

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 10th June 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 J Humphreys

*Cllr M. King
Cllr C. Lloyd
Cllr D. Mitchell
Cllr C. Powell
*Cllr R. Prince
Cllr B. R. Pritchard
Cllr T. Thomas

*Absent

Together with PCSO Simon Griffiths (N. Wales Police) and County Cllr. C. Harper.

22. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. P. Williams. M. King and R. Prince

23. POLICE MATTERS

Reported crime statistics for May were tabled. PCSO Griffiths reported that May had been quieter than previous months although rowdy nuisance in Queensway and Wynnstay had increased. It was difficult to judge the severity of reported incidents as the figures had only been collected earlier in the evening and without background detail. Criminal damage to vehicles continued to give cause for concern. Members expressed some concern that the statistics were not presented in the usual format and were not as comprehensive. PCSO Griffiths apologized but had only been asked to attend the meeting at very short notice.

Other matters raised:

- There was still a problem with the irresponsible riding of motor bikes.
- Concern was expressed that people were not reporting crime and that the figures presented were not a true reflection of what is actually happening within the community.
- Inconsiderate parking at the end of Fenwick Drive near the junction with Hullah Lane.
- Evidence of anti social activity at the rear of Tesco in the landscaped areas fronting Crescent Road.

24. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. B. Halley - Attended Smithfield Residents Association and reported that on-street parking still remained a major concern. Advised that the Residents Association had provided stickers to residents to put in their car windows in an attempt to establish how many non residents were parking in the area.

It was suggested that this matter be placed on the agenda, however members were reminded that this had been considered very recently and a response had been given by Wrexham CBC.

Cllr. B. Pritchard - Advised of a forthcoming meeting of the Governing Body at Hafod y Wern School arranged for 4pm on 22nd June 2010.

25. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the ordinary and Annual General Meeting held on 13th May 2010 be received and adopted as a correct record.

Matters arising:

26. YOUTH SHELTER PRINCE CHARLES ROAD (PM 13)

Concern was expressed that the security fencing still appeared to be in place and that despite assurances given at the last meeting the shelter did not appear to be open for use and there was some uncertainty over its future supervision. It was ***Resolved:*** *To include the matter on the agenda for the July meeting.*

27. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received:

(i) Wrexham CBC – Application for new premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 – Royal Kebab and Fish Bar, 43 Kingsmills Road, Wrexham

Resolved: *To note the letter, but to enquire if the difference between late night refreshment and opening hours is an error.*

(ii) Wrexham CBC – Invitation to Mayor’s Civic Visit to Church

Resolved: *That Cllr & Mrs M Allum attend on behalf of the Community Council.*

(iii) Wrexham CBC – Tidy Towns Grant Request 2010/11

Members were pleased to note that the Manley Road community garden scheme had been successfully awarded £4000 under the Tidy Towns Scheme. It was ***Resolved:*** *To enquire why the Moorland Avenue scheme was unsuccessful given that it was similar but did not appear to meet the funding criteria.*

(iv) Clwyd Community Chest – Invitation to AGM and subscribe as a member council.

Resolved: *To note the letter.*

(v) One Voice Wales – Invitation to Conference and AGM

Resolved: *To note the letter.*

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

This communication was an invitation for Community Councillors to attend future meetings of the Association. It was noted that both Cllr T. Thomas and D. Mitchell do attend on a regular basis. It was ***Resolved:*** *To enquire from the Association if the Community Centre Management Committee has been incorporated into the Community Association as the Community Council has a nominated representative on the Community Centre Management Committee.*

REPORTS, CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS AND NEWSLETTERS

The following were received:

AVOW Newsletter (Health Social Care and Well-being Issue)

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (The Code of Conduct for members of local authority in Wales: Guidance)

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (Complaints Wales Consultation – Proposal for a common complaints system for public service providers in Wales) *Resolved: To note the consultation document.*

28. MEMBER CORRESPONDENCE WITH PRESS

The Clerk reported that he had received a telephone call from a member of the public expressing concern over letters appearing in the press which may give the impression they were the views of the Community Council although they were written by an individual member. The Clerk reminded Members that letters written expressing the view of the Council would be sent out in the name of the Clerk or Chair and would make it clear they were written on behalf of the Community Council. He advised members that whilst individuals have the right to say they are a community councillor for a particular area in correspondence, they should make it clear that the views expressed are their own personal views and should not imply that they are representative of the Council as a whole.

29. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2009/10 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk of the Council submitted the accounts and supporting documents for year ended 31st March 2010 and the risk assessment for 2010/11. The Clerk outlined the timetable for both internal and external audit.

It was *resolved:*

- (i) *That the accounts, annual governance statement and supporting documents including variance analysis be approved and adopted subject to audit.*
- (ii) *That the risk assessment as presented and discussed be approved*

The Chair duly signed the Accounts and the relevant sections of the Annual Return.

