

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 D. Sprowson & L. Parker – North Wales Police

139. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. K. Gregory, C. Powell and R. Prince and Sgt D. Jacks – North Wales Police.

140. POLICE MATTERS

Crime statistics were presented for February 2009 covering the five wards with comparable data for October 2008 – January 2009. The February statistics for anti social behaviour had shown an increase in reported incidents in the Whitegate Ward with a reduction in the Queensway Ward for the same period. Concern was expressed over the apparent lack of outreach youth work in Whitegate. It was **resolved:** to contact Caia Park Partnership and Wrexham CBC to establish the level of outreach work provided by each organisation and the areas covered.

Concern was expressed over problems associated with the use of motorbikes on the open green areas and it was generally felt that this was again on the increase. Members were reminded that Sgt Jacks had agreed to target this problem when mentioned at the recent Neighbourhood Policing Panel. The problem appeared to be more prevalent on Sunday afternoons.

Members also reported the recent incidents involving cars being driven onto the green areas and sometimes being burned out and abandoned. It was noted that some works to fence off areas could be achieved from the Environmental Improvements funding allocated to County Members and the Local Housing Office. It was agreed to monitor this.

A Member reported that he felt under age drinking was taking place. Details of the location were given to the Police representatives who agreed to monitor the situation and liaise with Trading Standards to undertake some “test purchases” at certain retail outlets.

Other items of concern – Former Red Dragon public house involving the use of rear yard area and the general appearance. An update on a recent incident of assault within the community.

141. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. M. Allum Attended Queens Park Youth Club Committee. (Reported that they had agreed to grant aid Smithfield Youth Club to the sum of £1500). It was pointed out that the recently circulated minutes from the meeting were factually incorrect as it stated the Community Council have only supported Smithfield Youth Club with a

donation of £150 when in fact they fund the youth club (via Caia Park Partnership who provide staffing) to the sum of £4,000.

Cllr. B. Pritchard Attended meeting of Hafod y Wern School Governing Body. Expressed concern over the lack of information provided to both Governors and Headteacher over the consultation process for the amalgamation of Caia Park Nursery and Hafod y Wern School. This had put undue pressure on staff at Hafod y Wern at the time of an impending ESTYN inspection. **Resolved:** to write to the LEA requesting an explanation and clarification.

Cllr. B. Halley Attended Smithfield Tenants & Residents Meeting (still concerns over indiscriminate parking and litter issues)

Cllr. D. Mitchell Attended meeting of St Anne's School Governing Body – Phase one of the grant project works is now completed

Cllr. N. Hughes Attended meeting to discuss Broom Grove amenity improvement project.

142. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2009 be received and adopted as a correct record.

143. DISCARDED SHARPS PM 98, 114 & 127

A verbal update of the meeting held on 6th March was given. It was noted that there was some reluctance by the Local Member to agree to having a sharps bin located in a recognised problem area although from observations made, this did not necessarily reflect the view of the Tenants & Residents Association. It was acknowledged that the problem was not confined to Caia Park and needed the co-operation of all agencies to minimise risk and potential hazards. Following discussion, it was **resolved:**

- i. contact the Harm Reduction Team with a view to providing extra sessions or
- ii. relocating the mobile needle exchange facility on a temporary basis.
- iii. request that the LHB seriously consider the issue of substance misuse as a priority area to be addressed via the Health Inequalities Project
- iv. monitor the situation at the problem area identified.

144. TIDY TOWNS INITIATIVE 2008/09 PM 86,101,115 & 128

It was noted that the reference in Minute 128 to “Caia Park Action Group” should have read “Caia Park Environmental Group” and that the group were involved with all educational activities that took place that week.

Arising from observations of Members, it was noted that as a result of the heavy vehicles used to recover rubbish from the river at the rear of Gwenfro Valley much of the footpath had been disturbed and as a result was difficult to walk on. It was **resolved:** to contact the relevant department at Wrexham CBC.

145. CAIA PARK PARTNERSHIP PM 130(iii)

It was reported that Wrexham CBC had agreed to a three year core funding package for Caia Park Partnership at a meeting of the Executive Board held on 10th March 2009.

146. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) **Wrexham CBC - Tidy Towns 2009/10**

An application form was received to enable bids to be submitted under the Tidy Towns Project for 2009/10. Following discussion it was **resolved:** to submit a bid for the enhancement of landscaping and tree planting proposed for Montgomery Road to compliment the parking works which are to be undertaken during this financial year. It was agreed that as the landscaping would cost in the region of £20,000 a bid should be submitted to cover 25% of the costs.

