

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held remotely via Zoom on
8th October 2020

Cllr M. King (Chair) A/V
*Cllr M. J. Downward (Vice Chair)

Cllr B. Cameron (A/V)	Cllr J. Johnson (A/V)
* Cllr L. C. Crawford	Cllr S. Jones (A/V)
Cllr A. K. Gregory (A/V)	Cllr C. Lloyd (A)
Cllr B. Halley (A)	* Cllr L. M. Platt
Cllr C. Harper (A/V)	* Cllr C. Powell
Cllr A. J. Jeorrett (A/V)	* Cllr Paul Williams

*Absent

Key (A/V) = Audio and visual presence
(A) = Audio presence

59. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L. Platt and P. Williams

60. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 10th September 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Arising:

61. CONTRACTOR'S COMPOUND WAVEL AVENUE (PM 51)

The Clerk advised that he had contacted the manager of the Caia Estate Office and her response was conveyed to the meeting. A Member felt that the contractors were still starting before the agreed time and leaving vehicles in the area overnight to the inconvenience of residents. It was **RESOLVED:** *to convey these concerns to the Estate Office Manager.*

62. LED LIGHTING (PM 53)

The Clerk read a response received from the Chief Officer: Environment at Wrexham CBC and Cllr. B. Cameron stated that he was meeting with officers to discuss the matter further on 16th October. It was **RESOLVED:**
To circulate his response to all Members of the Council.
To contact the Clerk at Gwersyllt Community Council to ascertain how they dealt with the issue

63. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllr. J. Johnson – (Supplementary agenda – planning applications) Application P/2020/0564
Caia Park Partnership – Personal & Prejudicial as an employee of Caia Park Partnership.
Cllr. M. King – (Supplementary agenda – planning applications) Application P/2020/0564
Caia Park Partnership – Personal & Prejudicial as a Trustee of Caia Park Partnership.

64. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr M. King: Referred to the recent successful and welcome Police activity in the community in relation to drug dealing with 21 arrests made.

Cllr. C. Harper: Briefly outlined the Safer Streets funding attracted by the Queensway Ward which would result in additional initiatives to help reduce crime such as increased CCTV, ANPR cameras and alleygating.

Cllr. A. Jeorrett: Had taken up with Wrexham CBC the increased littering which was occurring in the Smithfield Ward.

Cllr. B. Halley: Attended a remote Governor's meeting at Hafod y Wern C.P.

Cllr C. Lloyd: Reported that the allotments at Pentre Gwyn had been subject to recent vandalism.

Cllr. B. Cameron: Mentioned that a recent meeting had been held with Wrexham CBC to progress the refurbishment of Pentre Gwyn play area. Tenders had been received and were being appraised via the procurement process.

65. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES 2020/21

The Clerk reminded members that this was originally reported in May 2020 but that resolutions had not been formally made with regard to the discretionary determinations. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED:**

- (i) **Determination 43** – *To make one payment of £500 available in recognition of specific responsibilities.*
- (ii) *To pay expenses in relation to **determinations 45** (travel), **46** (overnight stay/subsistence) and **47** (financial loss)*
- (iii) **Determinations 49 & 50** *Not to make any payment for a civic leader or deputy.*

66. BUDGET 2021/22

The Clerk outlined the existing budgetary provision and extended that forward for a further year with certain assumptions with regards to inflation and pay awards. It also showed a reduction in the Amenities and Environment budget of £2000 and did not make any allowance for by elections. Applying the same precept would see a projected in year surplus of some £8k.

Members commented on the current pension contributions which gave a rebate for three years (ending in 2023) and the retirement of a part time advice worker with an assumption that this resultant vacancy would not be filled in the short term. It was also pointed out that because of the Covid 19 situation, 2020/21 was not likely to be a typical year for income or expenditure.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED:** *To hold a specific budget workshop in the near future.*

67. WILDFLOWER PLANTING SCHEME

The Clerk provided details of the proposed planting scheme to take place at the Community Council Offices. Members were complimentary of the work carried out in the community to date. It was reported that the woodland to the rear of Caia Park Partnership was heavily littered again and needed clearing. It was also suggested that an additional area for consideration could be the bank at Vyrnwy Way at the junction of Berwyn View.

68. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The Financial Statement for period ending 30th September 2020 was submitted.

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

69. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: **That the accounts for payment in October be approved:**

D.D.	Pace Telecom	CAS	*	373.56	
		General Admin	*	<u>249.05</u>	622.61
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Road	*		137.78
7545	J. Carter (Expenses)	CAS			

Accounts above the line have already been paid either by direct debit or in the case of cheques, because they were deemed to be urgent or previously agreed)

D.D.	WCBC	Prince Charles Road			527.00 (Rates)
D.D.	Natwest card (Zoom month 5)	General Admin	*		14.39
7555	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	7.59	
		Cas	*	<u>7.60</u>	15.19
	Royal British Legion (Card)	General Admin			50.00
D.D.	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Road			39.22 (Water rates)
	K. Davies	Sal adj/expenses (Oct)			
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Oct)			
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Oct)			

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

70. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

(i) The Clerk advised that following the September meeting quotations had been sought for CCTV camera installation at the Community Council Offices.

RESOLVED: *To accept the quotation for two external and one internal camera to be funded from the capital receipt.*

(ii) The Clerk advised that as outlined in the budget report, it had been necessary to replace the heating boiler which had been condemned following the annual gas maintenance inspection.

RESOLVED: *To note the action taken and fund from the capital reserve.*

(iii) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following were received after the agenda had been published but if held over until November would be out of time for representations to be made.

P/2020/0564 Caia Park Partnership. Prince Charles Road, Wrexham.

Siting of shipping containers

RESOLVED: *Concern expressed. Visual impact given the number of containers proposed. Request adequate screening/landscaping, temporary permission, traffic impact and colour of containers to be considered.*

(Cllrs J. Johnson and M. King declared an interest as outlined in Minute 63 above and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

P/2020/0585 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham

3m x 6m free standing advertising unit

RESOLVED: *Object. Detrimental to road safety and visual impact.*