

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on
13th February 2020 at the Community Council Offices, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham

Cllr M. King (Chair)

*Cllr M. J. Downward (Vice Chair)

Cllr B. Cameron
* Cllr L. C. Crawford
* Cllr A. K. Gregory
Cllr B. Halley
* Cllr C. Harper
Cllr A. J. Jeorrett
*Absent

Cllr J. Johnson
Cllr S. Jones
Cllr C. Lloyd
Cllr L. M. Platt
*Cllr C. Powell
Cllr Paul Williams

PC James Duffy
PCSO Lauren Willdig

N. Wales Police

Reporter
Representative

Wrexham Leader
Caia Park Partnership

118. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C. Harper and C. Powell

119. POLICE MATTERS

The monthly Police update was presented including the telephone contact details for the PC's and PCSO's covering the community. There were no new concerns this month however there is still an ongoing issue with off road motor bikes and this had resulted, this month, in a road traffic accident involving a motorbike and child who, it was reported, was not injured.

Various leads are being pursued and Members were urged to remind members of the public to inform the Police with any information. This can be done anonymously via the "Safecall" facility on the N.W. Police website, the 101 call-line or by emailing CaiaSectorWrexhamTow@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

An update was given on drug related crime and information given on a property closure order and forthcoming initiatives. Members felt that it was important any information received is acted upon as inaction on drug related matters undermines public confidence.

The Police representative advised that they work closely with the Housing Estate Office and Tenancy Enforcement.

A Member commented that now the staffing complement had been restored, concern had recently been expressed that there was a lack of foot patrols in the Smithfield area. PC Duffy stated that he would investigate.

120. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllr M. King:

Agenda item 7(i) Working Group Caia Park Partnership (CPP) as a Trustee of CPP
Agenda Item 9 Monitoring Report from The Venture – as Manager of The Venture

Cllr. J. Johnson:

Agenda item 7(i) Working Group Caia Park Partnership (CPP) as an employee of CPP

Cllr. L. Platt:

Agenda Item 9 Monitoring Report - The Venture – as employee of The Venture

Cllrs B. Halley and C. Lloyd

Agenda item 11(i) Application for financial assistance Pentre Gwyn/Tan y Coed Pensioners Club – as volunteers with the group.

121. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential meetings held on 9th January 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Arising:

122. FUTURE OF LIBRARY SERVICE (PM107i)

The Clerk reported that he had written as requested but to date had not received a reply.

123. TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM (PM 107ii)

The Clerk advised that he had attended this meeting. Topics discussed included a presentation by OWL on the future of the service, introduction of charters between community council and Wrexham CBC, funding for delegated services and an update on council tax rates for 2020/21.

124. CCTV PROVISION (PM 117)

The Clerk reported that Wrexham CBC had agreed for a group of members to visit the CCTV control room. **RESOLVED:** *That Cllrs. B. Cameron, B. Halley, C, Harper, M. King C. Lloyd and A. Jeorrett attend.*

125. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr B. Halley: Attended working group meeting to discuss the re-modelling of St Marks' Church. He commented that only a small number of people attended. A general discussion followed on the use made of and need for community centre type facilities

Cllr A. Jeorrett: Attended a meeting with Keep Wales Tidy and the newly appointed Coordinator for the green infrastructure project. Dates for litter picks had been discussed and a schedule agreed. It was agreed that these would be circulated to Members.

Cllr S. Jones: Attended a liaison meeting with FCC Environmental at their Bryn Lane recycling and recovery facility which he found interesting and informative.

Cllrs. C. Lloyd and B. Cameron: Attended Pentre Gwyn Residents Association monthly meeting

126. CORRESPONDENCE

The following item of correspondence were received:

(i) QP Live Music Development Group

Letter requesting Council support for a summer music event to be held between 12noon and 6pm on 18th July 2020 on The Dunks and requesting permission to use the Council car park for the afternoon for parking purposes.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the Council support the license application when submitted and details are confirmed*
- ii. That permission is given to use the car park from noon until 6pm for the parking of vehicles.*

(ii) Wrexham CBC – Service Level Agreement for the maintenance, and inspection of play areas.

RESOLVED: *That the service level agreement be signed on the terms as contained within.*

(iii) Wrexham CBC – consultation on a new proposed dog control and fouling Public Space Protection Order – Noted

(iv) Glyndwr University – Survey information on travel barriers existing in finding employment in N. Wales – Noted. Members requested that the University be contacted to advise that there were not only barriers for employment but also for community members wishing to access services and leisure activities because of poor public transport leading to social isolation.

(v) Comment from Smithfield Resident highlighting problems with Wrexham CBC external works programme.

A resident had expressed concerns over the quality of work undertaken and wished the Community Council to be aware in case this was common across the community. Members commented that this did not seem to be a common issue with many reports of good work and liaison with Wrexham CBC officers.

Supplementary:

(vi) Wrexham CBC – letter advising that the Community Council would receive an amount of £1332.79 from the All Wales Play Opportunities Grant in recognition of the money invested by the Council in play – Noted

127. FORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF TWO WORKING GROUPS

Members were reminded that in accordance with previous decisions, it had been decided to form two working groups. The first group would meet to consider the future of the youth provision provided via a service level agreement with Caia Park Partnership with a view to changing the focus from outreach. The second group would have responsibility for reporting back to Council on possible future priorities for the Council and how they would link into future budgets. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED:**

- (i) *To establish a working group to meet with Caia Park Partnership to explore possible changes to the youth work delivery model post April 2020 and report back to the Community Council. Agreed membership:
Cllrs B. Cameron, B. Halley and A. Jeorrett*

(Cllr M. King as a Trustee and Cllr J. Johnson as an employee of Caia Park Partnership declared an interest in this item).

