

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on  
14<sup>th</sup> November 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

PCs John Clarke and Kerry Evans  
Reporter

N. Wales Police  
Wrexham Leader

**90. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S. Jones, L. Platt and J. Johnson

**91. POLICE MATTERS**

The crime trends for each ward were presented. It was noted that there had been a number of arson incidents across the five wards which has resulted in serious damage to the surface of the MUGA off the Queensway and a continuing trend to damage street lights. PC Clarke reported that an off- road bike had been seized and the address is now liable for tenancy enforcement action. Some antisocial activity had taken place in the area of Churchill Drive relating to youths throwing stones.

**92. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

There were no declarations made in relation to the Council meeting agenda.

**93. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**94. MEMBERS REPORTS**

**Cllr C. Harper: (Green Infrastructure Project)** Reported that Wrexham CBC had been successful in acquiring a significant grant to promote green infrastructure at Caia Park, Plas Madoc and the Country Parks. Various projects were being considered and a coordinator would be appointed to oversee the project. An initial meeting had been held with interested parties and from that a steering group has been established.

It was reported that some fruit trees (as part of the project) had been planted on the field off the Queensway in Whitegate in partnership with Gwenfro School with wildflower seeding taking place in the Spring. The river Gwenfro has also been cleared of rubbish at this location.

A member referred to the existing wooded areas which whilst thriving needed to be managed and tidied. This had been raised at the meeting and it is understood will be addressed.

**Cllr A. Jorrett:** Referred to a recent meeting held with Caia Park Partnership and the promoter of a community magazine called “Essentials” which is circulated in various villages. The magazine is reliant on selling advertising space to cover printing and distribution costs. Further options are being considered with the promoter such as a quarterly newsletter production although distribution will be a challenge. The Clerk reported that a similar arrangement applies in the Offa area and he would speak with the clerk to obtain more information.

**Cllrs. B. Halley and C. Lloyd:** Attended the Remembrance Day Service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Community Council.

## 95. CORRESPONDENCE

The following item of correspondence were received:

- (i) **WCVA Landfill Disposal Tax Community Scheme.**  
Notification that the scheme put forward for the refurbishment of the Pentre Gwyn Play Area had been unsuccessful. – **Noted**
- (ii) **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2020/21.** This provided notification of the draft report for comments by 10<sup>th</sup> December. It was reported that there was little or no change for Community Councils over the previous year – **Noted**
- (iii) **Wrexham CBC** – Letter providing links to the consultation document on renewing a Wrexham Town Public Space Protection Order - **Noted**

## 96. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (i) **P/2019/0792 Community Centre Site, Eaton Drive, Wrexham LL13 9HG**  
Demolition of existing community centre and erection of new apartment block comprising 10 no. two bed apartments and 6 no. 1 bed apartments.  
**RESOLVED:** *To express concerns over the number of apartments given the overall size of the site and the lack of outdoor amenity space for the potential residents. That the apartments seemed to be small and cramped and not conducive to a good standard of living accommodation.*
- (ii) **P/2019/0795 2 Oxford Street, Wrexham LL13 8HA**  
Change of use of existing 3 bed house into 5 bed (single occupancy HMO)  
**RESOLVED:** *To object due to the severe parking issued already encountered on the street which this proposal would only exacerbate*

## 97. CLIMATE CHANGE / ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported that quotations had been obtained for the replacement of internal and external lighting with led lamps. **RESOLVED:** *To proceed with the work.*

## 98. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The Financial Statements for period ending 31st October 2019 was submitted.  
**RESOLVED:** That the financial statement for the period be received and adopted.

**99. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

D.D.	Pace Telecom	CAS	* 386.46	
		General Admin	* <u>257.16</u>	643.62
7436	Petty cash (Stamps/gift)			120.00
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D.D.	Wrexham CBC (rates)	Prince Charles Rd		506.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		46.58
D.D.	Siemens	General Admin	*	84.00
7437	MFS Systems	Prince Charles Road	*	78.00
7438	Caia Park Partnership	S.L.A. 3 <sup>rd</sup> inst.		2000.00
7439	Hallam Heating	Prince Charles Road	*	217.37
7440	Derwen Computers	General Admin	*	50.00
7441	One Voice Wales	General Admin		60.00
7442	WCBC (Sch crossing)	SLA Children Q 1& 2	*	6849.00
7442	WCBC (playground repair)	Amenity/Environment	*	175.27
7443	Graphic Office Systems	CAS	* 13.40	
		General Admin	* <u>13.39</u>	26.79
7444	BestHost	General Admin		10.50
7445	J. W. Hinds	Prince Charles Road		300.00
D.D.	SSE (Gas)	Prince Charles Rd	*	262.87
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Rd	*	174.36
D.D.	NATWEST CARD (Tablet for CCTV)	Amenity environ	*	199.00
	K. Davies (travel & exp)	Community Agent		
	M. Morris (travel)	General Admin		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Nov)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Nov)		

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

**100. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members were reminded that the December meeting is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> of the month which now clashes with the General Election. In view of other commitments and the Christmas period, it was **RESOLVED:** To cancel the December meeting (next meeting now to be held Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020).