

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
12th September 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

PC John Clarke & PCSO Nicholas Perry North Wales Police
A. Wadeson, D. Richardson and K. Losztyn Caia Park Partnership
2 Residents (W. Shone & C. Watson)

53. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M. Downward. and S. Jones

54. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Perry presented the crime trends for each Ward. In Whitegate, Queensway and Smithfield Wards there have been reports of drug use/ dealing which is being addressed. Members were advised that operations were being conducted in certain areas, warrants had recently been executed as well as individual addresses visited.

Off road motor bikes continue to be a problem across all Wards and work is ongoing with this as well as using the DNA spray and liaising with Housing and Tenancy Enforcement.

Members referred to issues at the Crescent Road/ Colwyn Road steps area, which the Police are aware of and are seeking to address. A brief discussion followed on members of the public providing information and their details being kept confidential. All were assured that this is the case.

55. PEOPLE'S HEALTH TRUST – LOCAL CONVERSATION PROGRAMME

Mr. K. Losztyn supported by two residents presented their Strategy Document to the Council. Members were told it had been compiled following a series of focus group meetings and outlined their priorities for the future within the community. The project is funded by People's Health Trust using monies provided by Health Lottery Wales and is essentially resident led.

The three priorities identified are Safety and the environment, Older People and Young People with a series of actions planned for each priority together with a list of partners

who may wish to get involved or offer support. Lead residents had been identified to promote each priority.

Members felt that specific time targets for achieving some of the actions and priorities would provide more focus and were concerned that without full dialogue and engagement there was a danger of duplication with more than one group trying to achieve the same goal. It was also mentioned that one of the nominated residents was unaware he was expected to be involved, however it emerged this was a typing error within the report. It was also recognized that a significant amount of work relied on support from an Older People's Forum which had not yet been established in a meaningful form.

Members thanks those giving the presentation and wished them well with its aims for the future.

56. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Members interests.

57. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary & Confidential meeting held on 11th July 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising:

58. REFURBISHMENT OF PENTRE GWYN PLAY AREA (PM41)

The Clerk reported that the grant application had been submitted and a decision should be reached by the awarding body by the end of October.

59. DOG FOULING (PM42)

It was reported that different types of signs had been considered but any with text rather than just symbols would need to be supplied bi-lingually. It was **RESOLVED:** *To purchase the same signs as previously but in a larger size together with suitable marker paint. In addition, it was further resolved to contact local Primary Schools to see if they could arrange a poster competition outlining the negative effect of dog fouling as well as exploring the purchase of dog poo bag dispensers.*

60. LITTER (PM 43)

It was noted that a representative from Keep Wales Tidy had recently attended a meeting at Caia Park Partnership to outline their change in working and support offered to communities. A representative of the Community Council had attended. The concept is that communities will arrange litter hubs supported by Keep Wales Tidy and organise their own litter picks as and when required.

It was reported that the clearing of the River Gwenfro was likely to commence imminently.

County Councillors present referred to a recent workshop held to discuss litter and to consider suggestions for a way forward. It emerged at that meeting that it was proposed for beat sweepers to be working as a group targeting areas rather than individually in Ward areas. A

general discussion followed with Members being unsure of which areas has beat sweeper provision and which did not and expressed concern over the equality of service.

It was **RESOLVED:** *To write to the Chief Office (Environment) at Wrexham CBC for a summary of where beat sweepers are deployed and to illicit when the new working proposals will be introduced.*

61. ST MARKS CHURCH (PM43)

A Member referred to a recent invitation to attend St Marks Church to discuss options for the future. It was reported that the meeting was very poorly attended indicating little interest to support alternative uses for the Church building in the future.

62. MEMBERS REPORTS

A Member referred to recent correspondence he had received from pupils at St. Joseph's School via TCC relating to plastic free initiatives and restricting the use of plastic bottles. It was **RESOLVED:** *To invite a representative of Plastic Free Wrexham to address a future meeting of the Community Council and to also invite two representatives from St Joseph's School to attend that meeting.*

63. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received:

- (i) **Wrexham CBC – Invitation to Mayor's Dinner Dance (4th Oct) – Noted**
- (ii) **Wrexham CBC – Invitation to participate in Remembrance Day Service (10th Nov) – Council to take part and make arrangements to order poppy wreath.**
- (iii) **FCC Environmental – Invitation to liaison meeting (23rd Sept) – Noted**
- (iv) **Wrexham CBC – Decision notice on proposal to increase capacity a Barker's Lane C.P. – Noted**
- (v) **Wrexham Area Civic Society Newsletter – Noted**

- Late items**
- (vi) **Vic Studios – Invitation to attend Friends of the Vic (11th Oct) – Noted**
- (vii) **Welsh Water – details of works to waste water network during October – Noted**
- (viii) **Homestart Wrexham – Invitation to AGM (27th Sept) - Noted**

64. ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT COMPLETION

The Clerk reported that the external audit had now been completed by Messrs. Grant Thornton on behalf of Wales Audit and that the Council had received an unqualified audit report with no matters being raised.

RESOLVED: *To note the conclusion of the annual audit and to appoint JDH Business Services as internal auditors for Financial Year 2019-20*

65. COUNCIL PRIORITIES 2020 -21

The Clerk reminded Members that this matter was scheduled to be considered at the September meeting and he presented a brief report. He pointed out that the full details were not included in view of the earlier presentation by the People's Health Trust which could have had financial implications for the Community Council. It was suggested that under the circumstances it would be appropriate to hold Member budget workshops prior to the budget being agreed later in the year. **RESOLVED:** *To organise a budget workshop hopefully to be held before the end of September.*

66. CLIMATE CHANGE / ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

A general discussion took place. It was agreed earlier in the meeting to invite Plastic Free Wrexham to a future meeting. It was further agreed to investigate:
Changing the Community Council Office car park lights to led.
To consider changing the internal lighting as far as practicable to led.
To take advantage of any initiatives (in conjunction with Wrexham CBC Ecology Officer) for planting in the area.

67. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Cllr Jeorrett reported back on an initial meeting which had taken place to try and progress this matter further. It was acknowledged that it would be a slow process but support would be given by Wrexham CBC Youth Service Participation Workers who have offered to set up meetings, offer training and provide resources to promote the concept in schools.

68. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported that there had been two applications received during the August recess. These had been circulated to ward members and no objections received. The applications were:

- (i) P/2019/0523 57 Goodwick Drive - Parking and operation of 1 no. private hire operators vehicle.
- (ii) P/2019/0555 Wickes. Border Retail Park, Wrexham - Display of one banner frame sign

The following applications were considered:

- (i) P/2019/0601 24 Rose Grove, Wrexham – Parking and operation of 2 no. private hire vehicles (one 9 seater minibus and one car) **No objection**
- (ii) P/2019/0622 Unit 8/9 South Arcade, Chester St., Wrexham – Use of ground floor as a tattoo parlour – **No objection**
- (iii) P/2019/0636 65 Salop Road, Wrexham – Change of use from single dwelling to 5 bed house in multiple occupation – **Object** lack of off street parking and intensification of use which may lead to highway safety issues given the proximity of the dwelling to retail units and the protected box junction at the traffic lights on a main arterial route into town.

69. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The Financial Statements for period ending 31st July and 31st August 2019 was submitted.

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

70. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the following schedule of accounts for August be noted and the accounts for September be approved for payment:

AUGUST

D.D.	Pace Telecom	CAS	* 390.60	
		General Admin	* <u>257.00</u>	647.60

D.D.	Wrexham CBC (rates)	Prince Charles Rd		506.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		46.58
7410	Caia Park Partnership	SLA's children		2000.00
7411	Graphic Office Systems	CAS	* 22.01	
		General Admin	* <u>7.34</u>	29.35
7412	Besthost	General Admin		10.50
7413	Charlie Rayworth Website	General Admin		550.00
7414	Topwood Ltd	General Admin	* 14.40	
		CAS	* <u>43.20</u>	57.60
D.D.	Siemens	General Admin	*	84.00
D.D.	SSE (Gas)	Prince Charles Rd.	*	214.12
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Rd	*	121.12

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

SEPTEMBER

D.D.	Pace Telecom	CAS	* 358.48	
		General Admin	* <u>241.74</u>	600.22
7418	Natti Graphic Design	Community Agent		107.00

D.D.	Wrexham CBC (rates)	Prince Charles Rd		506.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		46.58
7419	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/Environment*		1091.28
7420	Graphic Office Systems	CAS	* 27.06	
		General Admin	* <u>9.02</u>	36.08
D.D.	PHS	Prince Charles Rd.	*	72.00

D.D.	PHS	Prince Charles Rd	*	202.01
7421	Bates Office Services	CAS	* 47.41	
		General Admin	* <u>68.17</u>	115.58
7422	J. W. Hinds	Prince Charles Road		360.00
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Road	*	137.78

K. Davies (Travel June-Aug) Community Agent

K. Walker (sal. Adj. Sept) CAS

H.M. Revenue & Customs Tax NI (Sept)

Clwyd Pension Fund Pensions (Sept)

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable