

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
14th April 2016 at Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham.

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

*Cllr B. Cameron	Cllr C. Lloyd
Cllr B. Halley	*Cllr C. Powell
*Cllr C. Harper	Cllr B. Pritchard
Cllr J. Johnson	Cllr P. M. Williams
Cllr S. Jones	Cllr Paul Williams
Cllr M. King	Vacancy

*Absent

Also present:

PCSO Robert Parry N. Wales Police

162. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. B. Cameron and A. K. Gregory.

163. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Parry presented the reported crime statistics for March 2016. Members expressed concern that the number of reported drugs related crimes were so low at only four for the month and that this did not reflect the true situation in terms of what was happening in the community. Many Members related witnessing incidents of blatant dealing within the community and it appeared that this happened quite frequently.

It was felt that the number of reported incidents were few as the general public was apathetic and felt that the matter would not be addressed anyway. As a result, it was felt that this was masking the full extent of the problem and Members urged the Police to take a more proactive role within the community on this issue.

Some Members commented that they have personally reported concerns directly to Police staff covering the community although this did not seem to be reflected in the numbers of reported incidents. It was felt that a higher level of intervention was required.

PCSO Parry acknowledged Members concerned and agreed to convey the comments to senior officers for action.

Arising from the above, it was mentioned that perhaps the CCTV cameras in certain areas are inoperative and it was agreed to check the situation with Wrexham County Borough Council.

Arising from previous meeting:

It was agreed at the March meeting that the Council would consider its three policing priorities for the forthcoming year. It was felt that the three areas which still needed seriously addressing were:

- Drug related issues
- Arson
- Anti social behaviour (including use of motorbikes on recreational land)

Accordingly, it was agreed that these would remain as the Council's three priorities.

Arising from the March meeting, PCSO Parry agreed to establish what criteria had been set by the Police & Crime Commissioner for accessing the £10k arson reduction funding allocated to Wrexham. He reported that he had not to date found out the criteria but would make further enquiries and report back to the May meeting.

He also confirmed that there would be PCSO representation at the next meeting of the Rhosnesni Residents Association.

164 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: *That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 10th March 2016 be received and adopted as a true record.*

Matters arising:

165. EXTENTION OF COMMUNITY AGENT SCHEME (PM 155 iii)

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged for 25th April to review the previous years work. As this meeting is some weeks after the start of the new financial year, Wrexham CBC had paid the grant for 2016-17, however if it is decided not to continue with the scheme, the grant would be repaid less any costs incurred to date.

166. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllrs. J. Johnson & Paul Williams – Attended Smithfield Residents Association.

167. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Wrexham CBC – Invitation to Annual meeting of Council – 17th May 2016

Resolved: *to note the invitation.*

(ii) The Planning Inspectorate – Procedural changes requiring Welsh Ministers to notify a relevant community(ies) of any applications for a Development of National Significance.

Resolved: *To note the correspondence*

(iii) North Wales Community Health Council – Press release inviting comments from interested parties on the District Nursing Service.

Resolved: To note the correspondence

(iv) Wrexham CBC – Consultation on Flood Risk Management Plan

Members considered the content of the draft plan in relation to the section covering Caia Park and having regard to the presentation by the Senior Flood Management Officer and Emergency Planning Officer given at the March meeting. The following observations were made:

- Para 7.2.2. refers to “Acton” and should be “Caia Park”
- Danger on over reliance on community involvement and volunteer flood wardens given that the majority of affected areas are Local Authority housing or commercial premises. Measures should not be over reliant on community involvement.
- Pleased to see the recognised issue that surface water flooding is a greater risk than river flooding. This reinforces the observations of the Community Council and reinforces the need to ensure all drainage matters are attended to in a timely manner (Gullies emptied regularly etc)
- Incidents of known flooding particularly at Rivulet Road. Early warning signals and regular maintenance of the grill across the river at Rivulet Road are essential.

Additional correspondence:

- (i)** Wrexham Area Civic Society – AGM Notice and In Focus newsletter

Resolved: To note the correspondence

168. THE WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015.

The Clerk presented a report on the implications of the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and how it affects certain qualifying Community Councils. In Wrexham, at the present time, some four Community Councils are affected including Caia Park as their income or expenditure exceeds £200k. It will be necessary for those Community Councils to contribute towards achieving the Public Service Board’s plan for the area and the seven goals contained within the act and to report annually on the Council’s progress. Members felt that it was important for Community Councils to be represented on the Public Service Board (PSB).

Following discussion, Members *Resolved: to note the report and await the formation of the PSB.*

169. 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) *Caia Park Environmental Group (Gardening Comp)* - £495

170. COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that a vacancy now existed for the Cartrefle Ward. This would be advertised in due course.

171. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved: That no objection be raised to the following applications

- (i) **P2016/0239 Marks & Spencer. 33 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham**
Display of 6 no. internally illuminated fascia signs and 2 no. non illuminated other signs.
- (ii) **P2016/0252 RAM Leisure. 32 Trinity House, Whitegate Ind. Est. , Wrexham**
Siting of 3 no. steel containers (in retrospect)

Additional application received day of meeting:

- (iii) **P2016/0338 Former Queensway garage, Queensway, Wrexham**
Change of use to dance studio providing classes for children and adults together with ancillary café.

Resolved: *That no objection be raised in respect of the following application providing the premises are an alternative location to those already existing rather than additional given the pedestrian designation of the street and potential conflict if additional vehicular traffic and movements are introduced.*

- (iv) **P2016/0274 Unit 1 Charles Street, Wrexham**
Change of use from hair salon to taxi/private hire office

172. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial statement for period ending 31st March 2016 was submitted. The Clerk also advised that the internal audit is scheduled to take place on 18th April 2016.

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

173. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: *That the following accounts payable in April 2016 be approved for payment.*

Accounts for payment April 2016

D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 55.70	
		CAS	* <u>143.87</u>	199.57
6807	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/Environ		4428.69
	(Pentre Gwyn and School Crossing Patrols)			

6808	The Venture	CAS		1197.78
6809	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	42.62

(Above accounts paid end March)

D.D.	Investec	General Admin	*	84.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		13.79
D.D.	Plus net	St Peter's Hall	*	12.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		667.75
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		151.20
6810	CPAG	CAS		123.50
6811	Bates Office Services	CAS	* 180.43	
		General Admin	* <u>19.83</u>	200.26
6812	Wrexham Area Civic Society	General Admin		25.00
6813	Caia Park Envir. Group	Donation		495.00
6815	Petty cash	General Admin		80.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		28.00
D.D.	Plus net	Cartrefle	*	32.03

	G. Evans (Travel)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel)	CAS		
	J. Carter (Travel)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	S. Jones (Sal Apr)	CAS		
	P. Rondel (Sal adj Apr)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Apr)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Apr)		

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable