

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
13th November 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:

PC 2713 S. Lovatt

PCSOs R. Humphreys & S. Pawley

Mr. Rory Sheehan

Cllr R. Prince (for Police matters)

- North Wales Police

- North Wales Police

- North Wales Newspapers

- County Councillor, Cartrefle Ward

80. ELECTION OF CHAIR

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, it was **Resolved:** *That Cllr C. Powell be elected Chair of the meeting.*

Cllr Powell presiding:

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Marc Jones, C. Harper, J. Johnson, M. King and C. Lloyd.

82. POLICE MATTERS

PC Lovatt presented the statistical information for the period October 2014 and the preceding 12 months. The incidents had increased for the month but that was attributed to a spate of burglaries at garage blocks, minor incidents of anti social behaviour at the shops on Prince Charles Road and as a result of Halloween and Bonfire Night.

It was noted that there had been a rise in burglary (other than dwellings) although that had been addressed and the situation had improved very recently. Dispersal powers had been used in the area of Trevanna Way and St Giles Crescent. There had been no major incidents in relation to Halloween or Bonfire Night although an incident had taken place in the Montrose Gardens area. CCTV footage was to be examined.

A member expressed concern over the recent problems encountered at Hafod y Wern School and vandalism that had taken place to the outdoor classroom. He reported that there was also evidence of drug related material being found within the school grounds. He felt that the Police had not responded promptly enough although it did emerge during the debate that a visit had been made to the school but the Headteacher was not available at the time. The Council was advised that discussions between the Police and school personnel had since taken place and various strategies had been put in place.

A member referred to gangs of youths congregating around the Kingsley Circle shops area which was particularly intimidating for older people visiting the shops. Members were urged to report such matters by telephoning the 101 line and were reminded of the new dispersal powers that could be used.

A member expressed concern over the relatively low number of recorded drug related incidents and felt that this was not a reflection of the true picture. The perception was that minor, indiscriminate dealing on the streets was not being addressed and seemed to be increasing. Whilst it was important to address the more significant drug issues, it was just as important to address the day to day issues that the general public witness on the streets.

PC Lovatt commented that much of the work around drug related activity is intelligence led and it is not always possible to stop and search individuals because they happen to be congregating in small groups. She assured members that the matter remained a high priority for the Police in the area. The Chair stated that he would raise the matter with the Inspector and the next Police / Councillor meeting.

83. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th October 2014 be received and adopted as a true record.

Matters arising:

84. OLDER PERSONS COMMUNITY AGENT (PM 71)

The Clerk reported that the Wrexham CBC Officer handling this project was exploring the possibility of a joint post to cover two communities with increased hours. This may make it more attractive and overcome recent recruitment difficulties.

85. GOAL POSTS (PM15 (i) 27,43, 55 & 72)

The Clerk confirmed that these had now been erected.

86. PAINTING UNDER WHITEGATE BRIDGE (PM 74)

As the Chair and Cllr J Johnson were absent, there was nothing further to report on this matter.

87. NOMINATION MINOR AUTHORITY GOVERNOR

The Clerk reminded members that they had resolved to ask Rev E. Owen for a nomination to serve as a Governor at Hafod y Wern School. He reported that Rev Owen had nominated Rev. Jonathan Smith. *Resolved:* To accept this nomination.

88. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr B Halley – Attended a meeting of Hafod y Wern CP School Governing Body and Pentre Gwyn Residents Association

Cllr B Pritchard - Attended a meeting of Hafod y Wern CP School Governing Body and Kingsley Circle Community Centre Management Committee.

Cllr B Cameron – Referred to a recent meeting he had attended in his capacity as County Councillor to discuss possible development proposals within his Ward

89. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received:

- (i) **Wrexham CBC – Management and maintenance of play areas**
Resolved: To consider this letter at agenda item 6
- (ii) **Natural resources Wales – Trees in Wales’ towns and cities**
Resolved: To note that correspondence and literature.
- (iii) **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – draft report 2015/16**
Resolved: To note the report and to re-affirm the Council’s decision not to pay personal allowances to members as detailed within Determination 42 of the report.
- (iv) **Wrexham CBC – Invitation to the Town & Community Council Forum meeting (11th December 2014)**
Resolved: To note the invitation (clashes with the December Community Council meeting)
- (v) **North Wales Fire & Rescue Budget Consultation**
Resolved: To note the consultation detail and addresses of the online survey.
- (vi) **Wrexham Area Civic Society – Invitation to Awards Evening 28th November.**
Resolved: To note the invitation
- (vii) **Letter from A. Roberts AM – Trunk Road Speeds**
Resolved: To note the letter.

