

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 11th September 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

*Cllr S. Jones
*Cllr M. King
*Cllr C. Lloyd
*Cllr C. Powell
Cllr B. Pritchard
Cllr P. M. Williams

Also present:

Sgt Wesley Williams
Representative

- North Wales Police
- North Wales Newspapers

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. B. Halley, M. King, C. Lloyd and C. Powell

52. POLICE MATTERS

Sgt Williams presented the reported crime statistical information for the period August 2014 and the preceding 12 months. It was noted that a significant reduction in incidents of burglary other than dwellings over the past 5 months was recorded.

He advised that as from October he would be employed on other duties within the area and Sgt Darren Jacks was returning to his previous post and would be attending Community Council meetings in future. Sgt Williams was thanked for his support and contribution to the community.

Other matters:

(i) Motorbikes

Sgt Williams reported on an operation to deal with motorbike issues and this coupled with some policy changes had proved very effective.

(ii) Drug related issues

Reference was made to the recent number of warrants undertaken in the Caia and Hightown areas resulting in the successful seizure of a quantity of drugs.

A Member referred to a recent visit undertaken by the Lead Member of Wrexham CBC to problem areas within his ward where a number of discarded syringes were found.

(iii) Allotments – Pentre Gwyn

Concern was expressed over the frequency of shed break ins at the allotment site. Sgt Williams advised that this area technically falls within the Abenbury community and is therefore policed by the Rural Team, however in view of its proximity to Caia Park he had arranged for members of the Town Policing Team to work collaboratively. A number of ideas were suggested as deterrent

measures, including the relocation of the CCTV camera although it was felt that this had only recently been moved to Montrose Gardens. It was suggested that the Allotment Group may wish to submit a bid for financial assistance under the proceeds of crime fund.

- (iv) A Member reported that a number of push bikes had been stolen in the area and asked if post code marking could be promoted again. It was noted that marking had taken place at Caia Park Partnership, St Peter's Hall and Queensway Sports Centre as well as at various community events.

53. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th July be received and adopted as a true record.

54. OLDER PERSONS COMMUNITY AGENT

The Clerk reported that since the July meeting details had been received of the post and it had been extensively advertised within the community on two occasions. There had only been one expression of interest received (after the closing date) and discussions had taken place with Wrexham CBC staff to see if alternative ways of securing the post could be explored. It appeared that their preferred option was for the Community Council to assume the employer role with Wrexham CBC giving a grant to the Community Council to cover salary costs and miscellaneous expenditure. They were not prepared to fund a published newspaper advertisement.

Members felt that the hourly rate did not fairly recompense the post holder for the duties outlined in the job description and this may have led to recruitment problems. Subsequently, and in view of the tight timescale, Wrexham CBC had suggested contacting another community to see if there was any greater interest and then if the funding was extended beyond April 2015 to contact Caia at that time. It was noted that of the other three community areas approached, Glyn Cerriog had appointed, Rhos had declined to take part and Acton were in the process of recruiting.

Members noted the situation with regret and hoped that Caia could benefit from the scheme in the future.

55. GOAL POSTS (PM15 (i) 27 & 43)

It was noted that the goal posts had still not been erected although this had been promised to take place within the next seven days.

56. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (PM 48)

The Clerk reported that the application relating to Eaglets Sports Academy had now been resolved and the grant awarded

57. MEMBERS REPORTS

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

At the meeting a request was made to close the footpath from Greenbank Street to Rivulet Road (located alongside the industrial units) as this area is often heavily littered, attracts fly tipping and attracts anti social activities. It was *Resolved:* That the Community Council ask that Wrexham County Borough Council consider this request.

Cllr B Cameron – Attended a meeting of the newly formed Pentre Gwyn, Tan y Coed and Coed y Bryn Community Association. He advised that a Chair and Secretary had been appointed.

58. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received:

- (i) **Wrexham CBC – Review of polling districts and places**
Members were advised that in accordance with statutory procedures it is necessary for the County Borough Council to review polling districts and places. In Caia, there are a number of split sites which act as polling stations and this sometimes causes confusion and may result in a poor turn out at election time.
Following discussion, it was **Resolved:** *To recommend
The Cartrefle Ward have a single polling station based at the Community Council Offices, Cefn Road.
The Wynnstay Ward have a single polling station based at The Venture, Garner Road.
That the County Borough Council explore an alternative to Wrexham ITEC as a polling station for Whitegate Ward (possibly Hightown Resource Centre)
That the existing arrangements for Queensway and Smithfield Wards continue.*
- (ii) **Dee Valley Water – Draft drought plan**
Resolved: *To note the draft document*
- (iii) **Change Step – Introductory letter advising of their services.**
Resolved: *To note the details*
- (iv) **Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal**
Resolved: *To purchase a wreath for the Remembrance Service.*
- (v) **Wrexham C.B.C. Details of next Town & Community Council Forum Meeting – 18th September 2014)**
Resolved: *To note that the meeting had subsequently been cancelled.*
- (vi) **Gresford Colliery Disaster Memorial Events**
Resolved: *To note details of the events planned by Wrexham Museum Service and details of the two memorial services scheduled for 22nd September.*
- (vii) **Wrexham C.B.C. Invitation to Mayor’s charity dinner dance**
Resolved: *To note the invitation*

Newsletters and reports

The following were received and noted:

- (i) Wrexham Area Civic Society Newsletter

59. PROPOSALS FOR MARKED CYCLE WAY ON CEFN ROAD

The Clerk advised that he had received a copy of a plan to provide a proposed marked cycle way on lengths of Cefn Road and that the Highways Department had indicated that interactive speed signs could be included following requests and concerns by both Caia and Abenbury Community Councils. It was **Resolved:** *to support the project.*

60. W.G. WHITE PAPER – DEVOLUTION, DEMOCRACY AND DELIVERY

The Clerk presented a report on the above and indicated the implications for Town and Community Councils as listed in the Williams' Report. Members felt that any proposed mergers at Community Council level should only be considered following a local review acknowledging different types of communities and possibly increased housing development proposed through Local Development Plans. It was **Resolved:** *to await further detail with regard to community reviews.*

61. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members received details of applications processed during the August recess as follows:

- (i) **P/2014/0497 Land off Whitegate Road, Wrexham**
Construction of 12 dwellings – No objection
- (ii) **P/2014/0517 1 Mazda House, Market Street, Wrexham**
Installation of air conditioning unit and external flue – No objection
- (iii) **P/2014/0585 17 Manley Road, Wrexham**
Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 8 new apartments – No objection

In addition, the following applications were considered and it was **Resolved:** *That no objections be raised in respect of:*

- (i) **P/2014/0597 Brynycabanau Rd., Wrexham (Offa Community)**
Removal of existing 10m high monopole/antennae and replace with new 15m high telecommunication column including antenna.
- (ii) **P/2014/0636 Tesco Stores, Crescent Road, Wrexham**
Display of advertisements 3 no. fascia signs and one free standing sign
- (iii) **P/2014/0637 Tesco Stores, Crescent Road, Wrexham**
Installation of extraction grills and air conditioning condenser

Resolved: To support the decision of the County Borough Council's Aboricultural Officer

(iv) P/2014/0640 Land between 6 Hillrise and 153 Kingsmill Road, Wrexham

Side prune back by 2-3 metres branches overhanging garden (protected by TPO WMBC No.41

(Cllr B. Cameron declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item)

62. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE STATISTICS

Members received the quarterly statistics (April – June) for the Advice Service. The Clerk mentioned that the additional services provided through the Communities First programme were improving. **Resolved:** To note the statistics

63. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial statements for period ending 31st July and 31st August 2014 were submitted. **Resolved:** That the financial statements for the periods be received and adopted.

64. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

That the accounts paid during August (approved in consultation with the Chair) be noted

D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	*	10.41	
		CAS	*	<u>51.38</u>	61.79 (Phones)
D.D.	EON	St Peter's Hall	*		48.98 (Electricity)
6443	Cash	CAS (Client grant)			205.93 (Advice service Client – Wxm Charity in need)
6445	Eaglets Sports Academy	Donation			500.00

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall			12.45 (Water)
D.D.	Plus net	St Peter's Hall	*		10.00 (Internet)
D.D.	WCBC	Cartrefle			654.00 (Rates)
D.D.	WCBC	St. Peter's Hall			151.00 (Rates)
D.D.	Natwest Card (Ruffles)	General Admin	*		357.60 (New shredder)
6447	Bates Office Supplies	General Admin	*	54.62	
		CAS	*	27.46	
		St Peter's Hall	*	<u>12.60</u>	94.68 (Stationery)
6448	UHY Hacker Young	General Admin	*		780.00 (Ext audit fee)
6449	WNW	Cartrefle	*	136.36	
		St Peter's Hall	*	<u>210.67</u>	347.03 (Cleaning mats)
6450	Morgan Fire & Security	St Peter's Hall	*		96.00 (alarm call out)
6451	WCBC	Environment			5724.50 (Play area charges Six months)
6452	Walker Fire UK Ltd	St Peter's Hall	*		176.18 (Annual fire equip check)
D.D.	EON	Cartrefle	*		222.23 (Electricity)

D.D.	CAB	CAS		31.50 (Books/Posters)
D.D.	CAB	CAS		8.00 (Poster)
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		29.42 (Water)
D.D.	Plus net	Cartrefle	*	32.03 (Internet)
	J. Francis (Salary Aug)	St Peter's Hall		
	G. Evans (Sal & Travel)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel)	CAS		
	J. Carter (Travel)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	L. Mills (Sal adj)	CAS		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Aug)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Aug)		

That the accounts due for payment in September be approved:

D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 9.92	
		CAS	* <u>30.29</u>	40.21 (Telephones)
D.D.	EON	St Peter's Hall	*	35.78 (Electricity)
6459	British Gas	St Peters Hall	*	98.16 (Gas)

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		13.92 (Water)
D.D.	Plus net	St Peter's Hall	*	10.00 (Internet)
D.D.	WCBC	Cartrefle		654.00 (Rates)
D.D.	WCBC	St. Peter's Hall		151.00 (Rates)
D.D.	EON	St Peter's Hall	*	27.60 (Electricity)
6460	DSW	Amenity/Environment*		180.00 (CCTV)
6461	Bates Office Supplies	General Admin	*	13.78 (Office supplies)
6462	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/Environment		2625.00 (School patrols)
6463	Caia Park Partnership	CAS		390.00 (Advice rent)
6464	Caia Park Partnership	SLA (2 nd installment)		2000.00 (SLA)
	LASA	CAS		24.00 (Subscription)
	Petty cash	General Admin		50.00
D.D.	PHS	Cartrefle	*	581.86 (Waste disposal)
D.D.	PHS	Cartrefle	*	83.94 (Waste licence)
D.D.	EON	Cartrefle	*	202.69 (Electricity)
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		29.42 (Water)
D.D.	Plus net	Cartrefle	*	32.03 (Internet)
	J. Francis (Salary Sep)	St Peter's Hall		
	G. Evans (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	L. Mills (Sal adj)	CAS		
	S. Jones (Sal Sep)	CAS		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Sep)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Sep)		

* Includes VAT which is refundable

