

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on  
10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the Community Council Offices, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham

Cllr M. King (Chair)  
Cllr M. J. Downward (Vice Chair)

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

PCSOs Nicholas Perry & Kelvin Evans	North Wales Police
Reporter	Wrexham Leader

#### 71. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S. Jones, C. Lloyd, L. Plat and P. Williams. The Chair referred to the particular circumstances surrounding the absence of Cllr. Crawford **RESOLVED:** *That Cllr. Crawford be granted authorised and extended leave of absence.* L of

#### 72. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Perry presented the crime trends for each Ward. In Whitegate, there have been several reports of criminal damage and work is being undertaken to address the drug supply in the area. In Queensway, there had been a robbery at a commercial premises, a wounding incident and an occurrence of arson in the Bryn Hafod area. In Smithfield there are ongoing operations being undertaken in response to concerns raised. Wynnstay has been quiet for the month with no incidents of concern and in Cartrefle reports of criminal damage, ongoing problems with off road bikes and suspected drug use/supply near the footbridge over Cefn Road.

The PCSOs mentioned the deployment of the passive Police dog in Wrexham town which has proved successful and enquired if the Community Council would wish to fund visits to the community. A charge is necessary as the dog and handler are primarily employed by Cheshire Constabulary. More details to be provided to the next meeting.

#### **Raised by Members:**

Drug activity Pentre Gwyn/ Tan y Coed near play area.

Vandalism/arson to street lights in Wynnstay Ward – no further information.

Off road motor bikes continue to be a problem across all Wards.

The Clerk reported that he and three members had attended a meeting with the Inspector for the area along with the other town community councils. The Inspector asked if the community council was happy with the format of the monthly reports and invited suggestions for improvement.

Members felt that contact details should be given for all officers listed on the cover sheet and whilst they were generally happy with the ward breakdown information, perhaps an overview every six months could be given on overall trends for each category of crime.

**73. PRESENTATION – PLASTIC FREE WREXHAM**

Ms Iona Hughes was welcomed to the meeting and she gave some background information on the organisation which is run by a group of volunteers. She reported that the group had signed a pledge with “Surfers against Sewage” who primarily are involved with preventing plastic from entering the sea. Whilst geographically Wrexham is not by the sea it does have rivers and watercourses and the same principle applies. She was confident Wrexham could be plastic free and Llangollen and Anglesey have already achieved that objective. The group have already signed a memorandum with the “refill campaign” aimed at re-use rather than single use plastic bottles. They hope to promote their activities within Wrexham initially and then extend to all surrounding villages.

Their initial aim is also to:

- Work with the Local Authority to reduce single use plastics by changing procurement and working with schools. Two County Councillors are on their committee.
- Involve 24 local businesses within the town centre.
- Encourage cafes to adopt the refill scheme (employing an app. to identify participants)
- Encourage the Local Authority to provide water fountains.

A general discussion followed focused on how the community council can become involved and extend the message to other organisations within the community. It was noted that the Council does not use single use plastic bottles in its offices and so in a small way are working towards their goals. Members also agreed to consider how they could promote the work within the community. Ms Hughes offered any help or support she could give in the future but pointed out that work is currently undertaken by volunteers. Ms. Hughes was thanked for her presentation.

**74. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Interest were declared by:

Cllr M. King (Agenda item 9 request for financial assistance The Venture)  
Personal & prejudicial – employee of The Venture

Cllr C. Powell (Agenda item 9 request for financial assistance The Venture)  
Personal & prejudicial – employee of The Venture

**75. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Matters arising:**

**76. REFURBISHMENT OF PENTRE GWYN PLAY AREA (PM41 & 58)**

The Clerk reported that he had received a communication from the grant awarding body to say that a decision would be conveyed by w/e 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**77. DOG FOULING (PM42 & 59)**

It was reported that the anti dog fouling stencils and paint had been received and some work undertaken in the Smithfield Ward

**78. LITTER (PM 43 & 60)**

It was reported that the clearing of the River Gwenfro had been delayed but was likely to commence imminently.

Members were advised that a reply had been received from the Chief Environment Officer (Wrexham CBC) relating to the deployment of street cleaners across the County Borough and outlined proposed changes to working practices for the future. The response was noted.

**79. REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE (PM63)**

The Clerk reported that the Remembrance Day wreath had been ordered. **RESOLVED:** *That Cllrs B. Halley and C. Lloyd lay the wreath on behalf of the Council.*

**80. COUNCIL PRIORITIES 2020 -21 (PM65)**

The Clerk reminded Members that the next budget workshop would be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

**81. MEMBERS REPORTS**

**Cllr B. Halley:** Meeting of the Governing Body of Hafod y Wern C.P. School.

**82. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following item of correspondence were received:

- (i) **Dogs Trust Campaigns Team** – Request to participate in Dogs Trust community events. **RESOLVED:** *To respond suggesting they contact Caia Park Partnership who have previously hosted events and have a greater public footfall at their premises*

**83. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were considered. It was **RESOLVED:**

- (i) **P/2019/0692 Tesco Stores Ltd, Crescent Road, Wrexham**  
Display of four advertisements – **No objections**
- (ii) **P/2019/0719 173 Kingsmills Road, Wrexham LL13 0NS**  
Erection of three bed dwelling and access arrangements – **No observations**
- (iii) **P/2019/0757 The Acorns, Wilson Avenue, Wrexham**  
Single storey extension to provide living space for 1 no additional resident – **No objections**

**84. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

It was **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:*

- (i) *Wales Air Ambulance* - £100
- (ii) *The Venture community bonfire* - £1000

(Cllrs M. King and C. Powell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application as employees of The Venture and withdrew from the meeting whilst it was considered)

**85. CLIMATE CHANGE / ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The Clerk reported that quotations were being sought for the replacement of internal and external lighting with led lamps.

A meeting to discuss ecology projects was being convened by the Ecologist for Wrexham CBC which would benefit Caia Park.

A verbal update on the recently installed CCTV camera was given

**86. FINANCIAL MONITORING**

The Financial Statements for period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 was submitted.

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

**87. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That the following schedule of accounts for October be approved for payment:

	D.D. Pace Telecom	CAS	* 364.60	
		General Admin	* <u>241.78</u>	606.38
7426	RBL Poppy Appeal	General Admin		50.00
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D.D.	Wrexham CBC (rates)	Prince Charles Rd		506.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		46.58
7427	The Venture	Children's Services (1/2 yr)		7644.00
7428	Graphic Office Systems	CAS	* 29.44	
		General Admin	* <u>9.82</u>	39.26
D.D.	NATWEST CARD (Stencil Warehouse/ Screwfix)	Amenity/environment	*	78.35
	7429 Wrexham CBC (Election)	General Admin	*	789.83
7430	MFS Systems	Prince Charles Rd	*	438.00
	JDH Business Services	Gen. Admin (GDPR)	*	1200.00
7431	The Venture	Donations (Bonfire)		1000.00
7432	Wales Air Ambulance	Donation		100.00
7433	SR Electrical & Security	Capital environment	*	2388.00
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Rd	*	148.09
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Oct)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Oct)		

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

