

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014  
at Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham.

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

Cllr T. A. Birch	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:

Ms Lesley Griffiths AM

P.C. M. Laidlaw and P.C.S.O. D Stanton - N. Wales Police

Press representative

4 Members of public representing The Venture Mother & Toddler Group

**146. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C. Lloyd and M. King

**(Variation in agenda – agreed that in the absence of Police representatives at the start of the meeting, Ms. Lesley Griffiths be invited to speak).**

**147. VISIT BY MS LESLEY GRIFFITHS AM**

The Chair welcomed Ms. Lesley Griffiths AM to the meeting.

Ms. Griffiths advised that she had undertaken a number of visits to Community Councils in the Wrexham area, as time allowed, and invited Members to raise any issues or concerns they may have.

- (i) A Member referred to the parking problems on Caia Road and that consideration of a resident's parking permit scheme had not been successful. He felt that this was because the sheltered accommodation of one side of the road would not be interested as they have adequate off street parking to cater for their needs. Ms. Griffiths noted the concern and offered to assist where possible.
- (ii) Members questioned if the Local Authority settlement given by the Welsh Government in 2015/16 would be as difficult as it was in 2014/15 which resulted in severe cuts to services. Ms. Griffiths responded that she did not think they would be. Guidance is issued to Council's and it is up to them how they set their Council Tax although there are capping powers available to Welsh Government. She was critical of the way in which Wrexham CBC had handled reductions to its Leisure Services although recognised that statutory services had to be protected. It was a consequence of Welsh Government receiving a lower settlement and the fact that 46% of its budget is spent on Health. She felt that Councils had received 3 years of good settlements but had been advised that this was not sustainable in the long term.

- (iii) Members asked for more detail on the proposed Local Government Reorganisation and recently published Williams Report. Ms. Griffiths advised that it was likely to be out for consultation in the summer and would be surprised if Community Councils did not form part of a review.

**148. POLICE MATTERS**

The crime statistics for the previous month were tabled. Both officers present were unable to provide further detail or explanations relating to the information contained within the statistics. Members expressed concern that both the victim and non victim based recorded crime in the Queensway Ward had increased by over 100% when compared with the February figures.

Concern was expressed over ongoing issues in the area of Kingsley Circle and Sycamore Road. A Member reported that a property in Montrose Gardens had been vandalised and PCSO Stanton agreed to undertake a visit. It was suggested that the area should be monitored particularly since the Community Centre had closed, at the end of March. It was noted that the relocation of the Youth Club from the Community Centre to Caia Park Partnership had seen attendance fall from approximately 40 to 8.

Members again raised the issue of speeding vehicles on Cefn Road. The Clerk advised that speed recording was to be undertaken by Wrexham CBC. The Police representatives could not advise if any monitoring had been undertaken by Go Safe or by Police officers with hand held devices Members stated that they had not seen any monitoring taking place even though this has been promised for several months.

**149. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

***Resolved:***

*That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be received and adopted as a correct record.*

**Matters arising:**

**150. DRUG RELATED MATTERS (PM 132)**

The Clerk advised that he had written to Wrexham CBC and had received replies from both an officer representing the Community Safety Partnership and the Councillor with Lead Member responsibility, both agreeing to attend a meeting. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged for the near future and to invite representatives from the Police as well as representatives from the Community Council.

**151. KINGSLEY CIRCLE COMMUNITY CENTRE (PM137)**

The Clerk advised that he had not received and further communication from Glyndwr University following their original letter expressing interest in the Community Centre and that the Community Centre had in fact closed on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. A Member reported that meetings with the Management Committee and representatives of Wrexham CBC were still ongoing.

**152. STONHAM BASS (PM 143)**

The Clerk advised that he had received a reply from Wrexham CBC indicating that they had expressed concerns over the use of 41 Queensway as bail accommodation and support but had not received a reply from the Police in response to an email of

26<sup>th</sup> March specifically asking if they had objected. A recent letter had been sent to Mr. Ian Lucas MP and a reply was awaited.

**Variation in agenda – In view of the presence of members of the public specifically to report on agenda item 8 (requests for financial assistance), it was resolved that this item be brought forward to this point in the proceedings.**

**153. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**(i) Caia Park & Hightown Early Years Forum**

*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:*

*Caia Park & Hightown Early Years Forum - £2000.00*

**(ii) The Venture Parent & Toddler Group**

In accordance with the conditions of grant awarded in 2013/14, Members received an annual report on activities which had taken place during the year. In addition, in support of the current application, Ms. Karen Davies outlined their plans for the forthcoming year and two service users gave their perspective on the group.

Following discussion, it was **Resolved:**

*Not to make an award to The Venture Parent & Toddler Group.*

**154. MEMBERS REPORTS**

**Cllrs J. Johnson & A. K. Gregory** - Attended Smithfield Residents Assoc.

**154. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were received

**(i) Wrexham CBC - Invitation to attend Annual Meeting of Council**

*Resolved: To note the invitation*

**(ii) Wrexham CBC – Service Level Agreement – Play Areas**

Members received a draft service level agreement following their agreement to fund the play areas for 2014/15. Concern was expressed over the amount charged for a weekly litter clearance, and whilst accepted for this year may look to review this element before considering any renewal for 2015/16. It was also felt that the SLA should include an acknowledgement that any work or repairs required to equipment will need the authorisation of the Community Council prior to commencement. **Resolved: To accept the SLA subject to the foregoing matter being addressed.**

**(iii) Wrexham CBC – Service Level Agreement – School crossing patrols**

Members received a draft service level agreement following their agreement to fund the three school crossing patrols within the community for 2014/15.

**Resolved: To accept the SLA**

**(iv) Wrexham CBC – Notification of planning appeal (6 Coed y Bryn Wrexham) Resolved: To note the appeal**

**Additional correspondence:**

- (v) **Wrexham Early Years Centre** – Request for a replacement community governor nomination (Ms. J. McMinn) to replace PCSO Michelle Shirley who was unable to take up the appointment.

*Resolved: To support the nomination of Ms. J. McMinn as a replacement Community Governor*

- (vi) **Welsh Government – notification of appeal decision for preliminary consent for inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List.**

This related to an appeal made to Welsh Government by third parties opposed to the Health Boards decision to include an application by Mr R J Evans for preliminary consent for inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List. It was noted that the appeal had been allowed.

**NEWSLETTERS & REPORTS**

- (i) **Invitation to Wrexham Area Civic Society’s AGM and In Focus newsletter**

*Resolved: To note the correspondence*

**155. PLANING APPLICATIONS**

It was *resolved:*

*That no objections be raised in respect of:*

- (i) **P2014/0151 16 Millbank Rise, Wrexham**

Removal of existing porch and canopy and extension to provide new porch, WC and utility room

**156. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The financial statement for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 was submitted.

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

**157. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

*That the accounts due for payment in April be authorised for payment*

D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 55.32	
		CAS	* <u>127.01</u>	182.33
6378	WCBC	Amenity/Environemnt*		5000.00
6392	D.J. Consultants	Cartrefle	* 60.00	
		St Peter’s Hall	* <u>18.00</u>	78.00

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D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter’s Hall		12.45
D.D.	Plus net	CAS (St Peter’s)	*	12.00
D.D.	WCBC	Cartrefle		658.87
D.D.	WCBC	St. Peter’s Hall		154.60
D.D.	CAB	CAS	*	725.80
D.D.	CAB	CAS	*	39.00
6393	Don Hughes Electrical	Cartrefle	*	54.12
	Petty Cash	General Admin		80.00

6394	Caia Park & Hightown Early		
6395	Years Forum	Donation	2000.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle	24.04
D.D.	Plus net	Cartrefle	* 32.03
	J. Francis (Salary Apr)	St Peter's Hall	
	G. Evans (Sal & Travel)	CAS	
	P. Donellan (Travel)	CAS	
	J. Carter (Travel)	CAS	
	K. Walker (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS	
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Apr)	
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Apr)	

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable