

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 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

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

\*Absent

Also present: Mr. R. Sheehan  
P.C. John Clarke and P.C. D. Rees  
Special Const. T Venables  
Mr. G. Brown

Reporter Wrexham Leader  
N. Wales Police  
Caia Park Partnership

## 20. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M. Downward, L. Crawford, A. K. Gregory, B. Halley, C. Harper, S. Jones and C. Powell.

## 21. POLICE MATTERS

The Chair welcomed the Police representatives to the meeting, in particular P.C. John Clarke who had previously worked within the community. Reporting on the monthly statistics and trends, P.C. Clarke advised that there had been a significant drop in incidents of anti-social behavior but that the use of motor bikes and drug related activity was the main concerns for residents.

P.C. Rees outlined some of the work being undertaken to combat the motor bike problem and extended an invitation to Members to take part in the operation as police observers. He also suggested a joint meeting with Members to see if it was possible to design out some of the issues with street furniture.

County Members suggested that it would potentially be an appropriate use of their Environmental Budget allowance although expenditure was strictly limited to land owned and under the control of the Housing Department and even then capacity was an issue with a backlog of many schemes currently being considered.

It was agreed to provide Members with P.C. Rees' contact details if they wished to participate as observers and to discuss with Wrexham CBC the potential for utilising Environmental Budgets to assist where possible.

## 22. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Members interests.

**23. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Annual General & Ordinary meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record subject to a minor correction to minute 9 (date should read 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and not 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019).

**Matters arising:**

**24. VIRGIN MEDIA (PM144, 162, 179 & 10)**

The Clerk reported that a response received from the Environment Department at Wrexham CBC was on the agenda under correspondence. Assurances had been received from Virgin Media that they would endeavor to improve the standards of work and liaise with County Councillors.

**25. EXTERNAL AUDIT (PM 13)**

The Clerk reported that the paperwork required for external audit had now been dispatched to Messrs. Grant Thornton.

**26. MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr. B. Cameron advised that work was ongoing to prepare the funding bid to WCVA for improvements to the play area at Pentre Gwyn & Tan y Coed. In consultation with the Environment Department at Wrexham CBC it has been suggested that a bid of £40k be submitted and letters of support for the scheme were currently being secured. Consultation was also being undertaken with the children at the nearest primary school. It was anticipated that the draft bid would be submitted by the end of June. The Clerk reminded Members that whilst match funding was not a requirement of the bid, some financial support would indicate commitment from the Community Council.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) *To support the submission of the bid*
- (ii) *To offer £5k financial contribution from the Community Council (funded from the capital receipt reserve)*

**27. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were noted:

- (i) **Beyond the Boundaries – Wrexham CBC Together in Wrexham Grant –** request to endorse their submission of a bid for a Together in Wrexham Grant.  
**RESOLVED:** *To endorse the application.*
- (ii) **CLPW CIC – Wrexham CBC Together in Wrexham Grant –** request to endorse their submission of a bid for a Together in Wrexham Grant.  
**RESOLVED:** *To endorse the application.*
- (iii) **Wrexham CBC – Notification of pre hearing meeting**

Details of a pre hearing meeting into the Local Development Plan (25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 10.30am) - **Noted**

(iv) **Wrexham CBC** – Response from Environment Department into complaints about the standards of work undertaken on behalf of Virgin Media – **Noted**

(v) **Wrexham Area Civic Society** – call for nominations for consideration for the 2019-20 awards – **Noted**

**Additional correspondence:**

(vi) **Wrexham CBC** – Invitation to Mayor’s Civic Visit to Church – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – **Noted**

(vii) **Welsh Government** – Notification of consultation event – Improvements to A483 junctions 3 – 6. To be held at Catrin Finch Centre (Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am – 6pm and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 1.00pm to 8pm) – **Noted**

(viii) **d2 Architects** – E mail advising pre-planning application consultation for the former Kingsley Circle Community Centre site to be developed into 16 apartments. **RESOLVED:** *To consider this further at the July meeting when the plans have been received.*

**28. COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR 2020-21**

As requested, the Clerk presented a report on the consideration of priorities for the next Financial Year. It detailed current levels of income and expenditure and stressed that any additional commitments would need to be met from increasing the precept or utilising reserves. It was important to note that expenditure was currently exceeding income (projected in 2019/20 at £20k) and therefore this was unsustainable in the long term. Alternatively, resources could be diverted from other areas which would mean cutting those services to fund new ones.

Members were also reminded of their obligations to produce an annual report detailing how they have contributed to the Public Service Board’s Plan and their stated aims which are defined for the next five years. This could also have financial implications for the Council.

**RESOLVED:** *To consider the matter further at the September meeting.*

**29. UPDATE LITTER AWARENESS WEEK/ CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN**

It was reported that the Working Group had met on 10<sup>th</sup> June and that the fliers for each ward had been received. It was agreed that these would be circulated after 17<sup>th</sup> June. Keep Wales Tidy were actively engaged and Virgin Media had confirmed their interest. It was reported that a litter bin had been removed from Archers Way and that perhaps we should invest in more bins although it was recognised that this does encourage fly

tipping in certain areas.

**RESOLVED:**

(i) *To contact Wrexham CBC to ascertain if the bin at Archers Way could be replaced and to remind them of the need to empty the bins regularly.*

(ii) *To consider purchasing more bins following the clean-up event in July.*

**30. COMMUNITY COUNCIL/ YOUTH PARTICIPATION**

A Member requested that the Council consider how young people could be made more aware of the work of community councils and suggested this could include visiting schools and addressing school councils, holding community council meetings at other venues which attract young people or invite them to meetings.

Members felt that whilst this is a desired aim, the challenge has always been one of engagement with many young people not being interested.

**RESOLVED:** *To consider further at the July meeting.*

**31. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY**

The Chair reminded Members that Welsh Government had declared a climate change emergency designation for Wales and following that announcement some other town and community councils had passed a similar resolution. He felt it would be appropriate for Caia Park Community Council to support such a resolution and going forward, set an example locally.

**RESOLVED:** *To declare a climate emergency and support other town and community councils to consider similar resolutions and make their views known to Government and consider local practical actions on contributing to achieve change.*

**32. CHILD POVERTY**

The Chair reminded Members that in a recent survey, three wards in Caia (Queensway, Wynnstay and Cartrefle) came joint second in terms of the child poverty in the whole of Wales with 48.7% living below the poverty line.

It is recognised that whilst this issue needs addressing by Welsh Government and the principal authorities, the Community Council is the only elected body within the community. As a result he was seeking the Community Council's support to endorse proposed action by the professional organisations within the community (such as Caia Park Partnership, Flying Start and The Venture) to meet with schools and possibly external bodies such as Child Poverty Action Group to discuss this issue and lobby other groups as appropriate. It was noted that the group would not be acting on behalf of or committing the Community Council but would report back to them at a future time.

**RESOLVED:** *To endorse the proposed action*

**33. 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)	<i>Illusions Morris Dancers</i>	<i>£350</i>
(ii)	<i>Urdd</i>	<i>£50</i>
(iii)	<i>Vic Studios</i>	<i>£200</i>

**34. FINANCIAL MONITORING**

The Financial Statement for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 was submitted.

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

**35. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

D.D.	Pace Telecom	CAS	*	354.52	
		General Admin	*	<u>233.47</u>	587.99
D.D.	Siemens	General Admin	*		84.00
	Zurich Municipal Insurance	General Admin			2147.15
D.D.	SSE	Prince Charles Rd	*		45.31
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D.D	Wrexham CBC (rates)	Prince Charles Rd			506.00
7387	Wrexham CBC	Community Agent	*		96.00
7388	Graphic Office Systems	CAS	*	14.16	
		General Admin	*	<u>14.15</u>	28.31
7389	M. Morris (Fliers reimbursement)	Amenity/Environ			77.00
D.D.	NATWEST CARD				
	(Apprintable – fliers)	Amenity/Environ			190.00
7390	J.W. Hinds	Prince Charles Road			170.00
7391	Galleon Supplies	Prince Charles Road	*		101.10
7392	Petty cash stamps	General Admin		40.00	
		CAS		<u>40.00</u>	80.00
7393	Illusion Morris Dancers	Donation			350.00
7394	Urdd	Donation			50.00
7395	Vic Studios	Donation			200.00
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Road	*		82.65
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road			46.58
	K. Walker (sal adj June)	CAS			
	K. Davies (Sal June)	Community Agent			
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (June )			
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (June)			

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

### 36. MRS P. WILLIAMS

The Chair referred to former Councillor and Chair, Mrs. Pat Williams who had been awarded the British Empire Medal in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours.

**RESOLVED:** To forward a congratulatory letter to Mrs. Williams and invite her to attend the July meeting to offer congratulations is person.

