

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 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 M A Humphreys  
\*Cllr M King

Cllr C Lloyd  
Cllr D G Mitchell  
\*Cllr C Powell  
\*Cllr R Prince  
Cllr B R Pritchard  
\*Cllr T Thomas

\*Absent

Also in attendance: PC. R. Stevenson – North Wales Police

**69. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. G. Howell, M. King, C. Powell, R Prince and T. Thomas and Sgt. D. Jacks.

**70. POLICE MATTERS**

Crime statistics for August were presented with comparable data from previous months. Once again, it was noted that the Queensway Ward was recorded with the highest number of anti social behaviour incidents although the figures are reducing. It was noted that there had been an increase in burglaries and theft from motor vehicles in Whitegate. These occurred over one evening and the offenders had been dealt with. Drug related issues are still prevalent and there are a number of initiatives forthcoming. Incidents of criminal damage were not decreasing greatly and these differed from ward to ward ranging from damage to vehicles, graffiti or domestic incidents.

It was noted that the problems associated with speeding vehicles in the Caia Road area had improved of late. Members related recent incidents in the Tower View area resulting in damage to vehicles and trespass particularly around the older persons' bungalows. It was not known when the gating of the footpath between Tower View and Deva Way would be carried out but it was felt this would help the situation.

Other items discussed:

**Deployment of officers within Town Centre:**

It was noted that PCSOs from Caia had been in attendance at a recent event held within the town. Members were concerned that with the football season about to commence, this may result in other officers being redeployed regularly to other areas, and questioned why Special Constables were not drafted in for such events. PC Stevenson advised that he was only aware of one match where Caia personnel may be required to be in attendance and that often Caia received support from other officers from outside of the immediate area and so it tended to be a reciprocal arrangement.

### **Neighbourhood Policing Panel**

Members expressed their disappointment at the poor attendance at the last meeting. The Clerk advised that Sgt Jacks was considering other strategies to improve attendance.

### **Traffic issues Holt Road/ Tesco Roundabout**

Members expressed concern over the continual traffic problems and congestion at the Holt Road roundabout. It was noted that the recent road works have not helped the situation but having two pedestrian controlled crossings in such close proximity was creating long tail backs. Tesco were using their rear entrance to try and reduce the volume of traffic on the roundabout although many members of the public were unaware of this.

### **Playing of golf on public open space**

Concern was expressed over the continuing practice of individuals playing golf on public open space areas particularly at Coed y Bryn and The Dunks. PC Stevenson agreed to monitor the situation and if possible make contact with the offenders.

## **71. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr. B. Halley            Attended meetings held at The Venture to discuss future funding arrangements Discussions are still ongoing with Wrexham CBC.  
Cllr. D. Mitchell        Attended the AGM of the Sustainability Forum.  
Cllr. K. Gregory         Attended Smithfield Tenants & Residents Meeting.

## **72. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### ***Resolved:***

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July be received and adopted as a correct record. Matters arising:*

## **73. YOUTH SHELTER – PRINCE CHARLES ROAD (PM35 & 55)**

It was noted that repair work to the shelter had commenced. It was reported that the shelter did not appear to be secured to previous standards whilst work was not being undertaken.

## **74. SIGNAGE CAIA PARK (PM25, 36 & 56)**

The Clerk reported that verbal estimates for the signage had been received at approximately £250 - £300 per sign (supplied and erected). It was ***Resolved: to proceed with the purchase of the signs which would be erected at locations as previously agreed.***

## **75. FOOTWAY LIGHTING SCHEMES 2009/10 (PM61)**

The Clerk reported that verbal estimates had been received for the schemes as previously identified. These being as follows:

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|-------|--|--------|
| (i)   | Garage area at Smithfield Road near to Queensway roundabout.<br>8m column erected to rear of garages with floodlight | £1,924 |
| (ii)  | Gwenfro area by 142 Gwenfro<br>1 off new light and column  | £1,600 |
| (iii) | Area adjacent to footbridge crossing Gwenfro<br>1 off new light and column   | £2,160 |

