

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008 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. King  
Cllr C. Lloyd  
Cllr D Mitchell  
Cllr C Powell  
Cllr B R Pritchard  
Cllr M Vickers  
Vacancy

\*Absent

Also in attendance Sgt. D. Jacks - North Wales Police

**150. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence

**151. POLICE MATTERS**

Sgt Jacks reported that the new Community Beat Manager for the Queensway Ward had commenced duties. Sgt Jacks gave details of crime statistics for the previous month categorised by type (Anti social behaviour, arson, criminal damage, burglary, thefts from motor vehicles) Incidents of anti social behaviour and criminal damage were significantly higher in the Queensway Ward than in the other four wards and this probably reflects the lack of a Community Beat Manager in the area for some time.

Drug misuse continues to be targeted and there were some initiatives planned to take place in the near future.

Other matters drawn to the attention of the Police representative were:

An apparent increase in the use of motor cycles particularly over the Easter holidays. These had been witnessed in Bryn Eglwys Road, Abenbury Road and Coed y Bryn areas.

Burned out cars on The Dunks and the unauthorised access to the field via the car park at the rear of New to You.

A fire damaged mini motor bike dumped in the river.

Arising from the Neighbourhood Policing meeting, it was reported that the demolition of Queens Park Youth Club was scheduled to commence at the end of April.

Cllr M. Vickers thanked Sgt Jacks for his support and help within the community.

**152. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS**

The Chair commented that this was the last meeting of the current Council and paid tribute to the contribution made by Cllrs. Colin Griffiths, L. Gameson and M. Vickers who were not standing for re-election. It was reported that Cartrefle was the only ward contested in the forthcoming elections at Community Council level. It was **resolved**: *to write a letter of thanks to all retiring Members.*

**153. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved:**

*That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008 be received and adopted as a correct record.*

**154. FLATS – Y WERN (PM 126/139)**

The Chair reported that the proposed meeting with residents and staff from the Housing Department had not taken place but she had been contacted to re-arrange a suitable date.

**155. PERIMETER FENCE, STEPS AND UNDERPASS NEAR GWENFRO SCHOOL (PM 127/140)**

The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from the LEA advising that they would be discussing security issues with the Headteacher of the school. The condition of the steps was under consideration by the Pride in Your Streets team.

**156. YOUTH SHELTER – SMITHFIELD WARD (PM 145)**

The Clerk reported that Wrexham CBC was currently undertaking consultation in the area and to date a number of objections had been received, some also suggesting alternative locations. It was agreed to await the outcome of the consultation exercise before further consideration.

**157. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

***i. 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:*

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| <i>(i) Family Friends</i>   | <i>£50</i>   |
| <i>(ii) Radio Maelor</i>  | <i>£100</i>  |
| <i>(iii) Caia Park Partnership (Youth Provision)</i>  | <i>£8000</i> |
| <i>(Cllrs M. King and C. Lloyd declared an interest in the application submitted by Caia Park Partnership and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)</i>                   |              |
| <i>(iv) The Venture</i>   | <i>£8000</i> |
| <i>(Cllrs M. King, A.K. Gregory, P. Williams and B. Halley declared an interest in the application submitted by The Venture and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)</i> |              |

**158. CONTINUATION FUNDING POLICE DOG**

Members were reminded of the decision taken in December 2006 (Minute 108) to fund the police dog in Year 2 to the sum of £2000. Sgt Jacks related the achievements made since the dog was introduced and Members were complimentary of the work undertaken. It was **resolved:** *that the funding as previously agreed be allocated for 2008/9 in the sum of £2000. It was further agreed to request a report from the Police representatives on the following:*

*The possibility of using some of the seized assets to fund the expenditure on the dog*

*A report on the withdrawal of the dog to other areas*

*Statistics for the abstraction rates for the handler and the effect on the Smithfield ward*

**159. LOCAL GOVT. ACT 1972 – FURTHER REVIEW OF COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES**

Members were advised that the Welsh Assembly have directed the Boundary Commission for Wales to undertake a further review of the community of Abenbury and its boundary with the adjoining community of Caia Park. Members **resolved:** *to re-affirmed their view that Llwyn Onn Park should be transferred into Caia Park in its entirety along with the properties at Thornleigh and Oakhurst, Cefn Road. It was further resolved to express disappointment over the decision to transfer the Fairways Estate from Holt into Acton community.*

**160. 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:*

P2008/0338 25 Manley Road, Wrexham

Demolition of existing garage, erection of new drive through garage with bedroom and bathroom over.

P2008/0339 2 Clwyd Wen, Wrexham

Conservatory extension

P2008/0354 29 Salop Road, Wrexham

Two storey extension (in retrospect)

**161. THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) (WALES) ORDER 2008**

Members received copies of the new Model Code of Conduct which is likely to come into force on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008. Advice had been received from the Chief Legal and Democratic Services Officer at Wrexham CBC indicating that if adopted with an effective date of 5<sup>th</sup> May 2008, there would be no requirement to sign up to both the old and new code. Members were reminded that all members must sign up to abide by it within 2 months of adoption.

**Resolved:** *To adopt the new code of conduct as from 5<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and in accordance with Part 4 (Register of Interests) para 17 notification of any gift, hospitality, material benefit or advantage exceeding £10 should be registered with the authority's monitoring officer within 28 days of receipt.*

## 162. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. **Wrexham Police & Community Forum Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> April 2008**  
Noted.
- ii. **Local Vision – Statutory Guidance (WAG Documentation)**  
Noted.
- iii. **Wrexham CBC – Forward work programme of Overview and Scrutiny Committees**  
Noted.
- iv. **Consultation Documents:**  
Draft Fire & Rescue Service – National Framework for Wales – Noted.  
One Wrexham – Draft Community Cohesion Strategy – Noted.  
(Enquire with Wrexham CBC if Community Councils can endorse the strategy.)
- v. **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**  
Guidance booklets – Principles of Good Administration and Principles for Remedy - Received.

## 163. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – March 2008

The Clerk submitted the provisional financial statement for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

**Resolved:** *That the financial statement be received and adopted.*

Arising from the observations of Members, it was agreed that locations of new litter bins in the Queensway area should be considered.

## 164. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**Resolved:** *That the following accounts be authorised for payment*

			£ . p	Authority
D.D.	Vodafone	General Admin	* 13.99	
D.D.	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	*320.18	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>32.56</u>	352.74
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 62.47	
		CAS	* <u>119.97</u>	182.44
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		12.74
5153	Wrexham CBC	Amenities/Environ	*	1080.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		110.40
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		690.50
5158	John R Boyle	St Peter's Hall	*	56.40
5159	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin		10.33
5160	Clwyd CHC	General Admin	91.35	
		Cartrefle	<u>14.22</u>	105.57
5161	North Wales Assoc of Town & Larger Community Council	General Admin		57.50
5162	Family Friends	Donation		50.00
5163	Radio Maelor	Donation		100.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		18.80
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	*	31.71
	P. Emery (Salary cheque - Apr)	CAS		
	G. Evans (travel Apr)	CAS		
	K. Walker (travel Apr)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (travel Apr)	CAS		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Apr)		
	FCC	Pensions (Apr)		

(\*Includes recoverable VAT of £93.15)