- (ii) *To establish a working group to look at possible future priorities for the Council in the light of the Future Generations & Well-Being act and Public Service Board Plan and the Council's own requirements. To report back to the Council and, if agreed, to look at any necessary adjustments to the annual budget plans.*

Following discussion, it was agreed that a series of all member workshops be held to consider priorities with the possibility of establishing a working group in the future to see how the budget could be realigned to finance priorities identified. It was agreed that these would be held on a Thursday evening and that Members should forward any initial questions or discussion points to the Clerk.

128. LOCAL DEMOCRACY & BOUNDARY COMMISSION. Draft proposals for the review of electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Wrexham.

The Clerk reported that the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission had produced their draft proposals for the review of the electoral arrangements for Wrexham CBC and had incorporated the observations of the Caia Park Community Council in relation to the suggested changes for the Whitegate, Smithfield and Wynnstay Wards and part of the community of Abenbury to facilitate a more equitable distribution of electors.

Concern was expressed over para 15 & 16 of chapter 3 in the report which indicates that whilst some of the electorate will transfer from Abenbury to Caia Park, the precept generated will remain with the original community as community arrangements are covered by a different section of the legislation and community reviews are the subject of review by the Council.

It was **RESOLVED:** *To respond to the draft proposals indicating that if electors are transferring from one community to another then it is rational and equitable for the income generated by those elector's properties to transfer with them.*

129. PLAY & YOUTH PROVISION MONITORING REPORT – THE VENTURE

In accordance with the service level agreements in place, a six-monthly monitoring reports was submitted by The Venture relating to the play sessions undertaken on behalf of the Community Council from April – September 2019.

RESOLVED: *To accept the report as presented.*

(Cllr M. King and L. Platt declared an interest in this item as employees of The Venture.

130. CLIMATE CHANGE / ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- (i) The Clerk reported that the repair work to the MUGA off the Queensway due to take place w/e 20th Jan 2020 had been delayed and it was anticipated to be carried out within the next two weeks.
- (ii) The Clerk reported that some s106 funding had been identified by Wrexham CBC for expenditure in the Whitegate Ward on play equipment. Members were reminded that the bid submitted under the Landfill Tax scheme had been unsuccessful and that at that time, the Community Council had agreed to contribute £5000 towards a refurbishment scheme. Member approval was being sought to re-affirm this decision to support the s106 funding now available. A Member enquired if it was worthwhile resubmitting a bid to the Landfill Tax scheme indicating that a larger contribution was now available (the s106 funding). The Clerk reminded Members of the original reasons why the bid was declined and that the deadline for the last round of bids had now passed but he would speak with Wrexham CBC to see if there was any merit in pursuing this.

RESOLVED: To agree to make the sum of £5000 available from the capital reserve to support the s106 funding available.

131. APPLICATIONS 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:

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| (i) | <i>Pentre Gwyn, & Tan y Coed Pensioners Club</i> | - | £1000 |
| (ii) | <i>Nightingale House Hospice</i> | - | £1000 |
| (iii) | <i>QP Live Music Development Group</i> | - | £1000 (pledge conditional upon remainder of funding being secured). |
| (iv) | <i>Urdd National Eisteddfod 2020</i> | - | £200 |

That the following be **deferred** to seek further information
Powys Eisteddfod

That the following are **not supported**:

Victim Support
Royal Welsh Agricultural Society

132. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised that since the November meeting an application had been received as follows:

P/2020/0015 6 Ashburn Way, Wrexham LL13 0NP

First floor extension to front elevation and single storey extension to rear.

RESOLVED: No objections to the proposals.

133. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The Financial Statements for period ending 31st January 2020 was submitted.

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

134. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the following schedule of accounts for February 2020 be approved

D.D.	Pace Telecom	CAS	* 392.34	
		General Admin	* <u>258.90</u>	651.24
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Chares Road	*	188.09
7464	B. Jones	Prince Charles Road		60.00
D.D.	PaceTelecom (Windows 10)	General Admin	* 335.88	
		CAS	* <u>503.82</u>	839.70

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		39.22
D.D.	Investec/Siemens(Copier lease)	General Admin	*	114.00
7465	Graphic Office Systems x 2	CAS	* 25.86	
		General Admin	* <u>25.86</u>	51.72
7466	Caia Park Partnership	Children's Services SLA (inst 4)		2000.00
7467	Wxm Community Enterprises	Prince Charles Road		65.00
7468	Wrexham CBC	Children's services	*	9542.94 (playgrounds)
7468	Wrexham CBC	Children's services		3424.50 (Sch patrols)
7469	The Venture	Children's Services (SLA)		7644.00
7470	Besthost	General Admin		10.50
7471	Don Hughes (Electrical)	Prince Charles Rd	*	41.38
7471	Don Hughes (Electrical)	Prince Charles Rd	*	5812.32 (Capital)
D.D.	SSE (Gas)	Prince Charles Rd	*	922.90
7472	Wales Audit Office	General Admin		291.75
7478	Pentre Gwyn Pensioner Club	s137 donation		1000.00
7474	Nightingale House	s137 donation		1000.00
7475	Urdd National Eisteddfod	s137 donation		200.00
7473	K. Davies (Travel)			
7476	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Feb)		
7477	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Feb)		

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