Newsletters and reports

The following were received and noted:

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

90. COMMUNITY COUNCIL BUDGET OPTIONS 2015/16

The Clerk presented a report on the items funded by the Council in the 2014/15 budget were formally funded by Wrexham CBC. These being:

- Play areas – inspection and maintenance
- School crossing patrols
- Costs associated with Pentre Gwyn Community Centre

It was now necessary, as preparation for the 2015/16 budget, to consider if Members wished to continue funding these areas and include appropriate sums in the budget.

(i) School Crossing Patrols

It was reported that there had been a vacancy at Hafod y Wern School crossing since September but this had recently been filled. There had not been a Crossing Patrol Officer at the signalised crossing on Holt road for a similar period due to staff sickness and this situation was likely to extend into the New Year. A number of Members felt that as the Holt Road crossing was a signalised the presence of an officer was unnecessary and suggested that this post would be better employed to

cover St Anne's School on Prince Charles Road. Following discussion, it was **Resolved:**

- (i) *To continue to fund the school crossing patrols at Hafod y Wern and Gwenfro schools for 2015/16.*
- (ii) *To obtain an assessment of need from the Road Safety officer for St Anne's School and consider the position and that of Holt Road at the December meeting.*

(ii) Play Areas

The Clerk reported that currently the Community Council fund the inspection and maintenance of seven play areas and that in 2015 there would be a need to consider the Bala Road play area as the five year grant period comes to an end. It was noted that to date there had been no expenditure on repairs and maintenance as replaced minor items had been covered from existing stocks held by Wrexham CBC. Costs were estimated for 2015/16 as current arrangements plus an element for inflation.

It was **Resolved:**

To continue funding play areas as funded in 2014/15 with the addition of Bala Road play area.

(iii) Pentre Gwyn Community Centre

A comprehensive report was presented regarding Pentre Gwyn Community Centre. Given that some Members may have personal or prejudicial interests in this item and may need to withdraw from the meeting and as several members were not in attendance which could render the meeting inquorate this and the remaining sections of the report were deferred until the December meeting.

91. EAGLES MEADOW CAR PARKING CHARGES

This item had been placed on the agenda at the request of a Member given the local concerns over the proposed significant increases in car parking charges at Eagles Meadow that were due to be implemented on 1st November 2014. However, it was noted that the introduction of the charges had since been deferred.

It was **Resolved:**

*To contact the operators of the car park to express the Council's appreciation that the increased charges had been deferred.*⁹²

92. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE

The statistics for the period July – September 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 and the service level agreement entered into with a neighbouring Community Council. 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.

93. 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:*

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|-------|--------------------------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| (i) | <i>Caledonian Morris Dancers</i> | - | <i>£250.00</i> |
| (ii) | <i>St Marks Toddler Group</i> | - | <i>£945.00</i> |
| (iii) | <i>Caia Park Environmental Group (Xmas activities)</i> | - | <i>£305.70</i> |

(iv) Wrexham Portuguese Community - £500.00

94. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial statement for period ending 31st October 2014 was submitted.

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

95. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	*	13.40	
		CAS	*	<u>28.26</u>	41.66
6480	P. Donnellan	General Admin			31.00
D.D.	INVESTEC	General Admin	*		84.00
D.D.	EON	St Peter's Hall	*		61.10
D.D.	NATWEST (CARD)	St Peter's Hall	*		489.85
6489	Royal British Legion	General Admin			40.00

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall			13.92
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
6492	WNW	St Peter's Hall	*	125.56	
		Cartrefle	*	<u>68.86</u>	194.42
6493	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/Environment			1750.00
	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/Environment			669.00
6494	N. & Mid Wales Assoc Cls	General Admin			75.00
6495	Caledonian Morris Dancers	Donation			250.00
6496	St Marks Toddler Group	Donation			945.00
6497	Caia Park Environ Group	Donation			305.70
6498	Wxm Portuguese Community	Donation			500.00
D.D.	EON	Cartrefle	*		269.82
D.D.	EON	St Peter's Hall	*		42.05
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle			29.35
D.D.	Plus net	Cartrefle	*		32.03
	J. Francis (Salary Nov)	St Peter's Hall			
	G. Evans (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS			
	P. Donnellan (Travel)	CAS			
	K. Walker (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS			
	L. Mills (Sal adj)	CAS			
	S. Jones (Sal Nov)	CAS			
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Nov)			
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Nov)			

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

96. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members received details of the following application and it was **Resolved:**

That no objections be raised in respect of the following but that consideration should be given to granting a temporary permission in the first instance to assess the impact on neighbouring properties.

- (i) **P2014/0809 Gracelands, Hullah Lane, Wrexham**
Parking and operation of 2 no. private hire vehicles.