

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

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

Vacancy	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  
PCSO Nicholas Perry  
Dr. D. Richardson  
Mr. J. Stumpp

Reporter Wrexham Leader  
N. Wales Police  
Caia Park Partnership  
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#### 174. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C. Harper, S. Jones, C. Lloyd, L. Platt and C. Powell

#### 175. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Perry presented an overview of activity within the wards for the previous month and members asked questions on aspects of the report particularly in relation to progress made with deterring off road motorcycles. It was noted that the use of the DNA spray had still not been introduced as there had been a delay in preparing policies for its use. Members also raised individual ward based issues.

He reported that at the moment, because of staffing changes, he was the only PCSO based in Caia Park. Members were disappointed to hear this as two months ago the compliment was 3 PCSOs with an assurance given that recruitment was taking place which would address the shortfall.

It was felt that allowing for holidays and shift patters, the current position was woefully inadequate for a community with a population of some 13000 residents. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED:**

- (i) *To invite the relevant Inspector to the next meeting of the Community Council*
- (ii) *To write to the Chief Constable, Police & Crime Commissioner and Lead Member for Community Safety at Wrexham CBC requesting that this position be addressed as urgently as possible.*

#### **176. PRESENTATION BY CAIA PARK PARTNERSHIP YOUTH OUTREACH TEAM**

The Chair invited Mr. Jonathan Stumpp to address members on the work of the Youth Outreach Team with whom the Community Council have a service level agreement.

Mr. Stumpp advised that the traditional end of year report would be available soon but in the interim was able to advise that over the year the team had made 1000 contacts with 400 different individuals. The team operated across the five wards in the community and usually provided three sessions per week on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening.

It was noted that the Youth Workers would approach young people to inter-act with them or the young people may approach them for specific advice or support, usually to discuss problems or seek out advice on what services were available. The Team would also promote certain topics for discussion such as highlighting the dangers of arson and working with the N. Wales Fire Service. Other topics raised included aggression, anti-social behaviour, being arrested, alcohol use, employment, sexual health, housing, mental health and theft including handling stolen goods.

Asked if the workers target areas where it is known the young people might be, Mr. Stumpp replied that they do so only if there are regular patterns and areas of concern but routinely try to cover all wards equally. Members were invited to contact him if there are particular areas of concern within their wards.

A Member commented that he felt the service was worthwhile and that the community were fortunate to have such support which is often lacking in cities and other areas. It was noted that the costs to the Community Council had not changed for many years and that this may have to be reviewed in the near future or the level of provision reduced accordingly.

Mr. Stumpp was thanked for his presentation and Members looked forward to receiving the end of year report.

#### **177. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of Members interests

#### **178. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 14<sup>h</sup> March 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

#### **Matters arising:**

#### **179. VIRGIN MEDIA (PM144, 162)**

It was felt that there had been a deterioration in re-instatement work across the community which was disappointing given the better standard of work in the early stages.

It was *RESOLVED*:

- (i) *To write to Virgin Media again expressing concerns*
- (ii) *Write to the Chief Officer for Environment at Wrexham CBC expressing the Community Council's dissatisfaction and to seek assurances that the areas will be tidied and left in good order.*

**180. USE OF GLYPHOSATE WEEDKILLER (PM84, 102, 118, 134, 147, 163)**

The Clerk reported a response received from the Environment Department of Wrexham CBC outlining working practice undertaken and confirming that they had trialled alternatives to glyphosate and are awaiting grant funding opportunities before such alternatives can be used. It was agreed to forward a copy of the response to Cllr R. Prince.

**181. COMMUNITY COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCY (PM153, 166)**

The Clerk reported that three nominations had been submitted for the vacancy and that an election would take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

**182. LITTER (PM105, 119, 135, 148, 164)**

The Clerk reported that the new litter bins had been received and recently installed at the agreed locations.

**183. MEMBERS REPORTS**

**(i) Lighting of MUGA**

A Member raised a question over the lack of lighting at the MUGA off the Queensway. Members were reminded that when the MUGA was first built lights were not included in the scheme. Some consultation took place in 2015 in the immediate vicinity which generally supported the installation of lights. Costing were obtained and amounted to over £35k as a new electrical feed was required. As a result, the Community Council resolved in February 2016 not to proceed with the scheme which was cost prohibitive given the limited benefits.