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|------|---|--------|
| (iv) | Upgrade lighting on Albert Street<br>2 off new lanterns   | £440   |
| (v)  | Old railway line Whitegate Road – Rubery Way (carried fwd from 2008/09)<br>7 off new lights and columns | £6,790 |

The clerk advised that the lighting budgetary provision for 2009/10 was £10,000 although there was some funding in the lighting reserve fund. Following discussion it was **Resolved:**

- (i) *To proceed with all schemes as identified above, subject to consulting with residents living on Benjamin Road whose properties back onto the garage site prior to proceeding with scheme (i)*

Arising from the observations of Members it was further *resolved:*

- (i) *To request that Wrexham CBC cut back the trees currently impairing the lighting on the footpath leading from the Queensway Sports Complex to Prince Charles Road as a matter of urgency.*
- (ii) *That the light No. 11 adjacent to 134 Tan y Dre should be relocated as it is causing an obstruction on the footpath.*
- (iii) *To report that light No. 12 outside 35 Cefndre needs replacing as this was on the programme last year and had not been completed.*

## 76. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) Wrexham CBC – Mayor’s Charity Ball.**

Letter advising that the date of the Mayor’s Charity ball was 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – **Resolved:** *that the letter be noted.*

**(ii) Wrexham CBC – Wrexham Local Bus Strategy**

Following consideration, Members **Resolved:** *to make the following observations:*

*Timetable information at bus stops was lacking or non existent and publicity generally about the level and type of service was poor.*

*Reliability remained a concern in Caia Park as buses sometimes do not turn up at their scheduled times.*

*Consideration should be given to providing a later service particularly to the town centre from the more heavily populated areas.*

*Affordability remains a concern particularly for short runs (Caia Park to town centre)*

*The shuttle bus to the Wrexham Industrial Estate is a strategic and valued resource and should be safeguarded*

*There is confusion and uncertainty over the use of the bus stop adjacent to Tesco (St George’s link). It appears that buses are reluctant to stop at this location.*

**(iii) North Wales Police Authority/ Chief Constable**

The Clerk reported that a response had been received from the North Wales Police Authority regarding abstraction rates and the deployment of PCSOs. A similar response had been received from the Chief Constable. It was further reported that the Chief Superintendent had, at a recent meeting of the Police and Community Forum agreed to abstraction rates being made available to the Community Council and that as part of the Policing Pledge, abstraction rates should not normally exceed 20%. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

- (iv) **WAG – Tidy Wales Week 2009**  
*Resolved: That the letter be noted and to note various activities occurring during that week in Smithfield and Cartrefle Wards*
- (v) **Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal**  
*Resolved: To order a similar wreath as last year.*
- (vi) **WAG – Consultation of Legislative Competence Order**  
Members received correspondence from Welsh Assembly Government outlining proposals for a Legislative Competency Order which would give enabling powers for Welsh Ministers to legislate for significant changes to the law covering the constitution, structure, procedures and responsibilities of community councils, relationships between tiers of local government and the recruitment and retention of councillors. Whilst acknowledging that the proposal was an at early stage and the details of any subsequent measures introduced may have implications, Members were of the opinion that this Order was not necessary and could result in more costly bureaucratic procedures being introduced. It was **Resolved: to respond accordingly.**

## 77. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS / REPORTS

The following reports were received and noted:

- (i) Wrexham CBC Town Centre Conservation Area Character Assessment and Management Plan
- (ii) AVOW Newsletters
- (iii) Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd Annual report 2008/9
- (iv) North Wales Policing Plan
- (v) Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual report 2008/09
- (vi) Shaping the Future of North Wales Fire and Rescue Service

## 78. MATTERS DEALT WITH DURING AUGUST RECESS

Members **Resolved: To endorse the actions taken by the Chair and Vice Chair during the August recess in respect of the following matters:**

### **Planning:**

P2009/0662 Unit 3 Charles Street Wrexham  
Change of use from retail to office  
Object: Over the proposed loss of a retail unit in this location

No objections raised to the following applications:

P2009/0663 Unit 3 Charles Street, Wrexham  
Erection of new fascia sign  
P2009/0693 Unit B5 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham  
Installation of shop front  
P2009/0694 Unit B5 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham  
Display of signage

### **Correspondence:**

Observations requested by Local Health Board in respect of an application for inclusion on the Pharmaceutical list by Mr. A. Edwards at 79 Holt Road, Wrexham. Application supported by the Community Council.

**Accounts:**

Detailed accounts received during August and authorised for payment.

**£ . p Authority**

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|-------|--------------------------------|--|----------------|---------------|
| D.D.  | British Gas (elect)            | Cartrefle *                            | 280.59         |               |
|       |                                | St Peter's Hall *                      | <u>31.29</u>   | 361.88        |
| D.D.  | Pace Telecom                   | General Admin*                         | 17.07          |               |
|       |                                | CAS *                                  | <u>36.20</u>   | 53.27         |
| D.D.  | Investec                       | General Admin *                        |                | 253.00        |
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| D.D.  | Dee Valley Water               | St Peter's Hall                        |                | 7.53          |
| D.D.  | Wrexham CBC                    | Cartrefle                              | 721.00         | LGA 1972 s133 |
| D.D.  | Wrexham CBC                    | St Peter's Hall                        | 117.00         | LGA 1972 s133 |
| 5461  | Caia Park Partnership          | Donation (2 <sup>nd</sup> installment) | 2000.00        | LGA 1972 s137 |
| 5462  | The Venture                    | Donation (2 <sup>nd</sup> installment) | 2000.00        | LGA 1972 s137 |
| 5468  | JME Electrical                 | St Peter's Hall *                      |                | 160.17        |
| 5469  | Hallam Heating                 | Cartrefle *                            | 37.51          |               |
|       |                                | St Peter's Hall                        | <u>*144.90</u> | 182.41        |
| 5470  | Nibbs Office Supplies          | General Admin *                        |                | 83.28         |
| 5471  | JDH Business Services          | General Admin *                        |                | 298.20        |
| 5472  | Graphic Office Systems         | General Admin *                        |                | 10.81         |
| 5473  | DJ Consultants                 | Cartrefle *                            |                | 69.23         |
| D.D.  | Dee Valley Water               | Cartrefle                              |                | 14.66         |
| D.D.  | Plus net                       | General Admin *                        |                | 31.04         |
| D.D.  | Natwest Business Card          | General Admin *                        |                | 31.04         |
|       | P. Emery (Sal Aug)             | CAS                                    |                |               |
|       | G. Evans (Travel Aug)          | CAS                                    |                |               |
|       | P. Donellan (Travel Aug)       | CAS                                    |                |               |
|       | K. Walker (Sal adj/travel Aug) | CAS                                    |                |               |
|       | J. Francis (Sal Aug)           | St Peter's Hall                        |                |               |
|       | H.M. Revenue & Customs         | Tax NI (Aug)                           |                |               |
|       | FCC                            | Pensions (Aug)                         |                |               |

(\*Includes recoverable VAT of £193.41)

**79. 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:***P2009/0706 – Next 2, Eagles meadow, Wrexham**

Installation of canopy to plaza shopfront entrance

**P2009/0716 – 51 Chester Street, Wrexham**

Change of use to accommodate the temporary relocation of Wrexham Library

**P2009/0726 - Unit D18 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham**

Installation of new shop front

**Resolved:** that an objection be raised to the following applications:

**P2009/0727 – Former Gas Works site Bury Street and Greenbank Street**

Residential development for 31 dwellings

**Reason:** Impact on highway safety with access onto Greenbank Street for an increased number of dwellings. Piecemeal development of the site. Traffic surveys should be reconsidered following completion of Eagles Meadow

**80. INTERNAL AUDIT 2008/09**

The Clerk presented a report on the findings of the internal audit undertaken by Messrs JDH Business Services and advised that the accounts and supporting documents were now with the external auditors for examination. It was noted that there was only one minor point requiring action. It was **Resolved:**

(i) *To accept the recommendation made by the Internal Auditors*

(ii) *To appoint Messrs JDH Business Services as the Council's internal auditors for financial year 2009/10 and if necessary consider an interim audit visit in accordance with proposed good practice.*

**81. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

It was unanimously **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)   | Phab, Gurkha Welfare Trust and<br>N. Wales Assoc for Spina Bifida & hydrocephalus<br>Wheelchair Push  | - £100   |
| (ii)  | Caia Park Older People's Forum<br>(Cllr P Williams declared an interest in this application as a member of the Older People's Forum and withdrew from the meeting whilst this application was considered. | - £1,000 |
| (iii) | Community Media Wrexham Ltd<br>(Cllr J. Humberstone declared an interest in this application as volunteer manager of the organization)  | - £225   |

**82. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE**

Statistics were presented for the period April – June 2009. It was noted that the number of out of area clients continued to be monitored. At this stage it did not appear to be creating difficulties to the detriment of those clients from Caia Park It was noted that the recent press release marking 21 years of opening the Advice Service had been published. The Chair advised that she would be acknowledging this with the staff concerned.

**83. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Clerk submitted the provisional financial statements for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009. **Resolved:** *That the financial statement be received and adopted.*

### 83. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

*Resolved: That the following accounts for September 2009 be approved:*

|       |                                | <b>£ . p</b>                           |                | <b>Authority</b> |
|-------|--------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------|
| D.D.  | British Gas (elect)            | Cartrefle                              | * 441.14       |                  |
|       |                                | St Peter's Hall                        | * <u>93.53</u> | 534.67           |
| D.D.  | Pace Telecom                   | General Admin                          | * 10.26        |                  |
|       |                                | CAS                                    | * <u>32.38</u> | 42.64            |
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| D.D.  | Dee Valley Water               | St Peter's Hall                        |                | 13.09            |
| D.D.  | Wrexham CBC                    | Cartrefle                              |                | 721.00           |
| D.D.  | Wrexham CBC                    | St Peter's Hall                        |                | 117.00           |
| 5480  | Gwenfro Valley ICC             | Donation (2 <sup>nd</sup> installment) |                | 2000.00          |
| 5481  | JME Electrical                 | Cartrefle                              | *              | 111.81           |
| 5482  | R. Bentley                     | General Admin                          | *              | 146.86           |
| 5483  | Graphic Office Systems         | General Admin                          | *              | 8.50             |
| 5484  | British Gas                    | St Peter's                             | *              | 925.68           |
| 5485  | Broncoed Engineering           | St Peter's                             | *              | 310.50           |
| 5486  | Shelter Cymru                  | CAS                                    |                | 104.00           |
| 5487  | CPAG                           | CAS                                    |                | 6.00             |
| 5488  | PHS Group                      | Cartrefle                              | *              | 400.02           |
| 5489  | WNW                            | Cartrefle                              | *59.37         |                  |
|       |                                | St Peter's                             | <u>55.43</u>   | 114.80           |
| 5490  | Sponsored Wheelchair Push      | Donation                               |                | 100.00           |
| 5491  | Caia Park Older People's Forum | Donation                               |                | 1000.00          |
| 5492  | Community Media Wrexham        | Donation                               |                |                  |
|       |                                |  |                | LGA 1972 s137    |
| D.D.  | British Telecom                | St Peter's                             | *              | 90.53            |
| D.D.  | Dee Valley Water               | Cartrefle                              |                | 14.66            |
| D.D.  | Plus net                       | General Admin                          | *              | 31.04            |
| D.D.  | Natwest Business Card          | General Admin                          | *              | 31.04            |
|       | P. Emery (Sal Sep)             | CAS                                    |                |                  |
|       | G. Evans (Travel Sep)          | CAS                                    |                |                  |
|       | P. Donellan (Travel Sep)       | CAS                                    |                |                  |
|       | K. Walker (Sal adj/travel Sep) | CAS                                    |                |                  |
|       | J. Francis (Sal Sep)           | St Peter's Hall                        |                |                  |
|       | H.M. Revenue & Customs         | Tax NI (Sep)                           |                |                  |
|       | FCC                            | Pensions (Sep)                         |                |                  |

(\*Includes recoverable VAT of £350.69)