

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 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 M A Humphreys	Cllr T Thomas
*Cllr M King	

\*Absent

Also in attendance: Sgt D. Jacks – North Wales Police  
C. Field and J. Jones – Wrexham CBC Prevention &  
Inclusion Dept.  
3 members of the public

**122. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. Humberstone and M. King.

**123. POLICE MATTERS**

Sgt Jacks presented crime statistics for January 2009 covering the five wards with comparable data for October -December 2008. The January statistics for anti social behaviour had shown a slight decrease in Queensway Ward but a slight increase in Smithfield.

Reported burglaries in the Queensway Ward were down to three in January compared to eight in December. An offender had been arrested and this may be the reason for the reduction. Sgt Jacks was asked if there were any specific areas giving cause for concern. He commented that the reported incidents seemed to be spread across the whole of the Ward and not in isolated areas of the community.

He reported that there had been some successful initiatives in relation to drug related activity. Members expressed their concern over the number of discarded needles still evident within the community.

It was noted that the statistics for Smithfield Ward included incidents at the Eagles Meadow development. There had been one reported incident of criminal damage at this location during January. Concern was expressed over young people allegedly being targeted with a view to stealing money, cigarettes or mobile phones from them. Sgt Jacks commented that he was aware of the allegations and would be monitoring the situation.

**124. DISCUSSION REGARDING YOUTH PROVISION IN THE AREA**

Ms Clare Field (Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer) Wrexham CBC and Ms Jan Jones were welcomed to the meeting. The Chair explained that Ms Field was aware the Community Council financially support three organizations within Caia (Caia Park Partnership, Gwenfro Valley ICC and The Venture) who in turn provide a service to young people within the community. As Wrexham CBC is currently

reviewing how it provides funding to Caia Park via service level agreements with local organizations the opportunity could arise whereby the Community Council funding could be added to Wrexham CBC's funding to provide a more co-ordinated service.

Ms Field explained that this process was part of a comprehensive review looking at how the County Borough Council works with Community Councils. It is evident that a significant amount of money and resources are provided via the voluntary sector as well as via the County Borough Council. As part of the current review of services taking place within Caia, Ms Field had liaised with various groups including primary and secondary schools, health visitors, social workers, police, voluntary sector and agencies operating within Caia. Discussions had also taken place with parents and young people. This will inform the type of service level agreements required to make the most effective use of resources available to Caia Park. Ms Field commented that this was not a cost cutting exercise and gave a commitment that the funding would remain in Caia but may be used in different ways. The purpose of attending the meeting was to establish if the Community Council were happy with the services they were receiving for their grants or if the Council would like to work in partnership with Wrexham CBC.

A general discussion followed on the current level of provision and Ms Field confirmed that Caia still has the same level of provision operating from Kingsley Circle Community Centre as it did when the Queens Park Youth Club building was open. Members commented that Smithfield Youth Club operated successfully with no direct financial support from Wrexham CBC although it was pointed out that they indirectly benefit from the funding currently provided to Caia Park Partnership both through the Children and Young People Service and Economic Development Departments. It was acknowledged that lack of time may prohibit the pooling of resources this year but opportunities could be available in future years

Members felt that they were being asked to make a decision without any firm proposals being put to them as an alternative to that which they currently fund. This was acknowledged and Ms Field stated that as proposals became clearer she would contact the Community Council at a future date. It was noted that grants are normally considered for these organisations in May and therefore proposals would be required before this time.

*(Cllrs M. Humphreys and C. Powell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as employees of organisations mentioned and withdrew from the meeting. Cllrs P. Williams, B. Halley and C. Lloyd declared a personal interest in this item).*

## **125. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr. K. Gregory	Attended Environmental Action Day (Smithfield).
Cllr. B. Pritchard	Reported Inspection date for Hafod y Wern School (April)
Cllr. B. Halley	Attended Smithfield Tenants & Residents Meeting (still concerns over indiscriminate parking)

## **126. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### ***Resolved:***

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009 be received and adopted as a correct record.*

## **127. DISCARDED SHARPS PM 98 & 114**

The Clerk reported that the meeting had been arranged for 10am on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009. It was agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair and Cllrs. K. Gregory, M. King and R Prince represent the Community Council although if any other Member is interested in attending they should contact the Clerk.

**128. TIDY TOWNS INITIATIVE PM 86 & 101 & 115**

The Clerk reported that a timetable of events had been circulated to all Members and that activities had commenced with an Environmental Action Day in Smithfield on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Various works were scheduled to take place over the next two weeks and Caia Park Action Group were undertaking some educational activities over half term week. A celebratory event was to take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**129. WREXHAM CBC PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (ST GEORGES CRESCENT SOUTH) (OFF STREET PARKING PLACE) ORDER 2009 PM 116**

Members were advised that the Traffic Regulation Order was to become effective from 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

**130. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) Wrexham CBC consultation on proposed traffic regulation order.**

Members received details of a proposed prohibition and restriction of waiting and loading and parking places order 2009. The document contained various schedules and included streets and roads throughout the County Borough. Those relevant to Caia Park Community Council area included Albert Street, Kingsmills Road, access road to Border Retail Park and Stanley Street. *Resolved: To note the proposed order as detailed.*

