

It was appreciated that Community Councils may find difficulty in producing a relevant report as it was necessary for close liaison with the PSB and to be aware of any actions or initiatives being taken so that Community Councils could contribute in a meaningful way. It was noted

that a meeting had been arranged at Bodelwyddan for 30th November specifically aimed at supporting Community Councils.

The Chair commented that the challenge would be to draw together different groups from within the community to support priorities of the PSB. A Member commented that the plan may have more relevance if it was ward based rather than county wide as some items are more relevant to certain areas depending on the degree of deprivation or affluence. Ms. Odunaiya commented that this is the first plan and it did not drill down to that level however any Community Council could feed back information, observations or request a change of emphasis or priority when the plan is reviewed. Other Members commented that some of the work was already being undertaken through volunteering within the community and school governorships.

The first Community Council report would need to be produced by March 2020 and Ms Odunaiya offered to support and work with the Council in the future.

97. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Davies reported on the crime incidents for the month on a ward basis. He apologised that they had not been sent out in advance and would ensure they are emailed to the Clerk for distribution to Members. It was reported that there are three operations currently running.

Members were reminded that with the darker evenings they should be vigilant within the community for properties without lights or cars indicating the occupiers are not in as there had been a sharp increase in burglaries. Similarly, if any vulnerable residents are identified please mention to the PCSO team. Police shifts had been rearranged to ensure that there was surveillance throughout the night.

It was noted that motorbikes were still causing problems in certain areas. It was reported that garage block inspections were still taking place with the cooperation of the Housing Estate Office.

It was pleasing to note that the anti- social behavior previously occurring in the Wynnstay Ward was much improved.

98. CAIA PARK PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION – THE PEOPLE’S HEALTH TRUST

Mr. Kristian Losztyl outlined his work as the officer responsible for delivering the “Local Conversation” programme which is funded through the People’s Health Trust using money raised through the Health Lottery. The aim of the project is to build on community strengths, combatting isolation, supporting volunteering, encouraging learning, safety and the environment, young people and older people. In addition, the administration of a small grant scheme for new and existing groups in Caia Park.

The progression of the scheme is overseen by a Steering Group of 18+ members who are all residents from the community. The membership of the steering group is fluid and open to anyone from the community who expresses an interest to become involved.

Following a brief discussion, Members thanked Mr Losztyn for his presentation.

99. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Members interest.

100. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 11th October 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising:

101. SUBWAY OFF QUEENSWAY (PM 14iv, 28, 48, 66, 83)

It was reported that the work had now been completed.

102. USE OF GLYPHOSATE WEEDKILLER (PM84)

The Clerk reported that a letter had recently been sent to Lesley Griffiths AM and a reply was awaited. He advised that Wexham CCBC had confirmed that they are committed to working to keep spraying to a minimum and are continuing to learn from other authorities on their approach to weed control. They are of the opinion that the changes made are very much in the spirit of the framework of the Well Being and Future Generations Act.

103. LETTER OF SUPPORT MELIN Y BREIN (PM87 iii)

The Clerk confirmed a letter of support had been sent to the Directors of Melin y Brein and that an executive summary of their business case had been received.

104. TOGETHER IN WREXHAM FUNDING APPLICATION

The Clerk reported that the application had been endorsed and returned to the applicants.

105. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. A. Jeorett expressed her concern over the amount of litter deposited in the community and canvassed views and the level of support for a Caia Park wide litter clean- up day. She reported that Cllr R. Prince was supportive and that Keep Wales Tidy would help organise.

A general discussion followed on the loss of some litter bins in the area in recent years, the frequency of emptying and the lack of Streetscene staff in the event of their absence from duties. It was **RESOLVED:** *To invite an officer from Wrexham CBC to the next meeting to discuss provision and operation matters generally.*

Cllr. A. Jeorett raised the issue of speeding traffic on Hightown Road which had been verified by speed monitoring. It was agreed that the provision of an interactive sign be place on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr. C. Lloyd reported that she had attended a meeting of the Pentre Gwyn, Tan y Coed and Coed y Bryn Residents Association.

Cllr. B. Halley attended the community bonfire and congratulated the organisers on another successful event.

Cllr. L Platt referred to successful arson reduction work undertaken by the Fire Service which had positive outcomes.

106. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) **Wrexham County Borough Council – Notification of the making of a tree preservation order for trees at St Anne’s School**

RESOLVED: To support the making of the order

(ii) **Wrexham Area Civic Society – Invitation to attend the Annual Awards on 23rd November - Noted**

Supplementary:

(iii) **Wrexham CBC – Notification of an application for premises licence, Hightown Post Office – Noted.**

(iv) **Wrexham CBC – Notification of meeting to be held at Bodelwyddan Community Centre to discuss the annual reporting under the Well-being and Future Generations Act – RESOLVED: That the Chair attend the meeting**

(v) **Application for financial assistance – Caia Park Environmental Group.**

The Clerk reported that an application had been received after distributing the agenda for financial assistance to support Christmas Activities planned for 7th December. Given that the next Community Council meeting would take place after the event, Members were asked to consider the application at this meeting.

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 £50

Newsletters:

(i) Wrexham Area Civic Society – In Touch

(ii) Nightingale House Hospice

107. CONCLUSION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT (PM 88)

The Clerk reported that the Annual return had now been returned by the external Auditors and the Council had received an unqualified report.

108. DETACHED OUTREACH YOUTH WORK REPORT APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2018

Members received the six-monthly report from Caia Park Partnership Outreach Youth Team in accordance with the service level agreement. A Member commented how valuable the work being undertaken was within the community. Members *RESOLVED: To note the report*

109. BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES – REVIEW OF ELECTORAL WARD OF WREXHAM CBC

The Chair reported that the Boundary Commission for Wales was undertaking a review of ward boundaries for the principal authority and preliminary discussions had taken place at County

level. Their aim is to try and reduce the level of disparity in terms of the number of electors per ward given that the largest ward at present has 3107 electors and the smallest has 1222. The Boundary Commission have to work to specific legislative requirements as laid down by Welsh Government and adhere to their timetable for completion of the review. They are currently inviting observations until mid-January after which time they will produce draft proposals for further consultation in the Summer of 2019. As part of the review they are required to take into account those voters who have not registered to vote and, as far as possible, proposed housing developments that may increase ward numbers. Community Councils are also encouraged to submit their views.

Members debated the general principles and following discussion, it was **RESOLVED:**

That the Chair and Clerk formulate a response following discussions with the other County Ward Members for Caia Park.

It was further resolved:

That as a matter of basic principle, the Community Council would not wish to see a reduction in the number of councillors representing the community (currently 5)

That to reduce levels of disparity it was recognised that ward boundaries may need to change or incorporate other areas on the periphery of the community.

That full consideration should be given to the number of non-registered voters.

110. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The financial statement for period ending 31st October 2018 was submitted.

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

111. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: *That the following schedule of accounts for November be paid:*

D.D.	Pace telecom	CAS	* 416.87	
		General Admin	* <u>243.30</u>	660.17

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peters Hall		8.64
D.D.	Plus Net	CAS Admin		12.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		175.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Road		478.00
7296	Besthost	General Admin		10.50
7297	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Road		155.00
7297	Wrexham CBC	Sch Crossing patrols Q2		3291.00
7298	Bates Office Services	Gen Admin	* 43.18	
		CAS	* <u>45.08</u>	88.26
7299	J. W. Hinds	Prince Charles Rd	180.00	
		St Peter's Hall	<u>180.00</u>	360.00
7305	Petty cash stamps	Gen Admin	20.00	
		CAS	<u>60.00</u>	80.00
	Wrexham CBC	Pentre Gwyn CC		2450.97**

** Amount may reduce when income received from Res Assoc.

7300	Caia Park Environ Group	Donation		50.00
D.D.	SSE (Gas)	Prince Charles Road	*	185.46
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Road	8	140.02
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	St Peters Hall	*	302.23
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		42.24

K. Walker (sal adj) CAS
 H.M. Revenue & Customs Tax NI (Nov)
 Clwyd Pension Fund Pensions (Nov)

*Includes VAT which is reclaimable.