

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at  
Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham

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 T Thomas	*Cllr M King

\*Absent

Together with Insp. A. Goss, Sgt D. Jacks and P.C.S.O. Simon Griffiths  
N Wales Police

**152. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. Howell, M. King, D. Mitchell, C. Powell, R Prince, and B. Pritchard.

**153. POLICE MATTERS**

Insp. Alex Goss introduced himself to Members as the new Inspector appointed to replace Insp. C. Beasley following his retirement. In welcoming Insp. Goss, Members referred to the excellent relationship with the Caia Community Policing Team and the contribution they make to the community as a whole. They enquired if there were likely to be any personnel changes or changes to methods of operation. Inspector Goss commented that it was difficult to predict staff movement as staff make their own decisions regarding employment opportunities that may arise. He felt that changes to methods of operation would be inevitable to cater for changing priorities and initiatives. One important priority was to build trust and confidence within the community and this would be done via meetings specifically organised to consult with the community on local priorities in accordance with Home Office directives.

A Member commented that Inspector Beasley had always taken a keen interest in community activities and had attended many and it was hoped that Inspector Goss would, time permitting, also involve himself in such a way.

Sgt Jacks provided crime and anti social behaviour statistics for January. There had been 25 reports of anti social behaviour across the five wards which compared favourably with other communities. Incidents of theft from vehicles had increased in the Queensway Ward during the month although this was confined to a relatively short period and arrests had been made. There had been four burglaries in Whitegate Ward and in two case offenders had been caught on the premises.

Mr Simon Griffiths was introduced as the new P.C.S.O. for Cartrefle Ward. He had previously been employed as a Community Warden in West Cheshire covering the Blacon area.

Other items referred to the Police were:

**Anti social driving – Tesco car park.**

Members were appreciative of the work undertaken by the Police in an attempt to resolve issues in the car park adjoining the Border Retail Park but this had resulted in the problem being displaced to the Tesco Car Park. Concern was expressed for public safety given that Tesco have extended opening hours.

Inspector Goss advised that the current operation would continue as the Border Retail Park is open access whereas if Tesco are concerned, they could report the matter to the Police who could in turn take action as their car park is private land.

**Sirens on Police vehicles.**

A Member enquired if there was a time constraint on when sirens on Police vehicles could be sounded or if a protocol for their use existed as concern had been expressed at sirens being sounded at 2am. Inspector Goss advised that it was a matter for the vehicle operative to use their discretion and depended on the nature and severity of the incident.

**Burglaries.**

A Member enquired if there was a pattern emerging of items stolen and was there any evidence of items being “stolen to order”. Sgt Jacks advised that the reported burglaries tended to be opportunist targeted at insecure premises (windows and doors open or unlocked). He stressed the importance of being vigilant. The recently advertised OWL project offers online crime prevention advice.

**Drug related crime.**

Sgt Jacks advised that warrants had recently been executed.

**PACT Meetings.**

Sgt Jacks agreed to provide the Clerk with dates and times of the meetings for dissemination to Members. Some details on the Police website were unclear.

**Incident update.**

Sgt Jacks provided members with an update on the incident referred to in the January meeting and reference was made to the recent incident in Montgomery Road.

Inspector Goss concluded by stating that in his opinion Wrexham was one of the safest towns when compared with other areas.

**154. MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr. K. Gregory	Attended Smithfield Residents meeting.
Cllr. B. Halley	Attended The Venture AGM and commented that although funding had been reduced and the necessary staff adjustments made, the future was looking optimistic.
Cllr. C. Lloyd	Attended Gwenfro School Governors’ Meeting (pre inspection)
Cllr. T. Thomas	Referred to the recent work undertaken to install the play area off Bala Field and enquired if pedestrian safety rails were to be re-installed – Clerk to check with Wrexham CBC.

Cllrs M. Allum, K Gregory and

J. Humberstone

Referred to the recent inclement weather and the quality of the gritting service. It was accepted that priority had to be given to strategic routes and bus routes however certain areas were very dangerous such as the steps from Crescent Road to Field View and in front of the older people's bungalows at Dale Street. Cllr. Gregory advised that County Councillors had been asked to forward observations of the winter maintenance policy to the Chief Officer concerned and he would pass the comments on.

**155. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

***Resolved:***

*That the minutes of the ordinary and confidential meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be received and adopted as a correct record.*

**Matters arising:**

**156. MEMBERS REPORTS (PM 139)**

- (i) The County member for Smithfield Ward advised that he had spoken to the Warden regarding the matter raised and an explanation was given. Members noted the position.
- (ii) Cllr Humberstone mentioned that funding to the Migrant Workers Support Unit had ceased.

**157. COMMUNITY COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCY**

The Clerk reported that as a vacancy now exists for a Member to serve in the Wynnstay Ward, in accordance with statutory procedures, the vacancy would be advertised within the ward for a period of fourteen working days. If during that period ten or more electors request an election by contacting the Returning Officer an election would be arranged. If such a request is not made, the Community Council could fill the vacancy by co-option.

**158. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were received:

**(i) Wrexham CBC – Appeal decision for the diversion of Footpath no 2 in the community of Abenbury**

Members received the decision notice advising that the diversion order was not confirmed. ***Resolved:*** *That the decision be noted.*

**(ii) Wrexham CBC – Tidy Towns grant application 2010/11**

Members received notification that applications were invited for consideration under the Tidy Towns Scheme for 2010/11

***Resolved:*** *That the matter be considered at the March meeting of the Community Council.*

**(iii) Wrexham CBC – Best kept village / community 2010/11**

An invitation to participate in the Best Kept Village/Community 2010/11 was received

***Resolved:*** *That the letter be noted.*

**(iv) Wrexham CBC – Wrexham Low Carbon Challenge**

Members received an invitation to register expressions of interest for reduction in carbon consumption within their community.

