch off at 9pm.

Following discussion, it was **Resolved:** *That Caia Park Partnership Youth Team would undertake some consultation with assistance from the young people with residents living in the vicinity of the MUGA and report back to the March meeting if possible.*

**134. POLICE MATTERS**

The residents present from Sycamore Road conveyed to Police and Council Members the problems they were still encountering with anti social behaviour in their area. They felt that they did not receive support from the Housing Department and it appeared that evictions were not being followed up as a possible deterrent. Insp. Wycherley shared their frustration in terms of the time it was taking to progress evictions and he outlined how additional police resources had been put in place to help overcome local issues. He advised that whilst there was no “quick

fix” two officers from every rota were deployed in Caia Park as well as 7 PCSO’s who undertake high visibility foot patrol. Members generally felt that there had been a higher police presence in the community of late. A discussion took place over the effectiveness of tenancy enforcement and the time it takes and evidence required to progress cases through the courts. Reference was made to the plan to introduce a community safety group in the community as outlined at the January meeting by Sgt Whibberley. It was hoped that this would continue and help to alleviate some of the issues.

It was **Resolved:** *to invite a representative from Landlord Services, Wrexham County Borough Council to attend a future meeting to advise on procedures for tenancy enforcement and evictions.*

**Other matters:**

- (i) A Member referred to Welsh Government Statistics (WIMD) for the area and felt that the community safety category was almost exclusively red indicating an issue. He felt that respect for the police and community had eroded over a period of time. Insp. Wycherley commented that the Police only had a finite amount of resources and that they had to be prioritised in terms of need. He recognised that at the moment there is a high need in Caia.
- (ii) A Member referred to discarded needles on land owned by Tesco and the difficulties he had encountered in getting the area cleared. It was **Resolved:** *To write to Tesco asking them to address the problem as a matter of urgency To contact Wrexham CBC to ascertain if they could intervene and recover their costs from the landowner in the interests of public safety.*

**135. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved:** *That the minutes of the Ordinary & Confidential Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 be received and adopted as a true record.*

**Matters arising:**

**136. OLDER PERSONS COMMUNITY AGENT (PM 71, 84, 104, 120)**

The Clerk reported that an appointment had been made in a neighbouring Community Council area and discussions were still ongoing with Wrexham CBC regarding a possible appointment for Caia Park. Members noted the position.

**137. SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS (PM116, 122)**

It was reported that a school crossing patrol officer was now in attendance at St. Anne’s Primary School.

**138. NOTICE OF MOTION OPPOSING FRACKING (PM 125)**

The Clerk reported that to date, there had been no response to correspondence sent to Wrexham CBC or Welsh Government although there had been a recent statement made by the relevant WG Minister.

**139. MEMBERS REPORTS**

**Cllr J. Johnson** – attended Smithfield Residents Assoc.

## 140. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received:

- (i) **Wrexham CBC – Budget Consultation – What’s important to you?**  
This provided an update on the budget process for 2015-16 and contained an invitation to attend a consultation event on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015. **Resolved:** *That Cllr. Marc Jones attends the consultation event.*
- (ii) **Request from The Venture to financially support the fencing of the recently constructed community car park.**  
This formed a request to fund the fencing around the recently constructed car park in partnership with The Venture who would arrange the construction. This would prevent vehicles accessing the nearby Dunks open space via the car park and would prevent pedestrian movement through the car park as a short cut.  
Members considered the request as an amenity/environmental improvement as the car park could be used for The Venture, residents at Garner Road and visitors to the woodland forest area. Concern was expressed over the proposed height at 1.2m as it was felt this could encourage anti social activities within the car park out of view of the general public. Some concerns were voiced over the type of material to be used (wood) and it was suggested that a single metal knee rail fence as provided on nearby Deva Way would be more appropriate.  
Cllr. M. King was invited back into the meeting to answer these specific points. He advised that discussions had taken place with residents and this was their preferred option. A knee rail fence would not prevent the public stepping over it and using the car park as a short cut thus compromising the safety of vehicles. He further advised that the area is covered by CCTV cameras both from The Venture and the main Wrexham CBC CCTV system. Following further discussion, it was **Resolved:**  
  
*To fund the cost of the fencing from the Amenity/Environment budget.  
That the fence would be no higher than one metre.  
That The Venture would source the materials required for construction but that they would be invoiced to the Community Council for payment.*  
  
(Cllr. M. King declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter and withdrew from the meeting whilst it was under discussion)
- (iii) **Wrexham CBC – Date & time of next Community & Town Council Forum – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2105 at 6pm. Resolved:** *To note the details of the meeting*
- (iv) **Play Officers North Wales – Invite to seminar on Conwy – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015**  
**Resolved:** *To note the details of the seminar*
- (v) **Welsh Government Consultation Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People.**  
This provided details of the website where the consultation document could be viewed and provided details of an online survey. The closing date for responses is 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015. The Clerk also provided a recent publication prepared by the Welsh Local Government Association which gave further details. It was **Resolved:** *To further consider this matter at the March meeting.*
- (vi) **Wrexham CBC – Invitation to Mayor’s Charity Evening on 7<sup>th</sup> March – Noted**
- (vii) **Wrexham CBC – Luncheon Club start up grants – Noted**

#### 141. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Clerk presented a report on the above items and reported that it was an annual requirement to review Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Investment Strategy. Members considered the report and **Resolved:**

*To accept the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations without amendment for 2015-16*

*To accept the Investment Strategy for 2015-16*

#### 142. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Clerk provided details of applications received and those of a more general nature that had been held over until this meeting when a clear picture of the balance in the Grants Budget was available. He advised that three local groups had requested financial assistance in the last month and these were considered first.

- (i) **Wrexham Allotments & Leisure Gardeners Assoc** (funding for 2015 show)

**Resolved:** *To award £50*

- (ii) **Caia Park Partnership** (funding for an 8 week pilot youth project covering equipment, staffing and running costs)

Members, whilst generally supportive, felt that it was a considerable amount of money for a short pilot project and questioned whether if successful the scheme would be self sustaining after the pilot period. They also questioned if it was not successful, what would happen to the equipment. Following discussion, it was **Resolved:** *To invite a representative of Caia Park Partnership to attend the March meeting to answer the concerns.*

(Cllr M. King as a Trustee of Caia Park Partnership and Cllr J. Johnson as an employee of the Partnership declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting whilst under discussion)

- (iii) **Borras Park Albion Youth Football Club** (requesting support for their exchange visit to Germany)

Members were advised that a number of young people from Caia Park were members of the Football Club and therefore **Resolved:** *To award £350 being the cost of insurance and water/first aid items.*

- (iv) **General requests** – In view of the decision taken at (ii) above it was **Resolved:** *To defer consideration of these requests until the March meeting.*

#### 143. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (i) **P2015/0059 – 182 Holt Road, Wrexham**

Demolition of existing double garage and construction of stand alone annexed accommodation Granny Flat)

**Resolved:** *No objection to the proposal but suggest a condition ensuring that it is an ancillary use to the main dwelling and should not be used as a separate, independent dwelling.*

#### 144. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE STATISTICS

The statistics for the period Oct – December 2014 were presented and the Clerk gave a verbal update on the enhancements to the service as a result of the successful bid for Communities First funding. Members expressed their appreciation of the service.

It was **Resolved:**

*To note the quarterly statistics and to convey the Council's thanks and appreciation to the Advice Service Staff.*

#### 145. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial statement for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 was submitted.

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

#### 146 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**Resolved:** *That the following account submitted in February be paid*

|       |                              |                   |   |              |         |
|-------|------------------------------|-------------------|---|--------------|---------|
| D.D.  | Pace Telecom                 | General Admin     | * | 13.58        |         |
|       |                              | CAS               | * | <u>34.05</u> | 47.63   |
| D.D.  | EON                          | St Peter's Hall   | * |              | 65.85   |
| D.D.  | Investec                     | General Admin     | * |              | 84.00   |
| ----- |                              |                   |   |              |         |
| D.D.  | Dee Valley Water             | St Peter's Hall   |   |              | 13.86   |
| D.D.  | Plus net                     | St Peter's Hall   | * |              | 12.00   |
| 6544  | Wrexham CBC                  | Env./ Amenity     |   |              | 5724.00 |
| 6544  | Wrexham CBC                  | Env./Amenity      |   |              | 1750.00 |
| 6544  | Wrexham CBC                  | Env./Amenity      |   |              | 957.98  |
| 6544  | Wrexham CBC                  | Env./Amenity      |   |              | 894.00  |
| 6545  | Don Hughes Electrical        | Cartrefle         | * |              | 127.01  |
| 6546  | Graphic Office Systems       | General Admin     | * | 44.41        |         |
|       |                              | CAS               | * | <u>88.45</u> | 132.86  |
| 6547  | Caia Park Partnership        | SLA (final inst.) |   |              | 2000.00 |
| 6548  | I.M.A.                       | CAS               |   |              | 36.00   |
| 6549  | Metrosigns                   | Amenity/Environ   | * |              | 660.00  |
| 6550  | Wrexham Allotment Asoc       | Donation          |   |              | 50.00   |
| 6551  | Borras Park Albion Youth FC  | Donation          |   |              | 350.00  |
| D.D.  | EON                          | Cartrefle         | * |              | 308.30  |
| D.D.  | EON                          | St Peter's Hall   | * |              | 44.26   |
| D.D.  | Dee Valley Water             | Cartrefle         |   |              | 29.35   |
| 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               |   |              |         |
|       | L. Mills (Sal adj Feb)       | CAS               |   |              |         |
|       | S. Jones (Sal Feb)           | CAS               |   |              |         |
|       | A. Humphreys (Sal Feb)       | St Peter's Hall   |   |              |         |
|       | H.M. Revenue & Customs       | Tax NI (Feb)      |   |              |         |
|       | Clwyd Pension Fund           | Pensions (Feb)    |   |              |         |

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable