

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008 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	

Also in attendance:

Sgt. D. Jacks, Pc. G. Wedley and Pc. A. Williams - North Wales Police

Three members of the public

**21. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. G. Howell, C. Powell and R. Prince

**22. POLICE MATTERS**

Sgt Jacks introduced Pc. A. Williams as the recently appointed Community Beat Manager for the Queensway Ward. Pc. Williams indicated that he was settling in and generally getting acquainted with members of the community. It was noted that reported incidents of anti social behaviour and criminal damage were still high in Queensway Ward when compared to other wards within Caia. It was noted that in total 41 incidents of anti social behaviour were reported in May, attributed as follows:

Queensway	- 18	Cartrefle	- 10	Whitegate	- 7
Smithfield	- 5	Wynnstay	- 1		

Other matters drawn to the attention of the Police representative were:

Underage drinking on the playing fields off Cefn Road and concern over local retailers selling alcohol.

Indiscriminate parking around the Eagles Meadow site obstructing pavements and dropped kerbs causing particular difficulties for those using wheelchairs or mobility aids.

Evidence of drinking in/around the damaged youth shelter off Prince Charles Road.  
Youths causing nuisance to a resident on Fenwick Drive.

Members were pleased to note the reduction in reported incidents although it was acknowledged that some “displacement” from one area to another could be a factor to consider. Concern was expressed that incidents in the Cartrefle Ward had increased.

Pc. Gareth Wedley provided statistics relating to the deployment of the police dog and a budgetary forecast for the current financial year. A general discussion followed regarding deployment matters and details of her progression and training

over the past year. Members then received a demonstration of her ability to search out illegal substances. Pc Wedley was thanked for his comprehensive presentation. Sgt Jacks advised that a bid had been submitted for funding to provide an additional dog to assist in cases of arson, although the outcome was still awaited. Members agreed to write in support of the application if this was felt appropriate. (Cllr J Humberstone left the meeting at this stage)

**23. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS**

There were no matters to report this month.

**24. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

***Resolved:***

*That the minutes of the meetings of the Annual General Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008 be received and adopted as a correct record subject to the addition to the attendance list of Cllrs B. Pritchard and R. Prince (previously omitted)*

**Matters arising:**

Cllr B Halley commented that, in his opinion, the newspaper article which reported on the May meetings was disappointing and painted a poor picture for members of the community.

Cllr N. Hughes advised Members that he did not wish to take up his nomination to the Management Committee of The Venture. Nominations to this body would be put forward for consideration at the July meeting.

Cllr T. Thomas advised that whilst not Community Council nominations, he was an LEA category Governor at St Anne's R.C. Primary School and a Community Governor at Gwenfro C.P. School.

***Resolved:***

*That the minutes of the meetings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008 be received and adopted as a correct record. There were no matters arising.*

**25. YOUTH SHELTER – SMITHFIELD WARD**

The Clerk provided details of the consultation exercise carried out by Wrexham CBC relating to the proposed location of the Youth Shelter. Members carefully considered representations made although questioned the validity of some comments given the addresses of the respondents and the location of their property in relation to the proposed site. From discussion, it emerged that youngsters were still congregating by the former church on Smithfield Road and around the garages and flats. The Local Member for Smithfield advised that the young people were frustrated by the delay and that those attending the Youth Club at St Peter's Hall were fully supportive as was the Smithfield Tenants and Residents Association. It was unanimously ***resolved:***

- i. To get evidential support for the shelter following discussions with the young people and Tenants & Residents Association via the Local Member and Communities First.*
- ii. Notwithstanding observations received, to support the location in principle.*
- iii. To receive the results of (i) at the July meeting and make a final decision.*

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

To write to Wrexham CBC to enquire if they could assist with the premises rental costs incurred by the Smithfield Youth Club

**26. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS YEAR END 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2008 AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

The Clerk of the Council submitted the accounts and supporting documents for year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. It was **resolved:**

- i. *That the accounts, annual governance statement and supporting documents for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 be approved and adopted subject to audit.*
- ii. *That the transfers to reserves as presented be approved*
- iii. *That the risk assessment as presented be approved*

The Clerk was thanked for preparing the accounts and for explanations given.

A general discussion followed on the provision of the Advice Service and the number of clients who were seen from out of area.

**27. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

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:*

- P2008/0491 95 Kingsmills Road, Wrexham  
Internally illuminated single sided free standing display unit.
- P2008/0507 5 Red Lion Cottages, Abenbury Road, Wrexham  
Extension to dwelling, demolition of store and erection of garage with new access.
- P2008/0566 Mecca Bingo Hall, Smithfield Road, Wrexham  
Erection of smoking shelter previously granted under P2007/0273.  
(Supplementary Agenda)
- P2008/0587 Tesco Stores Ltd. Crescent Road, Wrexham  
New glazed lobby to existing entrance.
- P2008/0594 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham  
Erection of 3 building identifiers (brand) 2 no. Car Park signs 1 no. Residents Only and 2no. Service Yard signs.
- P2008/0602 Marks & Spencer Store. Eagles Meadow, Wrexham  
Shop signs.
- P2008/0611 Block C Unit C. Eagles Meadow, Wrexham  
2 no. automatic teller machines.
- P2008/0615 River Island. Unit C4 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham  
Erection of shop fascia sign.
- P2008/0616 River Island. Unit C4 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham  
Retail fit out over two floors with new shop front.

**28. 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:*

*(i) Gwenfro Valley Integrated Children's Centre (further information requested at May meeting) £8000 for year 2008/09*

(Cllrs M. King, B. Halley and C Lloyd as members of the Management Committee and Cllr M A Humphreys who has a member of his family employed at Gwenfro Valley all declared an interest in this item, withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

- (ii) *Venture Community Football Club (Deferred pending further information requested at the May meeting)* £2951

(Cllr P. Williams as a member of the Management Committee, Cllr M King as Manager of The Venture and Chair of the Football Club and Cllr M. A. Humphreys declared an interest in this item, withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the voting or discussion thereon). The Vice Chair chaired the meeting for this item.

- iii. *Destiny Dancers* £250  
iv. *Caia's Own Performing Stars* £250  
(Subject to the group raising the balance required)  
(Supplementary Agenda)  
v. *Annbraize Morris Dance* £250

## 29. CORRESPONDENCE

### i. **Wrexham CBC – Dog Control orders**

***Resolved:***

*To support a continued restriction on dog fouling in all public places*

*To support a ban on dogs in fenced children's play areas, bowling greens and designated playing fields*

*To support a requirement that dog owners are required to keep dogs on leads in parks and on pavements and on public rights of way that cross playing fields.*

*To support a requirement that dogs are kept on leads in local green areas at The Dunks, St Giles Crescent, Bala Road Fields, Tanydre and Tan y Coed.*

### ii. **Invitation - Mayors Civic Visit to Church**

***Resolved:*** *That Cllr. M. Allum represent the Community Council.*

### iii. **Wrexham CBC – Letter inviting nominations to serve on Standards Committee representing Community Councils**

***Resolved:*** *That Cllr M. Allum be nominated.*

### iv. **Wrexham CBC – Naming of development at The Bungalow, Abenbury Road.**

***Resolved:*** *That Cllr T. Thomas discuss the matter with Pentre Gwyn and Tan y Coed Tenants & Residents Association and report back to the Clerk. Members suggestions included a name associated with the late Mrs L. O'Brien or The Forge or Bluebell Wood.*

### v. **Wrexham CBC – Notification of application for licence to sell alcohol, late night refreshment and recorded music Pizza Express, Unit B12, Eagles Meadow. - Noted**

#### **Consultation documents:**

### i. **Community Health Council – New Structures for the NHS in Wales**

***Resolved:*** *Clerk to respond outlining the importance of local input and accountability in any changes to the structure and recognition of the North Wales links with service provision currently accessed in the North West of England*

(Supplementary)

- i. Annual Report 2007/08 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Noted  
ii. Alzheimer's Society Wrexham & District Newsletter – Noted  
iii. Countryside Commission for Wales – information leaflet – Noted

### 30. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – May 2008

The Clerk submitted the provisional financial statement for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008. **Resolved:** *That the financial statement be received and adopted.*

### 31. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**Resolved:** *That the following accounts be authorised for payment*

			£ . p	Authority
D.D.	Vodafone	General Admin	* 13.99	
D.D.	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	*255.06	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>58.29</u>	313.35
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 16.24	
		CAS	* <u>35.71</u>	51.95
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		12.74
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		112.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		687.00
5183	CPL	Cartrefle		1439.34
5187	RSPCA	Chair's Allowance		100.00
D.D.	CAB	CAS	*	541.68
5192	Petty cash	General Admin		50.00
5193	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	27.60
5194	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle	*	630.98
5195	R. Bentley	General Admin	*	140.18
5202	The Venture	Donation (1st Installment)		2000.00
5203	Caia Park Partnership	Donation (1 <sup>st</sup> Installment)		2000.00
5204	Gwenfro Valley ICC	Donation (1 <sup>st</sup> Installment)		2000.00
5196	Walker Fire UK	St Peter's Hall	*	125.59
D.D.	British Telecom	St Peter's Hall	*	88.34
5197	British Gas	St Peter's Hall	*	572.94
5198	Church in Wales	St Peter's Hall		964.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		40.39
D.D.	ING Leasing	General Admin	*	165.67
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	*	31.71
	WMS	General Admin	* 94.20	
		St Peter's Hall	* 31.70	
		Cartrefle	* <u>5.56</u>	131.46
	Venture Football Club	Donation		2951.53
5200	Destiny Morris Dancers	Donation		250.00
	Caia's Own Performing Stars	Donation		250.00
5201	Annbraize Morris Dancers	Donation		250.00
	P. Emery (Salary cheque - Jun)	CAS		
	G. Evans (travel Jun)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj/travel Jun)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (travel Jun)	CAS		
5171	R. Matthews (sal adj)	St Peter's Hall		
	UNISON	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Jun)		
	FCC	Pensions (Jun)		

(\*Includes recoverable VAT of £482.70)