

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
12th October 2017
at Community Council Offices, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham

Cllr M. King (Chair)
Cllr B. Cameron (Vice Chair)

Cllr T. Calverley
Cllr L. C. Crawford
Cllr M. J. Downward
Cllr B. Halley
Cllr C. Harper
Cllr A. J. Jeorrett

Cllr J. Johnson
*Cllr S. Jones
*Cllr C. Lloyd
Cllr L. M. Platt
*Cllr C. Powell
Cllr Paul Williams

*Absent

65. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. Jones, C. Lloyd and C. Powell

66. POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk reported that the crime statistics had not been received and it was noted that there was no police presence at this evening meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had attended a joint meeting of the town community councils together with Cllr. C. Powell which was held on 4th October at Wrexham Police Station. Those present received a presentation on the new graph format statistics. Concern was expressed over the use of an average benchmark number of incidents for a particular ward against which spikes in incidents more closely actioned. It was felt that if the average for an area was high this then became the norm rather than trying to reduce the problems. Those present learned that because of changing priorities, the Community Beat Manager role had been withdrawn although there were two Neighbourhood Sergeants in place to compensate. It was felt that in view of the changes, the N. Wales Police website needed urgently updating to ensure correct contact details were available.

Those present reported that they were not aware of the Neighbourhood Sergeants and Ch Insp Jolly commented that certain changes could not be made as Wrexham CBC had not yet agreed to vary the service level agreement applying to the PCSOs. Insp Jolly advised that he had made a presentation to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee of Wrexham Council but had heard nothing further since. He was advised that a decision would be made by the Executive Board and not the Scrutiny Committee.

It was agreed that a further joint meeting would be held on 5th January 2018 to which County Councillors would be welcome to attend.

67. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (i) Cllrs M. King and L. Plant – Agenda item 10 – Application for financial assistance
Personal & prejudicial as employees of the applicant body (The Venture)

68. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential meetings held on 14th September be received and adopted as a true record.

Matters arising:

69. NUISANCE MOTORBIKES

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Housing Estate Office regarding their proposed leaflet to tenants advising of the consequences of a breach of tenancy. It appeared that the Police had also circulated a similar notice however it did not cover all of the points and so the Housing leaflet was being re-evaluated

70. RELOCATION OF SECURITY CAMERA

The Clerk reported that a lamp column had been identified and discussion were ongoing with Wrexham CBC in terms of its suitability.

71. PENTRE GWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that an initial meeting had been held with representatives from the Resident's Association and that it was hoped a report would be presented to the November meeting of the Council.

72. WEED CONTROL IN CAIA PARK AREAS

This item was deferred for consideration until the November meeting as Cllr R. Prince who requested this be placed on the agenda was not able to attend the meeting.

73. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. A. Jorrett –

AVP Project. The Clerk advised that as previously discussed, the difficulty was identifying participants to take part in the project. Contact had been made with two local organisations however neither had the capacity at present to assist. The volunteers from AVP had left leaflets for distribution and these were available in the Advice Service waiting room. Copies were also circulated to all Members.

Dog fouling – It was reported that a quotation for anti dog fouling stencils had been received. It was agreed to trial the system and approach Wrexham CBC to ascertain if they would acquire the paint and undertake the painting.

Cllr B. Halley –

Attended a meeting of Hafod y Wern School Governing Body. Referred to recent consultation on a proposal to locate a Welsh Medium “seed” school on the site for a temporary period and commented on concerns raised by the Governing Body

Concern expressed by a member of the public over the removal of the poppy wreaths from the War Memorial at Bodhfyrd and the fact that they had been stored behind the Memorial. *Resolved: To contact Wrexham CBC and request that they be moved.*

74. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) **Wrexham CBC** – Invitation to Remembrance Day Service. *Resolved: That Cllr. Colin Powell be asked to attend or if not available Cllr. B. Cameron.*
- (ii) **Boundary Commission for Wales** – Consultation on updated guidance on the conduct of community reviews by principal authorities. Members felt that any reviews should be considered in the light of possible changes to town and community councils which potentially could include collaboration or amalgamation.
- (iii) **Welsh Government** – Notification of review of Community and Town Council Sector in Wales. Advising that an independent review panel has been established to examine all aspects of governance at community council level. It was agreed to note this early notification and consider it in more detail at a future meeting.
- (iv) **Wrexham CBC – Notification of an application for the grant of a premises licence at KFC, St George’s Crescent, Wrexham (for information)** – Noted
- (v) **Wrexham CBC – Notification of an appeal against the refusal of planning permission – 8 Albert Street, Wrexham.** *Resolved: To support Wrexham CBC’s reasons for refusal*

Supplementary:

- (vi) **Wrexham CBC – Notification of expiry of temporary planning permission for modular building attached to Community Council Offices Prince Charles Road.** The Clerk advised that the temporary planning permission would cease on 31st December 2017 at the end of a five year period. *Resolved: To re-apply for a further period. It was further resolved to undertake repair works to the footpath leading to the building.*

NEWSLETTERS & CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

- (i) **Rhosnesni Residents News** - Noted

75. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Clerk presented a six monthly budget monitoring report together with the financial statement for the month of September.

