

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 15th June 2017
at Community Council Offices, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham

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

*Cllr T. Calverley	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	

PCSO Jonathan Davies
Mr. R. Sheehan

- North Wales Police
- North Wales Newspapers

19. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Calverley, M. Downward, S. Jones, L. Platt and C. Powell

20. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Davies referred to trends of anti-social behavior taking place which included throwing stones at properties and an increasing number of motorbikes being ridden in the community and on open spaces and footpaths. He reported that discussions had taken place with the Housing Office and that a change to tenancy agreements could require tenants to declare if they have motorbikes or quadbikes stored at their property. If vehicles were subsequently found to be ridden in an anti-social way and were identified to be from a particular property, this could amount to a breach of tenancy and ultimately mean eviction from the property.

The Chair reminded Members that anti-social behavior by occupants of or visitors to a property was already regarded as a breach of the tenancy agreement and perhaps the Housing Office needed to remind all tenants of this.

PCSO Davies also advised of an initiative whereby members of the public could post pictures or videos of inappropriate use of motorbikes on the Police website which could help build up a portfolio of evidence.

The statistics for the month of May were presented. Members expressed concern over the significant increase in the anti-social behavior figures and particularly for the Smithfield Ward. It was felt that many of the reported categories were showing an increasing trend. Some Members felt that this increase seemed to coincide with the release from custody of certain individuals who then had an influencing effect on others. PCSO Davies advised that from next month figures would be presented in graph format so that trends over time could be seen more easily.

Members questioned whether the Police resources are adequate for the area and felt that this needed closer examination. It was also suggested that the statistics for the Smithfield Ward could perhaps be split into the residential area and town centre area to prevent a distorted view being presented and PCSO Davies offered to look at this.

CCTV

The Clerk reported that the new camera was to be installed soon and during the past month issues had arisen in terms of the deployment of the community council owned cameras. On two occasions within the month there had been a request to relocate the cameras to specific locations in response to individual incidents and local councilors had also been approached by constituents requesting cameras to be located by their properties.

It was pointed out that the purpose of the cameras was not for specific surveillance of individual properties as that was a matter for the Police but was for more general surveillance in an area known to have problems. The locations had always been established in consultation with the Police after representations had been made via reporting incidents etc. It was important to note that the cameras cannot be relocated too often as approval for the electrical connection is required as well as commissioning the work which has a cost element.

Members were concerned that the footage was not being monitored and it was unclear if this was the case as the original agreement was that the Police would monitor the footage and do hold the necessary computer equipment to do so.

It was **RESOLVED:** that a working party should discuss this in more depth and perhaps suggest a protocol for future deployment. It was agreed that membership would comprise of Cllrs B. Cameron, A. Jeorrett and Jane Johnson together with the Clerk of the Council and PC John Clarke.

21. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting and AGM held on 11th May 2017 be received and adopted as a true record.*

22. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. A. Jeorrett and Cllr. Paul Williams – Attended Smithfield Residents Association

23. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Invitation to attend a “Friends of the Vic” event on Friday 30th June 2017
RESOLVED: *That Cllrs B. Halley and C. Lloyd attend..*

(ii) North Wales Fire & Rescue Service Consultation Document.
RESOLVED: *That further, more detailed consideration be given at the July meeting.*

Supplementary:

(iii) Wrexham CBC – Invitation to Annual Civic Visit to Church on 25th June 2017. **RESOLVED:** *To note the invitation*

- (iv) **Wrexham CBC – Application for grant of a premises licence 49-52 Chester Street, Wrexham. *RESOLVED: To note the information.***

24. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT AND APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR FINACNIAL YEAR 2017-18.

The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been undertaken and a report presented. There was one minor issue identified which related to the authorisation of accounts in August 2016. Whilst they had been included on the agenda for the meeting they had not been formally recorded in the minutes. This had subsequently been rectified.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- (i) *To note the contents of the internal audit report
To appoint JDH Business Services of Pantymwyn, Flintshire as internal auditors for 2017-18*

25. TO CONSIDER PROGRESS REPORTS

(i) Caia Park Partnership detached youth work.

Members were reminded of the service level agreement between the Community Council and Caia Park Partnership to provide outreach/detached youth work. One of the conditions of the agreement it that a periodic monitoring report will be provided. Members considered the report which detailed the number of sessions held and number of individual participants on a ward basis, areas of concern and a diary of activities which has taken place.

