

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
12th November 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:

PC Gemma Poulton & PCSO Siwan Huws	-	North Wales Police.
Mr. R. Sheehan	-	North Wales Newspapers.

91. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. C. Harper.

92. POLICE MATTERS

PC Gemma Poulton introduced PCSO Siwan Huws who had transferred to the Whitegate Ward having previously worked in Acton.

The crime statistics were presented for the month on October. Compared to the September figures, there was a significant increase in reported Assaults (51 compared to 10 in Sept) Criminal Damage (52 compared to 39 in Sept) Arson (14 compared to 5 in Sept). There appeared to be a significant reduction in reports of anti social behaviour (20 compared to 72 in Sept)

Members expressed concern over the number of arson attacks on vehicles and property in Caia and surrounding areas.

Other issues:

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.

A Member referred to the recent burglary at Premier Stores, Abenbury Road and was informed enquiries were ongoing.

Members commented that the new monthly reporting format was an improvement and it was mentioned that significant crime issues experienced early in the year

seemed to have reduced significantly. Members were advised that there were no plans to reduce the number of PCSOs covering Caia Park.

93. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: *That the minutes of the Ordinary & Confidential meetings held on 8th October 2015 be received and adopted as a true record subject to Minute 89 (Accounts) being amended to read October and not August as printed.*

Matters arising:

94. BARRIER FENCING GWENFRO (PM41, 60 & 77)

The Clerk advised that the fencing had now been replaced.

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

The Clerk advised that he had checked with Wrexham CBC who still had not received any further information from Scottish Power. The Centre for Alternative Technology had indicated that solar powered lights would not be sufficient without an additional connection to the mains supply as back up.

96. SPEED WARNING SIGN – CEFN ROAD (PM 14vi , 28, 47, 64 &79)

The Clerk advised that the signs were expected within the next week or so and should be erected as soon as possible thereafter.

97. CLOSURE OF NANT SILYN RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME (PM 67 & 83)

Members noted with regret the decision taken by the Executive Board to close this facility and the Scrutiny Committee decision not to refer the matter back for further consideration. It was felt that this was a short sighted decision particularly in view of recent figures issued by the NHS in relation to bed blocking issues at hospitals.

98. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr A. K. Gregory – Attended Remembrance Sunday Service at Wrexham and laid a wreath on behalf of the Community Council. Also attended Smithfield Residents Association meeting.

Cllr. J. Johnson and Paul Williams – Attended Smithfield Residents Meeting.

Cllr. B. Halley – Attended Governors meeting at Hafod y Wern School and the Residents Association meeting at Pentre Gwyn.

Cllr B. Cameron – Attended the Town & Community Council Forum and Residents Association meeting at Pentre Gwyn.

99. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received:

(i) **Wrexham County Borough Council – Rough sleeper count**

Resolved: *To note the details and Members to advise the coordinating officer at Wrexham CBC or the Clerk of any detailed locations)*

- (ii) **National Assembly for Wales – Consultation on draft Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill**

Resolved: To note the details

- (iii) **Wrexham Area Civic Society – Invitation to attend Awards Evening on 20th Nov 2015**

Resolved: To note the details (Members to advise Clerk if attending)

- (iv) **Wrexham County Borough Council (Supplementary item) - Date and time of next Town & Community Council Forum 10th December 2015 at 4pm**

Resolved: To note the details (Members to advise Clerk if attending)

NEWLETTERS AND PUBLICATIONS

- (i) Wrexham Area Civic Society - In Focus magazine.

Resolved: To note the details

100. CAIA PARK PARTNERSHIP OUTREACH YOUTH WORK REPORT

In accordance with the service level agreement, Caia Park Partnership provided a report covering the activities of the detached outreach youth work team for the period April 2015 – September 2015. Members were pleased with the service offered and felt that it was making a positive contribution within the community.

The Clerk advised that later in the agenda, under budget options, Members would be asked to consider if they wished to renew the service level agreement for Financial Year 2016/17 and that they might care to consider the matter at this stage.

Members **Resolved:**

(i) *To note the report*

(ii) *To renew the service level agreement for 2016/17*

(Cllr M. King declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as a Trustee of Caia Park Partnership and Cllr J. Johnson also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as an employee of Caia Park Partnership. Both left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

101. PENTRE GWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Members received a business plan for the future use of the Community Centre. It was agreed that the Chair of the Residents Association present the report and answer any questions prior to withdrawing from the meeting.

Members were pleased to note that the extensive refurbishment work undertaken by Novus and Tesco had improved the centre. The Residents Association had also complimented this by purchasing 80 new chairs at a favourable price.

Members were concerned over the substantial increase in subsidy per booking based on the information attached to the report and that there were only 110 reported bookings for the financial year to date. If this was to be replicated for the full year then the shortfall expected to be paid by the Community Council would be significantly higher than in the previous year. Members of the Association commented that many hirers had not been invoiced for their use of the centre by Wrexham CBC and so the income was likely to be much higher than quoted. It

was reported at the meeting that over 200 bookings had been received since November 2014 to date although it could not be ascertained if all or some of these had been paid for or how many actually referred to the previous financial year.

The Community Council had funded the centre to the sum of £6918.97 in 2014/15 which represented the difference between income and actual costs incurred. It was felt that if there were such inaccuracies with the figures and a lack of invoicing to bring in the income, then the

Community Council could possibly be penalised for these inaccuracies by continuing to pay the net shortfall in full. Members of the Residents Association advised that they were meeting with officers at Wrexham Council to discuss procedural issues around accurate recording and invoicing.

As there were no further questions, members of the Residents Association were asked to withdraw from the meeting as they had declared personal and prejudicial interests

Remaining members continued to consider the matter but expressed concern that the business plan still did not address the issue of the Association ultimately taking over the responsibility of the centre as the Community Council had already extended its original financial support by a further year.

The Clerk advised that later in the agenda, under budget options, Members would be asked to consider if they wished to underwrite the shortfall for Financial Year 2016/17 and that they might care to consider the matter at this stage.

It was felt that the information provided did not provide an accurate state of affairs and as such members **Resolved:** *To consider the matter further in December after the representatives from the Residents association had clarified the financial and booking situation and held their meeting with Wrexham CBC.*

(Cllrs B. Halley, B. Cameron and C. Lloyd declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting following the presentation of the report and took no further part in the discussion or voting thereon)

Cllr C. Powell declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in this item as he has a close relative who is a member of the Residents Association. He remained in the meeting for the discussion and vote).

102. INITIAL BUDGET PREPARATION FOR 2016/17

The Clerk reminded members that at the January meeting it would be necessary to agree the budget and set the precept for 2016/17. The report presented outlined some of the basic decisions that could be considered at this meeting to feed into the budget setting process.

Members considered the report and **Resolved:**

- *To continue to fund the school crossing patrols located at Gwenfro, Hafod y Wern and St Anne's Schools at a cost of £11,196 in 2016/17*
- *To continue to fund the maintenance and inspection of all play areas currently costing £13,954 plus the cost of any repairs.*
- *To renew the service level agreement with Caia Park Partnership to provide youth outreach work at a cost of £8,000*
- *To defer a decision on the level of funding given to Pentre Gwyn Community Centre until the December meeting.*

- *To defer consideration of increasing room hire charges at Cartrefle and St Peter's Hall until the December meeting*
- *To set the s137 Grants budget at £15,000*

103. 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:

(i)	<i>Illusions Morris Dancers</i>	-	£280
(ii)	<i>St Marks Church</i>	-	£420
(iii)	<i>Wrexham Futsal Youth Development</i>	-	£350
(iv)	<i>Caia Park Environmental Group</i>	-	£106

(Supplementary agenda)

(iv)	<i>Caia Park Partnership Early Years Forum</i>	-	£598
(v)	<i>Comunidade da Lingua Portuguesa de Wrexham</i>	-	£250

It was further **Resolved:**

To defer consideration of the application submitted by Bellevue Playgroup pending further information.

104. PROPOSED CHANGES TO ARRIVA BUS SERVICE ROUTES.

A Member reported that a local Residents Association had advised him that the bus routes within Caia Park could potentially be changed because of accessibility issues as a result of inconsiderate parking making it difficult for buses to gain access to various streets.

As the bus service is not subsidised, the operator can vary the routes by way of giving notice of their intention and there is little opportunity for the County or Community Council to influence that decision.

It was noted that some changes around the Eagles meadow and St Giles Link Road had already been introduced.

Following discussion, it was **Resolved:**

To contact Arriva to ascertain if any changes are proposed and if there are, to discuss with them the reasons.

To discuss any proposed changes with the County Borough Council and Residents to see if and traffic measures can be put in place to assist with the protection of the existing routes.

105. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved: That no objection be raised to the following application

- (i) **P2013/0876 Hafod y Wern CP School, Deva Way, Wrexham.**
Revised plans and erection of 2.4m high perimeter fence and construction of new staff car parking.
- (ii) **P2015/0807 Units 5 & 6 Cambrian Industrial Estate, Rivulet Road, Wrexham**
Display of 2 no. externally illuminated panel signs

(Supplementary agenda)

- (iii) **P2015/0813 Sparkles Day Nursery, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham**
Side extension
- (iv) **P2015/0830 126 – 133 Cefndre, Wrexham**
Provision of off street parking and improvements to rear gardens

It was further **Resolved** that the Community Council express concerns over the quality of design and the flat roof proposal for the following application.

- (v) **P2015/0705 Gwenfro CP School, Queensway, Wrexham**
Erection of new community primary school including the demolition of existing community primary school.

106. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

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

107. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

6693	Colour Supplies	St Peter's Hall	*	71.75
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 11.94	
		CAS	* <u>37.97</u>	49.91
D.D.	Investec	General Admin	*	84.00
6698	Cash	CAS		244.99
6702	Royal British Legion	General Admin		50.00

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
D.D.	SSE Scottish Hydro	Cartrefle	*	857.39
D.D.	SSE Scottish Hydro	St Peter's Hall	*	71.23

6704	Bates Office Supplies	CAS	* 280.89	
		General Admin	* <u>2.09</u>	282.98
6705	Wrexham CBC	Envir/Amenity	*	1395.40 (VAT only on prev inv)
6705	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/Environment		2771.25 (Q2 crossing patrols)
6706	WNW	Cartrefle	* 103.11	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>155.87</u>	258.98
6707	Caia Park Partnership	SLA 3 rd installment		2000.00
6708	Powys LHB	Cartrefle	22.89	
		CAS	118.91	
		General Admin	<u>39.64</u>	181.44
6709	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	* 13.63	
		CAS	* <u>44.12</u>	61.75
6710	Illusion Morris Dancers	Donation		280.00
6711	St Marks Church	Donation		420.00
6712	Wrexham Futsal Youth Dev	Donation		350.00
6713	Caia Park Environ/ Group	Donation		106.00
6714	Caia Park Early Years Forum	Donation		598.00
6715	CLPW	Donation		250.00
6716	Petty Cash	General Admin		80.00
6716	Cash - K. Cramer	Community Agent		20.00
D.D.	Nat West Card (AVG Computer security)	General Admin	*	122.99
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 Nov)			
	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