**(ii) Community “clean up” week**

It was suggested that a meeting of the Task and Finish Group be convened to recommend to Council a date for the clean-up week given that a considerable lead in time is required to make the necessary arrangements as well as liaising with other partners such as the Housing Estate Office and Streetscene. It was agreed that the Clerk would discuss with other agencies and place the matter on the agenda for the May Council meeting.

**184. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) Neighbourhood Economics/AVOW** – Information on a two year pilot scheme in targeted communities (including Caia Park) to support and encourage members of the community to consider whether self-employment is an option for them. It was envisaged that there would be a staff presence in the community over the period and that they would seek to work with local partner agencies. - **Noted**

**(ii) Wrexham CBC** – Details of a consultation to increase capacity at Barker’s Lane CP – **Noted**

**(iii) Letter from CND Cymru** – Providing details of a Government proposal to seek a Welsh Community to volunteer to host a Geological Disposal facility (burial of Nuclear Waste) **RESOLVED:** *To confirm that Caia Park Community will not volunteer to host an underground Geological Disposal Facility and to advise CND accordingly.*

(iv) **Community Health Council** – Seeking views on experiences where a patient has had to stay in hospital longer than is needed – **Noted**

**Supplementary:**

- (v) **One Voice Wales** – Consultation to amend the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 - **Noted**
- (vi) **North Wales Fire & Rescue Service** – Reminder of free safe and well checks for residents – **RESOLVED:** *To invite a representative to attend a future meeting of the Council.*
- (vii) **Betsi Cadwaladr UHB** – Notification of the award of contracts for the Hillcrest, Forge Road and Borrass Park surgeries – **Noted.**
- (viii) **Wrexham CBC – Service Level Agreement for play provision to be undertaken at Gwenfro Valley in 2019/20** – **RESOLVED:** *To sign the Service Level Agreement.*
- (ix) **Wrexham Area Civic Society** – Invitation to the AGM and copy of In Touch newsletter – **Noted.**

**185. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** That no objections be raised to the following planning applications.:

- (i) **P/2019/0202 Bus shelter. St George’s Crescent Wrexham**  
Display of internally illuminated advertising unit forming integral part of bus shelter
- (ii) **P/2019/0231 Old Wrexham Sawmills, Rivulet Road, Wrexham**  
Erection of open canopy 12m x 6m (in retrospect)
- (iii) **P/2019/0263 Nant Silyn, Pont Wen, Wrexham**  
Erection of 14 dwellings (8 apartments, 2 houses, 1 two bed bungalow and 1 one bed bungalow)

**186. 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) *Wrexham Allotment and Leisure Gardener’s Assoc* £50

**187. FINANCIAL MONITORING**

The Financial Statement for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March was submitted. The Clerk advised that the annual internal audit would take place on 12<sup>th</sup> April and that the annual accounts and external audit return would be presented to the May meeting of Council. All Members present confirmed that they had no involvement or interests with the external auditors to confirm impartiality.

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

## 188. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

D.D.	Pace telecom	CAS	* 363.41	
		General Admin	* <u>231.56</u>	594.97
7363	Child Poverty Action Group	CAS		78.00
7364	Broxap (litter bins)	Environment	*	1843.20
7365	Graphic Office Systems	Cas	* 33.97	
		Gen Admin	* <u>33.96</u>	67.93
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D.D.	CPAG	CAS		78.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC (rates)	Prince Charles Rd		509.07
7366	Wrexham CBC	Children's services	*	2664.24 (Repairs)
7366	Wrexham CBC	Children's services Crossing Qtr 4		3291.00
7366	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/ Environment		649.32
7367	Wrexham Area Civic Soc	General Admin		25.00
7368	Wrexham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Assoc	Donation		50.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		46.58
	K. Walker (sal adj Apr)	CAS		
	K. Davies (Sal April)	Community Agent		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Apr )		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Apr)		

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