30. 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

P2010/0414 Lidl. 50-52 Salop Road, Wrexham
Erection of one flag pole

P2010/0441 Autokit Tyre Service, Hightown Road, Wrexham
First floor extension and alteration in retrospect – amendment to application previously granted under code P2009/0792

P2010/0465 Unit C1C Eagles Meadow, Wrexham
Installation of new shop front

P2010/0466 Block D Unit D3, Eagles Meadow, Wrexham
Installation of new shop front

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

P2010/0446 Land adjacent to 81 Benjamin Road, Wrexham

Erection of 2 one bedroom apartments

Reason: Object on the grounds of highway safety. Considerable amount of existing on street parking and mixed uses on Benjamin Road gives cause for concern. Access arrangements seem inadequate and the illustrative parking layout does not seem practicable (“end on” parking and manoeuvring around a bin store)

(Cllr. J. Humberstone declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application as owner of the land and withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

P2010/0454 Unit 4 Rivulet Road, Wrexham

Use as body building gym (in retrospect)

Reason: Concerned over the adequacy of parking proposals. The area designated also provides parking for other buildings/commercial uses.

31. WREXHAM CBC DRAFT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Clerk presented a brief report on the Local Development Plan which was now on public deposit. He advised that the Plan dealt with strategic planning matters up to 2021 and dealt with matters such as housing need, employment land allocation, shopping, transport, minerals and waste. The Plan was now available for public consideration for a 6 week period between 4th June and 16th July and that a number of drop in sessions are to be held during this period throughout the County Borough. A session was scheduled to be held at Kingsley Circle Community centre on 28th June and a full copy of the plan and accompanying proposals maps was available for inspection in the Community Council offices.

Resolved: *To note the report and date and time of the drop in session.*

32. 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 Environmental Group - £95

Members were reminded that they had agreed to fund the gardening competition to the amount requested (£375) at their May meeting. Subsequent correspondence indicated that the costs of the competition were somewhat higher than those first indicated. As a consequence members agreed to an additional grant of £95.

(Cllr D. Mitchell, as a member of Caia Park Environmental Group, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item)

- (ii) Caia Park Communities First on behalf of
Caia Park Carnival Group - £300

Funding was requested to “underwrite” the cost of refreshments in the event of adverse weather or a poor turnout. Members agreed to the grant subject to certain conditions. (Cllrs N. Hughes and T. Thomas declared a personal interest in the application as both have a close relative involved with Communities First Ltd and Cllr. T. Thomas is also an employee of Communities First Ltd. Under the Code of Conduct dispensation, they were allowed to take part in the discussion and vote as the request for grant was under £500)

Resolved: That the following application be deferred pending further information relating to specific numbers involved with the group who are resident in Caia Park.

1st Rhosnesni Scout Group

Funding requested to support the activities of the Group and /or towards maintenance of the Scout Hut.

Resolved: That no grant be made in respect of the following application.

New 2 You

Funding was requested to cover the costs of a development worker for a period of 3 months at 30 hrs per week.

(Cllr J. Humberstone left the meeting at this point 8.50pm)

33. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The provisional financial statement for period ending 31st May 2010 was submitted.

Resolved: That the financial statement for period 31st May 2010 be received and adopted.

34. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: That the following accounts for June 2010 be approved:

		£ . p		Authority
D.D	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	* 319.80	
		St Peter's Hall	* 61.45	381.25
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 15.42	
		CAS	* 17.07	32.49
D.D.	CAB	CAS		70.00
D.D.	NATWEST (card)	General Admin		32.00
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5665	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	* 26.61	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		12.99
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		665.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		98.00
5666	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle	* 749.65	
	(Trade refuse - 50% reclaimed from Community Health Council)			
5667	British Gas	St Peter's Hall	* 444.54	

		£ . p	Authority
5668	Walker Fire	St Peter's Hall * 143.63	
		Cartrefle * <u>703.90</u>	847.53
5669	John R Boyle	St Peter's Hall *	61.10
5669	John R Boyle	St Peter's Hall *	124.90
5670	The Church in Wales	St Peter's Hall	701.84
5672	Cash (Cheque received for client)	CAS	90.00
5672	Petty cash	General Admin	70.00
5671	WNW	Cartrefle * 51.35	
		St Peter's Hall * <u>121.60</u>	172.95
D.D.	CAB	CAS	117.50
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle	25.22
D.D.	Plus net	General Admin *	31.04
	J. Francis (Sal Jun)	St. Peter's Hall	
	G. Evans Travel (Jun)	CAS	
	P. Donellan (Travel Jun)	CAS	
	K. Walker (Sal Adj/Travel Jun)	CAS	
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Jun)	
	FCC	Pensions (Jun)	
	Unison	St Peter's Hall	

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

35. STAFFING MATTERS

The Clerk reported the current position with regard to the consultation meetings which had taken place between January and May with staff. Members **resolved:** *To endorse the actions taken to date and to proceed with measures to reduce the staffing requirement at one venue to a level comparable with other community centres.*

(Cllrs C. Powell and B. Pritchard left the meeting prior to consideration of this item)