**(ii) Wrexham CBC notice of evidence gathering sessions – National Assembly for Wales, The All Wales Convention.**

Notification was received drawing attention to a proposed meeting to assess the level of public support for giving the National Assembly for Wales primary law making powers. The meeting, organized by the National Assembly is scheduled to take place in Wrexham on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009. *Resolved: That the date of the meeting be noted*

**(iii) Caia Park Partnership – Request for letter of support**

Members were advised that Caia Park Partnership had written requesting a letter of support for the continuation of the funding they receive from Wrexham CBC as this was to be considered by Wrexham Council in March. Members expressed strong support for the work of Caia Park Partnership and the contribution it makes within the community. *Resolved: To write to Wrexham CBC advising that the Community Council fully supports the continuation of funding to Caia Park Partnership.*

**(iv) AVOW Newsletters**

Newsletters were received and noted.

**131. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

**(i) Wrexham CBC – Wrexham Outdoor Fixed Play Strategy**

Members were advised that the period for responses to this document had expired on 6<sup>th</sup> February. Accordingly, the Clerk had replied to the document and outlined to Members the content of that reply. *Resolved: To endorse the response as detailed.*

**(ii) Wrexham CBC – Draft Wrexham Play Strategy**

*Resolved: That the document be noted*

**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:*

**P2008/1329 – Former Barracks, Corunna Court, Kingsmills Rd., Wrexham**

Erection of care centre to provide 90 bedroom nursing home facility (in lieu of apartments (prev granted under P2005/0541)

**P2008/1330 - Former Barracks, Corunna Court, Kingsmills Rd., Wrexham**

Conservation Area consent for demolition of partly constructed apartment block

**P2008/1343 - Land off Coed Aben, Caia Park, Wrexham**

Installation of new children's play area with bow top fencing

**P2009/0017 - Tesco Stores Ltd. Crescent Road, Wrexham**

New lobby signage

**P2009/0020 – 5 Whitegate Road Wrexham**

Conversion of dwelling into 2 no. apartments

*Resolved: that no objection be raised on the following application however concern expressed over water run off from car wash.*

**P2009/0039 - Tesco Stores Ltd. Crescent Road, Wrexham**

Renewal of planning permission granted under code P2007/0473 for hand car aleting operation

*Resolved: that the Council re-iterate its original objection in relation to the following application:*

**P2009/0055 – The Malthouse, Caia Road, Wrexham**

Extension and change of public house into veterinary surgery

**133. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE**

The quarterly statistics (period October – December) relating to the advice service were received and noted. It was agreed to monitor the out of area usage but there was general agreement that the open door policy previously adopted should still apply. It was suggested that comparative information, with the previous quarter, should be collated for the types of problems dealt with.

**134. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

The Clerk advised that a number of requests for financial assistance had been received from organisations since the December meeting. Further to the decision taken in January, all requests to date were presented for consideration. Members were reminded of the criteria to be employed when awarding grants and of the budgetary position at this late stage in the financial year.

Members were advised that planning consent had been granted for the community garden scheme and therefore the grant agreed at the December meeting would now be paid to this organisation.

**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:*

Wrexham Homestart	-	£150
Whitegate Youth Football Team	-	£250

*That the application from Communities First Ltd relating to the older people's play area be deferred and considered at a later stage should other funding for the scheme be secured.*

**135. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – January 2009**

The Clerk submitted the provisional financial statements for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

*Resolved: That the financial statement be received and adopted.*

**136. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

*Resolved: That the following accounts be approved:*

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					<b>Authority</b>
D.D	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	* 685.61		
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>89.28</u>	774.89	
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 10.87		
		CAS	* <u>23.55</u>	34.42	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		7.53	
5360	Caia Community Gardens	Donation (agreed Dec)		2000.00	LGA 1972 s137
5361	Homestart	Donation		150.00	LGA 1972 s137
5362	Whitegate Youth FC	Donation		250.00	LGA 1972 s137
5363	W.D. Stant Ltd	Cartrefle	* 822.25		LGA 1972 s133
5364	Graphic Office Supplies	General Admin	* 25.29		
5365	WNW	Cartrefle	* 50.67		
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>67.73</u>	118.40	
5366	Caia Park Partnership Ltd	CAS		18.95	
5367	Clwyd CHC	General Admin	125.53		
		Cartrefle	<u>11.42</u>	136.95	
5368	Wrexham CBC	Environ & Amenities		1746.00	LGA 1972 s133
5369	Inst of Money Advisors	CAS		30.00	
5373	Wrexham CBC	Environ & Amenities		11022.00	LGA 1976 s19
5370	CPL Petroleum	Cartrefle	* 948.20		
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		40.39	
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	* 31.04		
	P. Emery (Salary Feb)	CAS			
	G. Evans (Travel Feb)	CAS			
	P. Donellan (Travel Feb)	CAS			
	K. Walker (Sal adj/travel Feb)	CAS			
	J. Francis (Feb)	St Peter's Hall			
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Feb)			
	FCC	Pensions (Feb)			

(\*Includes recoverable VAT of £273.36)