(ii) **Wrexham CBC - Best Kept Village / Community 2009/10**

Correspondence regarding the Best Kept Village / Community competition for 2009/10 was received and noted.

(iii) **Wrexham CBC – Request by Planning Department to make presentation to Community Council**

It was **resolved:** to invite the Planning Control Manager to attend a future meeting of the Community Council.

(iv) **Venture Football Club – update letter**

Members received and noted a letter received from the Venture Football Club giving a progress report on activities to date following the Community Council's financial assistance to provide pitch fencing. It was noted that the fencing had been recently damaged by unauthorised vehicular access to the field although this had since been repaired. Concern was also expressed over the amount of litter left on the field following matches.

(v) **Alzheimer's Society Newsletter**

The newsletter was received and noted

(vi) **One Voice Wales – invitation to subscribe**

Members received an invitation to subscribe to One Voice Wales at a subscription fee of £1349. It was **resolved:** not to subscribe and note the letter.

(vii) **Smithfield Youth Club –** It was reported that a request had been made by Smithfield Youth Club to widen the door of the storeroom currently used to house their equipment. It was unclear from the letter if they were prepared to fund the works and in any event it would need consent from the owners of the property. It was agreed that the Clerk should clarify the position.

147. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS / REPORTS

The Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual Report 2007/08 was received and noted.

148. 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:

P2009/0150 – Mazda House, Market Street, Wrexham

Change of use to children's play barn with cafeteria facilities

P2009/0165 - 218 Y Wern, Caia Park, Wrexham

Rear dining room extension and front entrance porch

Resolved: that no objection be raised on the following application however concern expressed over land stability given that was the reason for demolishing the previous building on site.

P2009/0101 – Land adjacent to Queensway Sports Centre, Wrexham

Construction of new skills centre comprising single storey, two and three storey elements.

Resolved: that no objection be raised on the following application however concern expressed over allegations of loud music emanating from the building during opening hours. Any consent should be conditioned to prevent this.

P2009/0147 – Unit B. The Old Sawmill, Rivulet Road, Wrexham

Change of use from existing workshop (B1 to private body building gym D2)

Resolved: that no observations are made in relation to the following application:

P2009/0183 – Land adjacent to Pentre Gwyn Community Centre, Cefn Road, Wrexham

Removal of condition 12 of planning permission code 2008/1289 relating to waiting restrictions along Cefn Road and Abenbury Road

149. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – February 2009

The Clerk submitted the provisional financial statements for period ending 28th February 2009. **Resolved:** That the financial statement be received and adopted.

150. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: That the following accounts be approved:

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				Authority
D.D	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	* 436.60	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>89.86</u>	526.46
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 18.65	
		CAS	* <u>32.89</u>	51.54
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		7.53
5387	Petty Cash	General Admin		50.00
5378	The Venture	Donation Final Inst.	2000.00	LGA 1972 s137
5379	Gwenfro Valley ICC	Donation Final Inst.	2000.00	LGA 1972 s137
5380	Caia Park Partnership	Donation Final Inst.	2000.00	LGA 1972 s137
5381	Morgan Security	Cartrefle	* 175.37	
5382	Church in Wales	St Peter's Hall	819.59	LGA 1972 s133
5383	WNW	St Peter's Hall	25.05	
5384	NIBBS Office Supplies	General Admin	* 32.70	
5385	Groundwork Leisure	Amenities/ Environment*	799.00	LGA 1976 s19
5386	British Gas	St Peter's Hall	* 872.98	LGA 1972 s133
D.D.	British Telecom	St peter's Hall	* 89.57	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		40.39
D.D.	Natwest Business card	General Admin	* 31.04	
D.D.	ING Leasing	General Admin	* 162.15	
	P. Emery (Salary Mar)	CAS		
	G. Evans (Sal adj.travel Mar)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Sal adj. travel Mar)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj. travel Mar)	CAS		
	D. Lloyd (Sal adj Mar)	CAS		
	L. Mills(Sal adj Mar)	General Admin		
	M. Morris (Sal adj Mar)	General Admin		
	P. Jones (Sal adj. Mar)	Cartrefle		
	S. Pritchard (Sal adj. Mar)	St Peter's Hall		
	R. Matthews (Sal ad. Mar)	St Peter's Hall		
	J. Francis (Sal Mar)	St Peter's Hall		
	Unison	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Mar)		
	FCC	Pensions (Mar)		

(*Includes recoverable VAT of £369.76)

It was further **resolved** that any outstanding invoices received during March relating to financial year 2008/09 be approved by the Chair and Vice Chair.