It was noted that the income receipts are largely in line with the budget projections. Income from lettings at St Peter’s Hall was slightly down due to the cancellation of one regular booking. The sundry income figure included an unexpected rate rebate following the sale of the former council offices.

In terms of expenditure, allowing for payments yet to be made expenditure is largely in line with the budget. There may be an increase in expenditure on the Community Advice Service given the current recruitment of a Manager.

Members were reminded that any repairs to play equipment through wear and tare or vandalism would need to be met and that the cost of the local elections would also be an additional expense and as previously agreed would be met from Reserves. This is likely to be in the region of £6,600. Similarly the decision taken in September to grant aid Gwenfro Valley ICC would mean that the grants budget would overspend and any surplus would need to be met from Reserves.

Members were reminded that when the budget was agreed, the precept was lowered to reflect the relatively high balances held following the capital receipt from the sale of the former offices. Accordingly the excess expenditure over income received would need to be met from balances along with the amounts for election costs and grant to Gwenfro Valley ICC.

In view of the restrictions on using a capital receipt from premises related matters only, it was also suggested that the earmarked reserves be adjusted.

Following discussion, it was **Resolved:**

- (i) *To agree the budget report and predictions to year end*
- (ii) *To note that the excess expenditure over income along with elections costs and overspend on the grants budget be paid for from the general reserves.*
- (iii) *That the reserves as outlined in the report be re-allocated as follows:*

<i>All premises enhancement and maintenance</i>	<i>£137442</i>
<i>Amenity & Environment</i>	<i>£ 35000</i>
<i>Footway lighting</i>	<i>£ 32000</i>
<i>Traffic calming</i>	<i>£ 20000</i>
<i>Working general fund</i>	<i>£143037 **</i>

*** Less budget shortfall, election costs and overspend on grants budget*

76. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE

Members received the reported gains for the Advice Service for the period April to September. **Resolved:** *That the figures be noted*

77. APPLICATION 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) The Venture (for community bonfire) £1207

Cllrs M. King and L. Platt declared an interest in this item (as employees of the applying organisation). They withdrew from the meeting prior to any consideration of this item)

78. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That no objection be raised to the following applications

- (i) **P2017/0767 17 Churton Drive, Wrexham**
Single storey rear extension
- (ii) **P2017/0790 85 Kingsmills Road, Wrexham**
Two storey rear extension together with porch extension.
- (iii) **P/2017/0802 Unit D18 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham**
Installation of ATM
- (iv) **P/2017/0803 Unit D18 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham**
Display of internally illuminated fascia sign

79. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 61.12	
		CAS	* <u>186.92</u>	248.04
7100	J. W. Hinds	St Peter's Hall	160.00	
		Prince Charles Rd	<u>160.00</u>	360.00
D.D.	SSE (Electricity)	Pince Charles Rd	*	121.22
7103	RBL Poppy Appeal	General Admin		50.00
D.D.	Investec	General Admin	*	84.00

D.D.	Plus Net	CAS	*	12.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peters Hall		9.10
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Road		457.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		170.00
7104	Caia Park Partnership	SLA/Donation		2000.00
7105	Broxap	Amenity/Environment*		729.60
7106	Bates Office Services	General Admin	* 105.43	
		CAS	* 43.25	
		Comm Agent	* <u>1.55</u>	150.23
7107	MFS Systems Ltd	Prince Charles Rd	* 424.80	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>108.00</u>	532.80
7108	LASA	CAS (Advert)	*	540.00
7109	Hallam Heating	Prince Charles Rd	*	50.88
7110	Gwenfro Valley ICC	Donation (1st instalment)		13,334.15
7111	Petty cash	CAS	60.00	
		General Admin	<u>20.00</u>	80.00
7113	The Venture	Donation		1207.00
D.D.	SSE (Electricity)	Prince Charles Rd	*	107.71
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		32.00

G. Evans (sal adj/travel) CAS

P. Donellan (sal adj/travel) CAS

J. Carter (sal adj/travel)	CAS
K. Walker (sal adj/travel)	CAS
A. Humphreys (sal adj Oct)	St Peter's Hall
H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Oct)
Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Oct)

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable