

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
10th January 2019 at the Community Council Offices, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham

Cllr M. King (Chair)
Cllr B. Cameron (Vice Chair)

*Cllr T. Calverley	Cllr J. Johnson
* Cllr L. C. Crawford	*Cllr S. Jones
Cllr M. J. Downward	* Cllr C. Lloyd
Cllr B. Halley	*Cllr L. M. Platt
Cllr C. Harper	Cllr C. Powell
Cllr A. J. Jeorrett	*Cllr Paul Williams
*Absent	

Also present: Mr. R. Sheehan	Reporter Wrexham Leader
Sgt. Simon Lewis & PCSO J. Seymour	North Wales Police
1 Representative	Caia Park Partnership

130. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S. Jones, C. Lloyd and P. Williams

131. POLICE MATTERS

Sgt Lewis and PCSO Jack Seymour reported on the crime incidents for the month on a ward basis.

Whitegate:

Problems encountered with rough sleepers in the area, in particular during the Summer months. Still gathering intelligence on the use of motorbikes on the playing fields and open areas. Evidence of drug use around the play areas seems to have increased.

Queensway:

Ongoing concerns in relation to activity in Y Wern area. Cllr Harper advised that discussions had taken place with the Housing Estate Office, Tenancy Enforcement and the Police. Sgt Lewis advised that very few incidents had been reported to the Police about his area and urged everyone to ensure that incidents are reported promptly. Concern was expressed over the delay and practical difficulties with installing the CCTV camera in the area. It was agreed that Cllr Harper and the Clerk would arrange to meet with a representative from Wrexham CBC's street lighting section to discuss.

Smithfield:

Reported incidents of anti-social behavior at Barons Road. Members reported possible drug related activity taking place at an address within the Ward.

Wynnstay:

One reported incident of a burglary otherwise much improved.

Cartrefle:

Significant amount of call relating to off road motorbikes and a reported incident of anti-social behavior/ neighbourhood dispute.

Members were advised of a forthcoming operation in relation to off road motorbikes following the acquisition of some detection material. Sgt Lewis also mention that the Force now had drones at its disposal although the resource was limited and did not suit every occasion.

132. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Members interest at this point in the meeting although it was recognised that if detailed discussion took place on individual aspects of the budget then certain Members would need to consider their position at that point.

133. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential meeting held on 13th December 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising:

134. USE OF GLYPHOSATE WEEDKILLER (PM84, 102, 118)

The Clerk reported that there had been no further communication from Welsh Government. It was **RESOLVED:** *To advise the Assembly Member and request an update.*

135. LITTER (PM105, 119)

The Clerk advised Members that the working group had not met to date and it was anticipated that this would take place within the month.

136. UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MEMBERS REPORTS (PM120)

Street Lighting:

Concern that a considerable number of lights still appeared to be not working and that there was delays in getting them repaired. A large number of lights were inoperative in the Whitegate Ward which seemed to coincide with works being undertaken by Virgin Media in the area. **RESOLVED:** *To invite a representative from Virgin Media to attend the February meeting to discuss concerns in relation to the lights and to establish if the investigation into alleged inappropriate behavior by their contracting staff had been concluded.*

Cllr Harper advised that some lights in Y Wern appeared to have been deliberately recently vandalised. **RESOLVED:** *To request Wrexham CBC to repair the lights identified as a matter of urgency and preferably replace them with led type lanterns.*

Members were concerned that lights may be being vandalised to hamper detection or to encourage anti-social activities.

Interactive Speed Sign – Hightown Road

Cllr Jeorrett and The Clerk advised that discussions had taken place with Wrexham CBC Highways Department and a suitable sign identified. It is hoped to agree a location for the sign soon.

137. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr A. Jeorrett – Reported that despite the dog fouling stencils being handed to Wrexham CBC and a list of locations identified, nothing has been done even though the matter had been progressed by her on several occasions. The Clerk confirmed that the stencils were

collected some months ago. **RESOLVED:** *To contact the officer concerned requesting an urgent update.*

Cllr. B. Cameron – Reported that consultation had taken pace with residents in the immediate vicinity of the toddler’s play area at Pentre Gwyn regarding some possible refurbishment work (subject to finance) and that a meeting had been scheduled for 18th January with officers from Wrexham CBC to explore options.

138. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Welsh Government – response to the Independent Review into Town & Community Councils.

The Clerk reminded Members of the independent review which had taken place earlier in the year and the series of recommendations made by the Panel. Welsh Government were advising that they would not be issuing a detailed response to the review and that the findings are seen as a start of a conversation about how an expanded role for community councils can be achieved and that it is their wish to explore this with Councils rather than predetermine what the Welsh Government position should be. They identified a set of actions that Welsh Government intends to take over the remainder of this Assembly term.

RESOLVED: *To note the statement and guidance.*

139. TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET & PRECEPT REQUIREMENT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20

Members considered a report presented by the Clerk and received the notes of the budget workshops held on 15th November and 6th December together with the recommendations. Based on the decisions of those workshops, Members were presented with a draft budget for consideration which included a community council precept rise of 4% and a statement in relation to projected balances.

A Member expressed concern that certain aspects of expenditure were not sustainable in the long term without significant increases in the precept and that she was unable to support anything higher than a 3% increase in the current climate.

RESOLVED: *That the draft budget be adopted and a council tax precept of £ £221,020 be levied representing an increase of 4% over the level set in 2018-19 (Voting was 6 votes for and 2 against)*

Arising from the above, it was suggested that more advance planning takes place with perhaps a priority list or community plan being drawn up. The Clerk advised that he and the Chair were to attend a meeting to discuss the Public Service Board wellbeing plan on 11th January and this may influence future provision or priorities of the Community Council.

140. ANNUAL REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members considered the Council’s Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. The Clerk advised that the Standing Orders had not be amended since 2012 and that this year they have been redrafted without significant change but presented slightly differently to include an index page and those orders that are set by stature in bold type.

In terms of the Financial Regulations, there was one recommendation made by the internal auditors in relation to the business credit card and the proposed changes were shown in red on the draft Regulations.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as presented.

141. FINANCIAL MONITORING

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

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

141. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the following schedule of accounts for January be paid:

D.D.	Pace telecom	CAS	* 364.54	
		General Admin	* <u>230.50</u>	595.04
7324	British Gas	St Peter's Hall	*	678.63
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D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peters Hall		8.64
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Road		478.00
7325	Information Commissioner	General Admin		40.00
7326	Graphic Office Supplies	General Admin	* 8.17	
		CAS	* <u>24.54</u>	32.71
7327	Caia Park Partnership	SLA (final inst)		2000.00
7331	Petty cash (stamps)	CAS	60.00	
		General Admin	<u>20.00</u>	80.00
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Rd	*	137.93
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		46.58
	K. Walker (sal adj)	CAS		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Jan)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Jan)		

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable