

Cllr P M Williams (**Chair**)
*Cllr M. Allum (**Vice Chair**)

Cllr A K Gregory	Cllr C Lloyd
Cllr B Halley	Cllr D G Mitchell
*Cllr J Howell	Cllr C Powell
Cllr N Hughes	Cllr R Prince
*Cllr J M Humberstone	Cllr B R Pritchard
*Cllr M A Humphreys	*Cllr T Thomas
*Cllr M King	

*Absent
Together with Sgt D. Jacks – North Wales Police

123. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. Allum, J. Howell, M. King and T. Thomas.

124. POLICE MATTERS

Sgt Jacks provided crime and anti social behaviour incidents for November together with comparative data for previous months. Reported incidents of anti social behaviour in Smithfield and Whitegate had dropped. Problems in the Queensway Ward centered around incidents at the Churchill Drive shops area and neighbour issues. The burglaries were largely opportunist and two significant arrests had been made. There had been an increase in criminal damage in the Wynnstay Ward focused mainly on damage to windows and car windscreens.

Other matters:

- (i) Week commencing 23rd November was Road Safety Week with all schools in Caia taking part. There had been good feedback from those involved.
- (ii) Reference was made to the retirement of Insp. Beasley and Members look forward to meeting his replacement at a future meeting.
- (iii) Concern over the number of “cold callers” particularly in the Tanydre area making unsubstantiated claims about the levels of crime in the area. Sgt Jacks to monitor.

125. PRESENTATION BY PLANNING MANAGER – WREXHAM CBC

The Chair welcomed Mr. R A Dewey to the meeting who gave a presentation on the role of the Planning Department and the involvement of Community Councils in the process. Mr. Dewey covered such topics as material planning considerations, the importance of determining applications in accordance with the Development Plan and enforcement against unauthorised development or breaches of conditions. Mr. Dewey gave several examples of when planning consent is and is not required. The Chair thanked Mr. Dewey following a brief question and answer session.

126. MEMBERS REPORTS

- Cllr. D. Mitchell Attended a Community Action for Climate Change network event (written report tabled)
Hightown Management Committee meeting – concern over the possible loss of the community centre when the Hightown flats site is redeveloped. Agreed to write to Wrexham CBC expressing concern.
- Cllr. A. K. Gregory Attended Smithfield Residents Association meeting – still concerns over parking in the streets which could become more acute over the Christmas period.
- Cllr. B. Halley Attended Smithfield Residents Association meeting – echoed concerns over on street parking issues. Agreed to write to Wrexham CBC for improved signage to Crescent Road car park.

127. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12th November be received and adopted as a correct record.

Matters arising:

128. FOOTWAY LIGHTING SCHEMES 2009/10 (PM61, 75, 90 & 108)

It was noted that all the approved new lighting had been ordered including the repositioning of the light at Tanydre and the light at the garage area on Smithfield Road. A Member requested that consideration be given to provide a light at the former play area at Moorland Avenue as some improvement work was being undertaken there. As the budget had been exceeded for 2009/10 it was ***resolved:*** *that consideration be given to this request when considering schemes for 2010/11.*

Concern was expressed over the hedge near the footbridge at Gwenfro which still had not been reduced in height despite assurances from the Estate Office that this would be done. ***Resolved:*** *to remind the Housing Estate Office accordingly.*

129. FENCING MULTI USE GAMES AREA – PRINCE CHARLES ROAD (PM 96 & 109)

The Clerk reported that fencing was currently being erected at Prices Lane and that this would be evaluated with a view to using the same contractor if the fencing is of a suitable quality.

130. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received:

(i) Caia Park Partnership

A letter was received outlining how the remainder of the 2009/2010 grant funding would be used to fund outreach work and the info drop in centre based at Caia Park Partnership. Members raised concerns over the outreach provision and were unsure if this was provided by the same staff employed to work at the designated youth clubs. It was ***resolved:*** *to request further details.*

(Cllr C. Lloyd declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as an employee of Caia Park Partnership, withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

(ii) Age Concern – Luncheon Club Development

It was **resolved**: to circulate details of the letter to the management Committees of Kingsley Circle and Pentre Gwyn Community Centres.

(iii) Written statement by Welsh Assembly Government

A copy of a written statement by Brian Gibbons (Minister for Social Justice and Local Government) providing an update on Community and Town Councils was received and noted.

(iv) Wrexham CBC new model of Youth Service delivery

The information provided an organisational chart for North, Central and South locality areas. It was noted that no reference was made to provision within Caia Park, and whilst it was recognised that the provision in the area had been contracted out to Caia Park Partnership, the County Borough Council had a statutory duty to monitor the provision and provide direction to ensure consistency across all areas of the County. It was **resolved**: to write to the Youth Service and seek clarification.

(v) Wrexham CBC – Mayor’s charity dinner dance – 22nd January 2010

An invitation to the above was received and noted.