**Resolved:** *That the letter be forwarded to Cllr. D. Mitchell for consideration by Caia Park Environmental Group.*

**(v) Wrexham CBC – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Britain**

Members received an invitation to participate in dedicating a floral display to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

**Resolved:** *That the letter be noted*

**(vi) Welsh Assembly Government – Appointment to Community Health Councils**

Nominations were invited for members of the community to serve on Community Health Councils, applications packs being available from the Welsh Assembly Government.

**Resolved:** *That the letter be noted*

**(vi)** Contact details for NSPCC were received and noted

**REPORTS AND CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

The following were received and noted:

- (i) AVOW Newsletter – Carer’s Issue
- (ii) Wrexham Area Civic Society Newsletter

**159. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

It was **resolved:**

*(i) 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:*

Bobath Cymru	-	£50
Shelter Cymru	-	£50
NSPCC	-	£50
British Heart Foundation	-	£50
Victim Support	-	£50
British Red Cross	-	£50
Mencap	-	£50
Urdd Gobaith Cymru	-	£50
Llangollen Eisteddfod	-	£50
North Wales Deaf Assoc	-	£50
Dynamic	-	£50
Kidney Wales Foundation	-	£50

*(ii) That the following applications are not supported:*

National Eisteddfod Wales (Blaenau)

Pit Pony Sanctuary

Crimebeat Clwyd

Gresford Colliery Bowling Club

*(iii) That further information be requested from the Red Dragon Football Club.*

**160. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**Resolved:**

*(i) that no objection be raised on the following applications:*

**P2010/0005 – Land at Green Dragon Hotel, Salop Road, Wrexham**

Demolition of walls within a conservation area

**P2010/0066 – Building to rear of 41 St George’s Crescent, Wrexham**

Re-roofing and refurbishment of existing warehouse

**P2010/0084 – Unit D1 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham**

Installation of new shop front (in retrospect)

**P2010/0082 – 74-82 Smithfield Road, Wrexham**

Variation of condition 1 of planning permission P2005/0043 to extend time period for commencement of development for a further five years

*(ii) that no objection be raised to the application listed below but that concern is expressed over the access arrangements and increase in traffic given the area is continually congested.*

**P2010/0006 - Land at Green Dragon Hotel, Salop Road, Wrexham**

Erection of 7 no. dwellings with access, reconfiguration of public house car park and demolition of walls.

*(iii) that an objection be raised to the application listed below because of the intensified use of the new vehicular access onto Bryn Estyn Road, which, in the proposed location, would be prejudicial to road safety. Additionally, the development is out of keeping with the existing residential properties and its design is more like an industrial/ office building than residential.*

**P2010/0088 – Land adjacent to 5 Cefn Road, Wrexham**

Erection of 6 no. apartments (revised scheme)

**161. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE**

The quarterly statistics for the Community Advice Service were reported.

**Resolved:** *To note the report.*

**162. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Clerk submitted a revised budget schedule for 2010/2011 reflecting decisions taken at the January meeting with regard to the precept etc. He reported that a review of staffing arrangement was still ongoing.

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

**Resolved:** *That the revised budget for 2010/2011 be accepted and adopted and the financial statement for period 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010 be received and adopted.*

**163. COMMUNITY SIGNAGE**

Members referred to the recently erected community signs and the Clerk referred to a telephone message received from a local resident. He reminded Members that the matter of the signs had been discussed at six separate meetings and that all Members had supported the proposals at one or more meetings.

Members expressed concern that some residents seemed unaware that they resided with the community of Caia Park even though this is clearly shown on Council Tax demands and voluntary groups from within the five electoral wards make application to the Community Council’s grants budget.

## 164. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

*Resolved: That the following accounts for February 2010 be approved:*

			£ . p	Authority
D.D.	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	* 471.06	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>85.41</u>	556.47
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 13.34	
		CAS	* <u>26.12</u>	39.46
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D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		12.99
5583	City Elect Factors	Cartrefle	* 36.77	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>95.55</u>	132.32
5584	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	13.26
5585	Kantara	General Admin	*	129.25
5586	Clwyd CHC	General Admin	126.47	
		Cartrefle	<u>24.87</u>	151.34
5587	CPL Oil	Cartrefle	*	1359.40
5588	The Venture	Donation 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	2000.00	s133 LGA 1972
5589	Gwenfro Valley ICC	Donation 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	2000.00	s137 LGA 1972
5590	Wrexham CBC	Amenities/environment (Bala Road playground)	5000.00	LGA 1976 s19
5590	Wrexham CBC	Amenities/environment (Fencing around MUGA)	11962.83	LGA 1976 s19
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		14.66
D.D.	Plus net	General Admin	*	31.04
	P. Emery (Sal Feb)	CAS		
	G. Evans (Travel Feb)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel Feb)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj/travel Feb)	CAS		
	J. Francis (Sal Feb)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Feb)		
	FCC	Pensions (Feb)		

NB. Account reported to January meeting for Enterprise (footpath works) at an estimated £4224.82. Credit for overcharge has now been received actual revised amount is £4168.64 which includes VAT (Chq 5582)

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable