

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 8th November 2007 at
Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham

Cllr P M Williams (**Chair**)

Cllr A K Gregory (**Vice Chair**)

* Cllr M Allum

Cllr L Gameson

*Cllr C D Griffiths

Cllr B T Halley

Cllr J Howell

*Cllr J M Humberstone

*Cllr M A Humphreys

*Cllr M King

Cllr C Lloyd

Cllr D G Mitchell

Cllr C Powell

Cllr B R Pritchard

Cllr M J Vickers

*Absent

Also in attendance: Sgt D. Jacks - North Wales Police Mr. B. Roberts P.C.S.O

82. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllrs M. Allum, J. Humberstone, M. Humphreys and M. King.

83. POLICE MATTERS

Sgt Jacks reported that there were no major incidents reported on Halloween and 5th November.

General statistics quoted indicated a reduction in overall crime by 20%, vehicle crime by 50% and anti social behaviour by 20%.

Members reported specific drink related incidents arising on the Pigeon Fields and playing fields off Cefn Road. Complaints were reported concerning the use of motor cycles on the open areas in the vicinity of Cefndre and to the rear of Hafod y Wern School. Sgt Jacks offered to continue to monitor the situation and take action where appropriate.

A general discussion took place regarding the recently completed traffic calming on Cefn Road. Whilst the Community Council supported the scheme in principle there were some concerns expressed over its effectiveness in practice. Similarly, concern was expressed over the safety of the new roundabout at the junction with Smithfield Road and Hightown Road, adjacent to the Eagles Meadow development where two lanes merge into one creating difficulties and confusion.

Sgt Jacks offered to examine both matters.

84. PRIDE IN YOUR STREETS

As the Area Supervisor was present, it was agreed to discuss relevant matters. It was reported that at least three litter bins had been vandalized. The bus shelter on Dale Street had been painted as requested at the last meeting, and the footbridge to the rear of Nant Silyn had been removed

Members were pleased that the remains of the bonfires had been removed promptly. A discussion took place over problems with the surface water drainage system near

St Anne's School and Caia Park Nursery. It was agreed to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Flood Defence Committee. Cllr Colin Powell reported that environmental audits had taken place in the Queensway Ward and the response from the Pride in Your Streets team had been excellent. Members were appreciative of the support given and requested that the Area Supervisor pass on their thanks to all involved. It was noted that there was to be a change to the type of equipment used for the collection of litter and concern was expressed that the large automated sweepers were to be discontinued. It was **resolved:** *to write to Wrexham CBC expressing concern over their withdrawal.*

85. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr P Williams
& Clerk

Official opening of New to You

Cllr. A.K. Gregory
& Clerk

Meeting regarding the Whitegate play area provision.

Cllr. B. Halley

Attended AGM of Caia Park

Cllr. D. Mitchell

Presented a written report on a meeting of Gwenfro School Governing Body

86. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting and Confidential meeting of the Council held on 11th October be received and adopted as a correct record.

87. APPLICATIONS 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.	<i>Childline Cymru</i>	<i>£250</i>
ii	<i>Cruse Bereavement Counseling</i>	<i>£250</i>

**88. WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
2006 – 2021 – PREFERRED STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

Members considered the summary consultation document and noted that a drop in session was held by Wrexham CBC Planning Dept at Cartrefle on Thursday 25th October 2007 from 4pm – 7pm.

Members were reminded that views were being sought on the overall strategy in terms of housing and employment development, areas where development is to be encouraged and discouraged. At this stage detailed policies (such as affordable housing etc) and

specific sites suggested via the Urban Capacity Study or individual landowners were not being considered.

A general discussion followed relating to the sites contained within the preferred strategy as identified by the Urban Capacity Study. Members felt that many sites had constraints (former landfill, site stability and liable to flooding) and felt that in view of the high density of housing existing within Caia Park, green areas needed to be preserved. It was recognised that selective demolition had taken place over the years and some of those sites may be worthy of consideration.

Following discussion it was **Resolved:** *to inform Wrexham County Borough Council that the larger sites identified within the consultation document for Caia Park are not supported for development as it would result in the loss of open space. There may, however, be limited opportunities for housing development on previously developed land although land currently designated for employment use should remain for employment purposes. The Council support the broad aims of the preferred strategy in terms of sustainable development provided it does not result in undue pressure on areas already densely populated.*

89. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

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:*

P2007/1236 29 Salop Road, Wrexham – Extension to dwelling in retrospect
P2007/1244 27 Salop Road, Wrexham – Extension to dwelling in retrospect
P2007/1296 Former Kwik Save, Kingsmill Road, Wrexham – Partial demolition, alterations and refurbishment and sub division

Resolved: *that the Council object to the following application:*

P2007/1273 63 Holt Road – Conversion to 2 no. flats

Reason: Concern over poor access arrangements and possible increase in vehicular movement. Access road extremely narrow.

90. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Affordable Housing – letter from Janet Ryder AM

Members received a letter from Ms Janet Ryder AM advising that it was the intention of the Welsh Assembly Government to increase the quantity of affordable homes. The letter sought views or details of any schemes in progress or planned for the area.

Members felt that whilst an increase in affordable homes was to be welcomed, the letter did not define affordability which could be social rented housing or low cost purchase. They felt it may put pressure on Local Authorities to increase land availability for development and that Local Authorities should address the issue more effectively in their Development Plans. **Resolved:** *To respond accordingly*

(ii) Traffic Regulation Order (Eagles Meadow Development)

Members received for consultation the proposed orders (one way traffic, prohibition of U turns) and (Prohibition and restriction of waiting, loading and unloading and limited waiting) orders.

Following consideration, it was **Resolved:** *To advise Wrexham CBC that the Council feel that the one way system should be imposed from the roundabout at the junction*

with Smithfield Road/ Hightown Road in a southerly direction along Hightown Road linking with the proposals for Derby Road as contained within Schedule 1.

(iii) Reports and Consultation Documents

Wrexham County Borough Council – Licensing Policy

Resolved: That there should be more clarity in S 18 regarding the precedence of conditions where licensing and planning condition differ.

Welsh Assembly Government - Fire and Rescue Authorities Performance Measurement Framework and Performance Indicators

Resolved: That the consultation document be noted

91. ANNUAL FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Members considered a report outlining a review of the fire risk assessment for both Cartrefle and St Peter's Hall. It was *resolved: that the report be received and adopted.*

92. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE

Resolved:

That the quarterly statistics be received and noted.

Members were advised of the recent indisposition due to ill health of one of the Advice Workers. The Clerk was asked to convey the good wishes of the Council to the member of staff.

93. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Clerk of the Council submitted his financial statement for the period ended 31st October 2007.

Resolved: That the financial statement be received and adopted.

The Clerk presented a report outlining the variations to the rate estimates for Financial Year 2007/08 to date and reminded Members that preparation will shortly be underway for the 2008/09 estimates. Members were invited to submit schemes for consideration and possible inclusion in the budget.

Arising from a recent meeting relating to the Whitegate Play Area, it was noted that some funding (secured by way of a Section 106 agreement) from a private development was not yet available as the development has not commenced. It was confirmed that other funding was now in place. To avoid unnecessary delays, Members were asked to consider meeting the shortfall in funding by including an appropriate sum in the estimates for next financial year. It was *resolved: To include the sum as reported by the Clerk for inclusion in the rate estimates for 2008/09.*

94. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: That the following accounts be authorised for payment

				£ . p	Authority
D.D.	Vodafone	General Admin	*	25.52	
D.D.	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	*218.69		
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>56.43</u>	275.12	
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 164.99		
		CAS	* <u>229.29</u>	423.15	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		12.74	
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		108.00	LGA 1972 s133
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		661.00	LGA 1972 s133
5044	CPL Petroleum	Cartrefle	*	1004.64	
5045	Wrexham CBC	Street Lighting	*	857.75	
5046	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	9.26	
5047	Morgan Security	Cartrefle	*	286.70	
5048	WNW	Cartrefle	*	23.01	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>30.76</u>	53.77	
5049	NHS BSC	Cartrefle		6.34	
		General Admin	<u>75.73</u>	82.07	
5050	Rob Davies Gardening Services	Cartrele		245.00	
5052	Childline Cymru	Donation		250.00	
5053	Cruse Bereavement Counseling	Donation		250.00	
5054	Hafod y Wern School	Chairman's Allowance		75.00	
5055	Gwenfro School	Chairman's Allowance		75.00	
5056	St Anne's School	Chairman's Allowance		75.00	
5057	Caia Park Nursery	Chairman's Allowance		75.00	
5058	Mayor's Charity Account	Chairman's Allowance		30.00	
5059	Salvation Army	Chairman's Allowance		100.00	
5060	Cash	Chairman's Allowance		110.00	
	Petty cash	General Admin		50.00	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		18.80	
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	*	116.05	
	P. Emery (Salary cheque - Nov)	CAS			
	G. Evans (Travel - Nov)	CAS			
	K. Walker (Travel/sal adj - Nov)	CAS			
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Nov)			
	FCC	Pensions (Nov)			

(*Includes recoverable VAT of £347.04)

95. PROVISION OF POLLING STATIONS

The Clerk reported that he had been approached by the Returning Officer of Wrexham CBC enquiring if the Council premises at Cartrefle could be used as a polling station in forthcoming elections. It was *resolved: to grant permission for Cartrefle premises to be used as a polling station in future elections*