REPORTS AND CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

The following were received and noted:

- (i) Welsh Assembly Government – Proposed guidance for the Wales programme for improvement for the Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales.
- (ii) AVOW Newsletter
- (iii) Civic Society Newsletter

131. BUDGET SETTING 2010/2011

Members were reminded that the budget for 2010/2011 would be set at the January meeting, but an early indication of any proposed new schemes would be helpful in formulating the budget. Members were advised that in view of the community review, there would be a reduction in the number of properties falling within Caia Community and as a result a budget decrease (based on the current precept) would amount to some £16k. This coupled with a severe reduction in investment income would mean a budget reduction of some £23k based on current figures.

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from Groundwork Wrexham to part fund an application being submitted to WREN for a skateboard park to be constructed off the Queensway at the site of the old tennis courts. The Community Council contribution would be £3,300. Members expressed concern as there had been anti social issues at this location in the past and given the close proximity of the elderly persons bungalows and subway. The application was not clear in terms of who would be responsible for the long term maintenance and lacked some detail. It was **resolved** that consideration of this matter be deferred to the budget setting meeting in January.

132. 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:

P2009/0957 – 34 Barons Road, Wrexham

Change of use from disused lock up into 2 self contained flats.

P2009/0969- Former Gas Works Site, Rivulet Road, Wrexham

However, Planning Authority should ensure that all measures are undertaken to prevent possible flooding.

P2009/0983 – Unit 4 Rivulet Road, Wrexham

No objection to use, but concerns over the sound loud music emanating from the building – Planning Authority to be advised.

Resolved: that an objection be raised to the following application:

P2009/0979 – 5, Cefn Road, Wrexham

Erection of 6 apartments

Reason:

Intensified use of new vehicular access onto Bryn Estyn Road in the location proposed would be prejudicial to road safety. The development is out of keeping with the existing residential properties and looks more like an industrial/office building.

P2009/0945 – 62 Smithfield Road, Wrexham

Change of use to internal hand car wash and valet facility

Reason:

The access and egress from the site are extremely close and may give rise to problems with traffic movement. When the building was previously used, the Eagles meadow development had not been built. Since that time parking and traffic issues have increased significantly and Smithfield Road is used far more as a strategic pedestrian route. The amenity of nearby residential units must also be considered

P2009/0883 – Units 2 -4 Border Retail Park, Wrexham

Removal of conditions 4 & 5 relating to extension for storage purposes only and no alterations to retail floor areas within existing buildings.

Reason:

To allow the extensions to be used for anything other than storage could increase the problems encountered on the nearby highway and junctions.

133. YOUTH SHELTER – PRINCE CHARLES ROAD (PM35, 55, 73, 88 & 117)

Members noted that some work had been undertaken on the shelter since the November meeting and the matter had been raised at the Executive Board of Wrexham County Borough Council. The Clerk reported that the Manager of The Venture had indicated that most of the work now required was of a cosmetic nature and the shelter should be open again early in the New Year. It was *resolved: to note the progress and monitor the usage of the shelter once open.*

134. APPLICATIONS 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) Annbraize Morris Dancers - £250
- (ii) Smithfield Residents & Tenants Assoc - £300

(Cllrs. A. K Gregory and B. Halley declared a personal interest in this application as members of the Association. In accordance with the S12 (2c) of the Code of Conduct (consideration of grant under £500) both Members were able to remain for the discussion and voting thereon.

135. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Clerk submitted the provisional financial statements for period ending 30th November 2009. **Resolved:** *That the financial statement be received and adopted.*

136. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

			£ . p	Authority
D.D	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	* 408.34	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>87.15</u> 495.49	
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 13.67	
		CAS	* <u>41.52</u> 41.06	
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DD.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall	13.09	
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle	721.00	LGA 1972 s133
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall	117.00	LGA 1972 s133
5539	WNW	St Peter's Hall	* 26.84	
5540	CPL	Cartrefle	* 1287.89	LGA 1972 s133
5541	British Gas	St Peter's Hall	* 26.50	
5542	Gwenfro School	Chairs Allowance	50.00	
5543	Hafod y Wern School	Chairs Allowance	50.00	
5544	St Anne's School	Chairs Allowance	50.00	
5545	Caia Nursery	Chairs Allowance	50.00	
5546	Salvation Army	Chairs Allowance	100.00	
5547	RSPCA	Chairs Allowance	100.00	
5548	N. Wales Police	Amenities/Environment	2000.00	Police Act 1965
5549	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	16.56	
5550	Society of Local Council Clerks	General Admin	151.00	
5551	Gwenfro Valley ICC	Donation (3 rd inst)	2000.00	LGA 1972 s137
5556)	Petty cash	General Admin	60.00	
)	Cash	Chairs Allowance	110.00	
5558	Annbraize Morris Dancers	Donation	250.00	LGA 1972 s137
5559	Smithfield Residents Assoc	Donation	300.00	LGA 1972 s137
D.D.	BT	St Peter's Hall	* 101.99	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle	14.66	
D.D.	Plus net	General Admin	* 31.04	
	P. Emery (Sal Dec)	CAS		
	G. Evans (Travel Dec)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel Dec)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj/travel Dec)	CAS		
	J. Francis (Sal Dec)	St Peter's Hall		
	R. Matthews (sal adj)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Dec)		
	FCC	Pensions (Dec)		

(*Includes recoverable VAT of £144.32)