Members **RESOLVED:** *to note the report.*

(ii) Pentre Gwyn, Tan y Coed and Coed y Bryn Community Association

Members received a report which highlighted some activities that had taken place at the Community Centre during the reporting period as well as future plans for a Fun Day and possible Luncheon Club. There was no progress reported on the future management arrangements if Wrexham County Borough Council withdraw their current arrangements in April 2018.

26. ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECTS IN WALES (AVP)

Members received information from AVP Wales giving details of the background of the organisation and its aims in terms of handling conflict and building better relationships.

The organisation offers workshops for those who experience difficulties with relationships and managing conflict. It is acknowledged that one of the biggest challenges is enrolling a target participant group.

Members were happy to support funding a workshop in principle but felt it would probably be better delivered via a partner organisation who have more immediate contact with members of the public facing such difficulties.

RESOLVED: *That Cllr. Jeorrett to contact AVP Wales and invite them to attend a future meeting of the Community Council to explain their work in more detail.*

27. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE – ANNUAL STATISTICS FOR 2016-17

Members received the annual statistics relating to the Community Advice Service showing an analysis of reported benefit gains of £912,924 for the year and these were further categorised into types of benefit etc. In addition, details of other gains (grants etc) were provided as well as the amount of debt processed. Details were also given of the number of benefits tribunals processed further broken down into those attended, allowed, refused or adjourned/postponed.

Members asked the Clerk to pass on their thanks to the Advice Service staff for the good work undertaken.

28. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: *That no objection be raised to the following two applications*

- (i) **P/2017/0381 26 Benjamin Road, Wrexham**
Change of use of front living room to nail and beauty salon
- (ii) **P/2017/0419 35 Smithfield Road, Wrexham**
Conversion of ground floor to form extension to shop area and erection of covered area to rear (in retrospect)

That the Council object to the following application on the grounds that they do not consider the means of accessing and exiting the site via Cefn Road and Thornleigh is acceptable on highway safety grounds

- (iii) **P/2017/0415 Land to the rear of 22 Bryn Estyn Road, Wrexham**
Erection of 3 dwellings (1 pair of semi detached and 1 detached) with associated garages and parking and access arrangement.

29. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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) Friends of Bellevue Park £50

Supplementary agenda

- (ii) Caia Park Environmental Group (Gardening Comp) £595

Rising from the observation of a Member, the clerk was requested to ascertain if a donation could be made to the Grenfell Tower disaster should a suitable appeal be launched. It was agreed that this would be considered at a future meeting.

30. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial statement for period ending 31st May 2017 was submitted.

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

31. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

7045	Royal Mail	General Admin		550.00
7046	British Gas	Prince Charles Rd	*	629.02
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 72.66	
		CAS	* <u>132.78</u>	205.44
D.D.	SSE	St Peter's Hall	*	71.23
7050	British Gas	St Peter's Hall	*	208.89

D.D.	Plus Net	CAS	*	12.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peters Hall		13.62
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Road		457.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		170.00
7052	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Road		151.50
7053	JDH Business Services	General Admin	*	448.38
7054	Ron Bentley & Sons	General Admin	* 211.62	
		CAS	* <u>229.74</u>	441.36
7055	CPAG	CAS		54.99
7056	Bates Office Services	CAS	*	18.00
7057	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	* 42.90	
		CAS	* <u>128.74</u>	171.64
7058	Zurich Municipal Insurance	General Admin		2118.27
7059	J. P. Hinds	St Peter's Hall	120.00	
		Prince Charles Rd	<u>205.00</u>	325.00
7060	K. Cramer	Community Agent		7.30
7061	Petty cash (stamps)	CAS	60.00	
		General Admin	<u>20.00</u>	80.00
7062	Friends of Bellevue Park	Donation		50.00
7063	Caia Park Environ Group	Donation		595.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		32.00

G. Evans (sal adj/travel)	CAS
P. Donellan (sal adj/travel)	CAS
J. Carter (sal adj/travel)	CAS
K. Walker (sal adj/travel)	CAS
A. Humphreys (sal adj May)	St Peter's Hall
H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Jun)

Clwyd Pension Fund

Pensions (Jun)

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable