

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at  
Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham

Cllr P M Williams (**Chair**)  
Cllr M. Allum (**Vice Chair**)

\*Cllr A K Gregory  
Cllr B Halley  
\*Cllr J Howell  
\*Cllr N Hughes  
\*Cllr J M Humberstone  
Cllr T Thomas

Cllr C Lloyd  
\*Cllr D G Mitchell  
Cllr C Powell  
Cllr R Prince  
Cllr B R Pritchard  
Cllr M King

\*Absent  
Together with Sgt. D. Jacks (N. Wales Police)

**179. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. A K Gregory, J. Howell, and N. Hughes.

**180. POLICE MATTERS**

Cumulative statistics relating to crime and anti social behaviour for the period to the end of March 2010 were presented. Despite the statistics indicating a general downward trend during February, figures for March indicated an increase in anti social behaviour and criminal damage - particularly in the Wynnstay and Queensway Wards.

Updates were given on various initiatives. It was reported that since the start of the year 20 search warrants had been executed including a warrant in the Abenbury area where 500 cannabis plants were seized with a street value of £500,000  
Operation Brittle, aimed at providing reassurance for the elderly, was ongoing and Operation Goodness continued to target anti social driving particularly in the vicinity of retail and residential areas.

Other items referred to the Police were:

**Behaviour outside Kingsley Circle Community Centre**

This continues to be monitored however the number of incidents appeared to have decreased.

**181. MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr. M. Allum            Attended Flood Defence Meeting. It was reported that a significant problem at Deva Way and Wynnstay Avenue was as a result of householders disposing of fat etc into the drains resulting in blockages and a loss of capacity of up to 75%.

**182. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved:**

*That the minutes of the ordinary and confidential meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010 be received and adopted as a correct record.*

**Matters arising:**

**183. COMMUNITY SIGNAGE (PM 163, 173)**

The Clerk advised that a replacement for the sign removed from Cefn Road had been ordered.

**184. YOUTH SHELTER PRINCE CHARLES ROAD (PM 35,55,73,88,117)**

Cllr King reported that there had been some delay in obtaining fire retardant paint. This had now been received and work should be completed within the next 7 days.

**185. TIDY TOWNS APPLICATION (PM 174)**

The Clerk advised that schemes at Manley Road and Moorland Avenue had been submitted.

**186. FENCING MULTI USE GAMES AREA (PM 96,109,129,141)**

The Clerk reported that the fencing had now been erected although the problem with the floodlighting had still not been addressed by Wrexham CBC.

**187. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were received:

**(i) Wrexham CBC – Consultation on proposed gating order (Tower View to Deva Way)**

**Resolved:** *To fully support the proposed gating order as outlined in the documentation.*

**(ii) Wrexham CBC – Residents Parking Scheme**

This formed a response to the letter sent to Wrexham CBC requesting that the Smithfield area of Caia Park should be re-considered for a residents only parking scheme following the failure to obtain agreement from residents for a pilot scheme in the Bradley Road area. The reply indicated that there are no proposals at this present time to undertake any further consultation works and that residents parking schemes would be considered as apart of a wider parking strategy. **Resolved:** *That the response be noted with regret.*

**(iii) Wrexham CBC – Electronic consultation on planning applications**

**Resolved:** *To request that planning applications continue to be sent in paper format.*

**(iv) Wrexham CBC – Nominations for Owain Glyndwr status**

**Resolved:** *To submit the area of land at Tanydre for consideration and to advise Wrexham Council that whilst Caia community council area as a whole has a reasonable amount of open space, the Cartrefle Ward (where Tanydre is situated) has very little and would be below the standards for the size of the population.*

**(v) Caia Park Communities First – Vacancy on Executive Board for voluntary sector vacancy.**

**Resolved:** *To note the correspondence and allow individual Members to nominate if they felt it appropriate.*

**(vi) National Eisteddfod for Wales – letter of thanks for donation**

**Resolved:** *That the letter be noted.*

## REPORTS CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS AND NEWSLETTERS

The following were received:

AVOW Newsletter (Health social care and well being issues)

AVOW Newsletter (Spring issue)

### 188 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION - ELECTORAL REVIEW

The Clerk advised that a recent meeting had been held by the Local Government Boundary Commission to explain their role in carrying out a review of County Electoral Divisions. It emerged at that meeting that the ideal ward size comprised of at least 1700 electors and that multi member wards may be considered as had been the case in some areas where a review had already been completed. The letter requested initial observations to be submitted prior to the Draft Proposals being published.

A written report was presented detailing the current position within Wrexham County Borough as a whole and ward information for the five wards within Caia Park. Following discussion, it was **Resolved:**

*To forward initial observations to the Local Government Boundary Commission advising that:*

*The Council does not support the introduction of more multi member wards as this does not assist the electorate and leads to lack of accountability.*

*The average ratio across the County Borough area exceeds the 1:1750 suggested and therefore there should be no reason to alter the current arrangements.*

*Whilst numbers in three of the Caia wards are below the 1:1750 ratio, this does not take into account a higher than average transient population who may not have registered for voting purposes.*

*Other factors to consider are the complexity of issues within an area of high social deprivation, increased inter agency working putting extra demands on elected members serving those wards and the high number of under eighteens residing within the wards.*

### 189. 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) Caia Park Partnership - £4,000

It was noted that the request for funding was to facilitate youth outreach work which had not previously been funded by the Community Council. It was agreed to award an initial grant with reconsideration later in the year following a review of the provision provided. It was also suggested that funding may be available from other sources (e.g. Community Safety)

(Cllr. C. Lloyd as an employee of Caia Park Partnership and Cllr M. King as a trustee of Caia Park Partnership declared personal and prejudicial interests and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item)

(ii) The Venture - £8,000

From additional information received, the funding was requested as a contribution towards core costs.

(Cllr. M. King as an employee of The Venture, Cllr P. Williams as a Management Committee Member and Cllr R. Prince who has a relative employed at The Venture

declared personal and prejudicial interests and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item)

Cllr B. Halley as a Management Committee Member appointed by the Community Council declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

(iii) St Anne's & Hafod y Wern - Tri Tan Pump Club - £500

Requested for the purchase of equipment for a new out of school club.

(Cllrs M. Allum and B. Pritchard declared a personal and prejudicial interest as Governors of Hafod y Wern School but remained to consider and vote on the matter as the request for funding did not exceed £500 in accordance with the dispensation allowed within the Code of Conduct)

(iv) Caia Park Early Years Forum - £1,500

The funding was requested to support the annual trip to Chester Zoo and Summer and Christmas activities.

## **190. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following applications for planning permission submitted for their observations by Wrexham CBC

*Resolved: That no objection be raised on the following applications*

### **P2010/0176 – 41 St George's Crescent, Wrexham**

Erection of externally mounted wall clock.

### **P2010/0194 – 5 Whitegate Road, Wrexham**

Amendment to ground floor apartment (prev. granted under P2009/0020)

### **P2010/0222 – Land at Rubery Way, Caia Park**

Outline application for residential development

### **P2010/0244 – Land at Whitegate Road, Caia Park**

Outline application for residential development

*Resolved: That objections be raised on the following applications*

### **P2010/0216 - Site at Glan Gors, Caia Park**

Outline application for residential development

**Reason:** The proposed development will remove a well used area of public open space. Concerns over possible effects on drainage network crossing the site.

### **P2010/0221 - Land at Gwenfro, Caia Park**

**Reason:** Outline application for residential development

The proposed development will remove a well used area of open space. It is the only area of open space in this part of Gwenfro which is already densely populated.

### **P2010/0225 - Land at Arenig Road, Caia Park**

Outline application for residential development

**Reason:** Would prefer the land to be safeguarded for off street parking as the area is currently congested.

**P2010/0247 - Land at St Giles Crescent, Caia Park**

Outline application for residential development

**Reason:** Would support a scheme for six rather than eight houses**P2009/0727 - Former Gas Works site, Bury Street and Greenbank Street, Wrexham**

Residential development (31 dwellings)

It was reported that this was a revised scheme to one already granted approval subject to a s106 agreement. The original objections put forward by the Community Council were resubmitted although permission had been granted by the Planning Authority on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

**191. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The provisional financial statement for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 was submitted.

**Resolved:** That the financial statement for period 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 be received and adopted.

**192. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**Resolved:** That the following accounts for April 2010 be approved:

			<b>£ . p</b>	<b>Authority</b>
D.D	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	*	No charge in credit
		St Peter's Hall	*	
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 58.49	
		CAS	*123.22	181.71
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5633	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	22.24
5634	B. T.	St Peter's Hall	*	23.65
5635	Walker Fire	Cartrefle	*	467.73
5636	Wrexham CBC	Environment/Amenity	*	1300.35
5636	Wrexham CBC	Environment/Amenity	*	2320.52
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		12.99
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		661.25
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		99.60
D.D.	CAB	CAS	*	35.00
D.D.	CAB	CAS	*	619.63
5637	JME Electrical	Cartrefle	*	38.76
5638	Church in Wales	St Peter's Hall	644.00	
		CAS	<u>320.00</u>	964.00
5639	CPL Petroleum	Cartrefle	*	1592.69
D.D.	Investec	General Admin	*	70.50
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		14.66
D.D.	Plus net	General Admin	*	31.04
	J. Francis (Sal April)	St. Peter's Hall		
	G. Evans Travel (Mar/Apr)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel Mar/Apr)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal Adj/Travel Mar)	CAS		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (April)		
	FCC	Pensions (April)		

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable