

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 12th December
2013 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:

Temporary Inspector P. Wycherley and P.C. W. Williams - N. Wales Police
L. Randall – Press

89. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T. Birch, M. King,
C. Lloyd and P. Williams.

90. POLICE MATTERS

Mr Paul Wycherley reported that Inspector Mark Williams had been seconded to another position for several months and that as a result he would be assuming the role of Temporary Inspector. He introduced P.C. W. Williams who will be a new Community Beat Manager in view of a forthcoming retirement.

The crime statistics for the previous month were tabled and a general discussion on the content followed. It was noted that incidents of non domestic burglary had remained low for the past two months. This had been targeted as a Police priority. It was noted that the Police were working closely with the Arson Reduction Team and various initiatives were being employed. It was noted that another “Phoenix Course” for young people was underway which highlighted the dangers and consequences of arson. Additional outreach youth work was being undertaken and environmental clean up days had been organised. It was noted that there had been six reported incidents of arson since the last Council meeting, although these were not all vehicle related.

Concern was expressed that young people were seen out on the streets late at night and the apparent lack of parental responsibility for their welfare and behaviour. This had been witnessed by Police, Arson Reduction Team and Outreach Youth Workers.

Other matters:

- (i) Concern over behaviour and anti social activities taking place around the Kinglsey Circle shops area – Police to monitor and report back next month. P.C. Williams also offered to visit homes in the vicinity that may be affected.
- (ii) Update given on the operation carried out in the town centre to reduce public order offences including 48 hr bans on offenders preventing them entering the town centre. This was proving effective and no evidence to suggest that the problems were being displaced to other areas.
- (iii) Concern in Smithfield over the continuing practice of damaging car mirrors and aerals usually occurring late at night
- (iv) Concern over possible drug handling / use in the Whitegate bridge area. It was reported that extra patrols had been employed and the situation would continue to be monitored.
- (v) General discussion over the effectiveness of reporting incidents via the 101 telephone line. General consensus was that matters had improved recently.
- (vi) It was agreed that the criminal damage and arson statistics would be shown separately in future reports.
- (vii) Noted that the Community Council CCTV camera had provided useful evidence in relation to a recent burglary.
- (viii) Insp. Wycherley advised that the Fire Reduction Team would give a presentation to the Community Council at the January meeting.

91. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14th November 2013 be received and adopted as a correct record subject to an amendment to Minute 78 as the outreach work was not being undertaken by the Youth Justice Team but via contract with Caia Park Partnership. There were no other matters arising.

92. WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS (PM73 & 80)

The Clerk presented an update report prepared since the last meeting which included details of the risk assessments undertaken on the manned school crossings, the proposed future use of Queensway House and footway lighting. Details of the findings of the community survey were also included within the report for each area of service under consideration as well as budgetary implications. Two petitions from young people were tabled relating to play areas and community centres.

The Clerk also advised that the agreed resolution from the November meeting had been relayed to the County Borough Council and would be considered as part of the overall observations on the reshaping services consultation exercise which ended on 11th December.

Following discussion, it was unanimously **Resolved:**

- (i) *To fund the cost of the three school crossing patrols at Gwenfro(Queensway) and Hafod y Wern (Prince Charles Road / Deva Way) and Alexandra (Holt Road) for a period of 12 months from April 2014 at a cost of £3,500 each.*
- (ii) *To fund the running costs and any necessary repair costs associated with Pentre Gwyn Community Centre by way of reimbursement to Wrexham CBC for a period of 12 months from April 2014. During this time the County Borough Council would undertake a staffing review and a possible Management Committee could be established to take responsibility for the centre.*
- (iii) *Not to fund the any costs associated with Kingsley Circle Community centre.*
- (iv) *To fund the costs associated with the play areas / facilities listed below relating to inspection, repair, litter picking and grass cutting (where applicable) by way of reimbursement to Wrexham CBC from April 2014. This arrangement to be reviewed after 12 months*
 - (i) *Queensway youth shelter and skate park*
 - (ii) *Prince Charles Road MUGA*
 - (iii) *Prince Charles Road play area*
 - (iv) *Pentre Gwyn play area*
 - (v) *Abenbury Fields play area*
 - (vi) *Benjamin Road / Pigeon House Field play area*
 - (vii) *Pont Wen / Whitegate Road play facility*

To consider other play areas and facilities as and when grant funding expires.

- (v) *To note that it is unlikely there will be any change to footway lighting funding for 2014/15 across the four town areas but that this may change in subsequent years.*
- (vi) *That the above funding should be met by reconfiguring the existing budget and reserves as far as possible without resulting in an increase to the precept.*

*It was further **Resolved:***

Not to financially support the youth shelter situated off Prince Charles Road which has been damaged and unusable for a considerable period.

93. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. B. Halley - Attended Hafod y Wern Governing Body meeting and annual concert.

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

Cllr B. Cameron - Attended meetings to discuss the Hightown Surgery facility and current difficulties with the Health Board and GP Practice.

Members expressed concern that this matter seemed to be taking a considerable period to resolve and that patients were extremely concerned and worried over the future arrangements. It was **Resolved:**

To write to Betsi Cadwaldr UHB expressing concern and also to the Community Health Council and GP Practice.

94. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were considered:

- (i) **NHS Wales – notification of refusal of preliminary consent for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list at Chester Road, Wrexham.**

Resolved: *To note the letter*

- (ii) **Wrexham Early Years Centre – request for representative on the Governing Body**

Resolved: *To support the nomination of PCSO Michelle Shirley*

ITEM OF URGENT BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that he had now received the draft lease for the office accommodation leased to the Community Health Council details as previously agreed. This was now presented by solicitors acting for signature by the Chair and Clerk.

Resolved: *To authorise the signing of the lease.*

95. **PLANING APPLICATIONS**

It was **resolved:** *That no objections be raised in respect of:*

- (i) **P2013/0781 St Anne’s RC Primary School, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham**

Erection of new double mobile classroom.

96. **REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

- (i) **Caia Park Environmental Group – assistance with storage costs**

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 Environmental Group - £80.32

97. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(i) The financial statement for period ending 30th November 2013 was submitted.
Resolved: That the financial statement for the period be received and adopted.

(ii) Investment Strategy

The Clerk presented a report on the Council's investments and advised that the fixed rate bond entered into in November 2012 had recently matured and that at the moment no other bonds were available although one different deposit account had been sourced paying a slightly higher rate of interest. It was agreed to note the report but keep under review if opportunities for other bonds arise in the New Year.

98. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

That the accounts due for payment in December be authorised for payment

6313	CPL Petroleum	Cartrefle		1520.27
6314	Powys LHB	General Admin	195.51	
		Cartrefle	<u>19.26</u>	214.77
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 10.97	
		CAS	* <u>27.43</u>	38.40
6320	British Gas	St Peter's Hall	*	342.96

D.D.	WCBC Rates	Cartrefle		642.00
D.D.	WCBC Rates	St Peter's Hall		148.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		12.45
D.D.	Plus net	CAS (St Peter's)	*	12.00
D.D.	Plus net	General Admin	*	32.03
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		24.04
6321	Rayworth Web Design	External Grant		500.00
6322	SLCC	General Admin		165.00
6323	Caia Park Partnership	SLA (3 rd Inst)		2000.00
6324	The Venture	Donation (3 rd Inst)		2000.00
D.D	EON	Cartefle	*	264.43
6325	Caia Park Env. Group	Donation		80.32
	J. Francis (Salary Dec)	St Peter's Hall		
	G. Evans (Sal adj & Travel)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel)	CAS		
	J. Carter (Travel)	CAS		
	P. Rondel(Sal adj Dec)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Dec)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Dec)		

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable