

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 10th May 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 and Pc. G Wedley - North Wales Police

7. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:
Cllrs J. Howells, M. King and C. Powell.

8. POLICE MATTERS

Pc G. Wedley introduced the passive police dog and advised that the initial training had been successfully completed and that the dog was now licenced. It was necessary to continue to build on this initial training and he had been familiarising the dog within the community and undertaking 15/20 minute "search pockets" as part of the ongoing training.

It was felt that there had been a resurgence in the use of motorbikes on the open areas and fields and this was being monitored. Legal opinion is still being received on the use of warning signage regarding the use of motorbikes although as this has been successfully introduced in Greater Manchester, there should be no strong objection to implementation within Wrexham.

PCSOs were now recording incidents of graffiti and working with the Local Authority to ensure speedy removal.

Members referred to specific incidents of concern for further investigation/ action.

9. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. P. Williams – Police Community Consultative Group Meeting.

Cllr. J. Humberstone – Following the recent Environmental audit, a follow up meeting had taken place with staff from the Housing Estate Office and Highways Department. Cllr. Humberstone felt that the situation with abandoned trolleys had improved and that the litter situation was improving.

Cllr. C. Lloyd – Pentre Gwyn & Tan y Coed Tenants & Residents Association.
Gwenfro School Governing Body.

Reference was made to the recent death of Mrs L O'Brien, an active member of Pentre Gwyn and Tan y Coed Tenants and Residents Association.

Cllr. D. Mitchell – Hightown Community Centre and Youth Club Committee.

Cllr. M. Allum, D. Mitchell and P. Williams – Caia Park Flood Defence Committee
(a further meeting has been scheduled for 13th June 2007)

Several members expressed concern over recent press reports indicating that the Caia Park Day Centre for the Elderly was recommended by Wrexham CBC for closure. The Chair advised that she had attended the Social Affairs and Housing Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 9th May, at which County Councillors deferred any decision pending a more detailed appraisal of the service. Members commented on the valuable work undertaken at the Centre and were opposed to any proposed withdrawal of day services for the elderly. Concern was also expressed over the long term future of the premises should such a decision be taken as many other groups also use these premises.

10. MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting and confidential meeting of the Council held on 12th April 2007 be received and adopted as a correct record.*

11. LITTER / ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES (PM 157)

It was confirmed that the Street Scene Divisional Manager, Area Co-ordinator and Education / technical recycling officers and the Housing Estate Office Manager had agreed to attend the June meeting to discuss these matters.

12. WREXHAM IN BLOOM COMPETITION (PM 163 i)

It was reported that contact had been made with the appropriate officer of Wrexham CBC indicating that the Community Council would support sponsorship of a planter provided it was located within Caia in accordance with suggestions made at the previous meeting. It was further reported that a quotation for the installation of bollards had been requested to replace the soil mound currently across the footpath near the Queensway Sports Complex.

13. TRAFFIC CALMING – QUEENSWAY (PM 163 v)

It was noted that this scheme was nearing completion. It was **RESOLVED:** *To write to Wrexham CBC to enquire if the 20mph zone could now be extended to include the remaining length of Queensway from Whitegate Road junction and Montgomery Road and Smithfield Road.*

14. 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.	Wrexham Morris Dancers	-	£250
ii.	Up Town Girls Morris Dancers	-	£125
iii.	Caia Park Partnership Youth Provision	-	£8,000

(Cllr P. Williams declared an interest in the item and took no part in the voting)

15. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

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

RESOLVED: That the Council does not object to the following applications:

P2007/0458 47 Chester Street, Wrexham

Extension to ground floor and extension to first floor over existing extension

P2007/0478 The Foundry 15 Yorke Street, Wrexham

Display or rear shop sign and advertising board

P2007/0473 Tesco Stores, Crescent Road, Wrexham

Relocate car valeting operation including the siting of a cabin to house full recycling system and canopy

P2007/0492 Tesco Stores, Crescent Road, Wrexham

Replacement of recycling units with a single TOMRA recycling unit

P2007/0526 Tesco Stores, Crescent Road, Wrexham

Erection of updated information signage and building signs

P2007/0571 26 Eaton Drive, Wrexham

Single storey extension comprising bedroom and bathroom

16. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) **Community Learning in Partnership**

Details of the Summer 2007 list of courses offered was received.

(ii) **Application for decriminalized Enforcement Powers**

A copy of Wrexham County Borough Council's draft application for Decriminalised Parking Enforcement Powers was received for information purposes. It was noted that the intention to enforce on street parking restrictions will be implemented on 1st March 2008.

(iii) **Wrexham CBC "The Leisure Review – towards a twenty first century service"**

A copy of this review document was received inviting comments on the content. Members felt that the current practice of restricting the use of swimming facilities for the elderly to early morning sessions was too restrictive and that access should be more open.

(iv) **St Annes School – "One World our World"**

Members were pleased to note that St Anne's School had been awarded a certificate of merit at the Global Learning Awards for their One World Our World exhibition.

(v) **Tree Preservation Order: Wrexham County Borough Council (Community of Caia Park) No 117/2006**

The Community Council were notified that the above order was confirmed without modification on 25th April 2007 (10 -12 Derby Road, Wrexham)

(vi) **Stopping up of highway/footway between The Wynnstay Arms Hotel and 3 Yorke Street, Wrexham.**

Notification was received advising that the application for the proposed stopping up will be held at Wrexham Magistrates Court on 24th May 2007.

Members were reminded that they had not previously objected to this proposal.

(vii) Wrexham CBC – Invitations

Members received an invitation to attend the Annual meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 22nd May at 5.30pm. It was **RESOLVED: That Councillor A. K. Gregory be nominated to attend.**

Advance notice of Mayor's Civic Visit to Church – 24th June 2007
RESOLVED: Councillor A. K. Gregory be nominated to attend.

17. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE

Members received the statistics for the Community Advice Service for period January – March 2007. Concern was expressed over the amount of out of area case work being undertaken given the reluctance of other Community Councils to financially support the service. Members were advised that many users of the service had prior, or still have connections with Caia Park. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED: To report at the July meeting on the implications for restricting the service or to consider any possible restructuring.**

18. FOOTWAY LIGHTING

Members were reminded that at the April meeting they had agreed:

To investigate further schemes to upgrade the lighting in the vicinity of Bernard Road/Smithfield Road junction and Tan y Bryn footpath

To instruct Wrexham CBC to proceed with the provision of a light outside 80 Cefn Road as originally agreed in a previous schedule of work.

and to consider additional schemes suggested at the May meeting.

The following were submitted for consideration:

Footpath Whitegate Rd bridge to Industrial Estate.

Pentre Gwyn Community Centre (2 lights)

Coed y Bryn (next to Garages) (2 lights)

Childrens play area Tan y Coed (2 lights)

Opposite 46 Pentre Gwyn (1 light)

Opposite shop in Tan y Coed

It was agreed to evaluate these schemes in terms of suitability and report back with costings for priority.

19. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Clerk of the Council submitted his financial statement for the period ended 30th April 2007.

RESOLVED: That the financial statement be received and adopted.

20. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That payment of the following accounts be authorised:

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				Authority
D.D.	Vodafone	General Admin	* 13.99	
D.D.	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	*288.65	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>69.14</u>	357.79
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 15.78	
		CAS	* <u>30.63</u>	46.41
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall	11.86	
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall	108.00	LGA 1972 s133
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle	661.00	LGA 1972 s 133
4932	HM Revenue & Customs (Yr end adj)			
4939	CPAG	CAS	263.49	
4940	CPL Petroleum	Cartrefle	* 844.04	LGA 1972 s 133
4941	Cyril Jones & Co	Cartrefle	* 587.50	LGA 1972 s 133
4942	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	* 26.65	
4943	The Church in Wales	St Peter's Hall	664.00	
		CAS	<u>320.00</u>	964.00 LGA 1972 s 133
4944	Colour Supplies	St Peter's Hall	* 10.96	
		Cartrefle	* <u>9.99</u>	20.95
4945	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle	* 467.65	
4946	WNW	St Peter's Hall	*69.24	
		Cartrefle	* <u>18.29</u>	87.53
D.D.	CPAG	CAS	57.00	
D.D.	Citizens Advice	CAS	* 541.68	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle	18.83	
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	* 61.71	
	P. Emery (Salary cheque - May)	CAS		
	G. Evans (Travel – May)	CAS		
	P. Donnellan (Travel – May)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Travel – May)	CAS		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (May)		
	FCC	Pensions (May)		
4947	Wrexham Morris Dancers	Donation	250.00	LGA 1972 s137
4948	Uptown Girls Morris Dancers	Donation	125.00	LGA 1972 s137
4949	Caia Park Partnership	Donation (1 st installment)	2000.00	LGA 1972 s137

(*Includes recoverable VAT of £358.14)