

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 12th November 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
Together with Sgt D. Jacks – North Wales Police

103. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. Allum, J. Howell, M. King and R. Prince.

104. POLICE MATTERS

Sgt Jacks provided crime and anti social behaviour incidents for October together with comparative data for previous months. There had been recent incidents in the vicinity of Churchill Drive shops involving groups of youths. Some damage had also been caused to the Community Centre. It was felt that this was happening indiscriminately and was not confined to nights when the youth club was in session. Sgt Jacks advised that the situation was being monitored and various strategies employed. He further advised that burglaries had increased in the Queensway Ward although generally vehicle crime had reduced.

It was noted that Insp. C. Beasley had announced his retirement. Members asked Sgt Jacks to convey their thanks and good wishes to Insp. Beasley.

Other matters:

- (i) PCSO provision Whitegate Ward following PCSO Mr. Craig West's appointment to the regular police service. It was noted that a replacement was in training. Members asked that their thanks and good wishes be conveyed to Mr. West.
- (ii) Young people crossing Holt Road from Tanydre area to Rhosnesni H.S. in an irresponsible manner. Sgt Jacks agreed to mention this to the school.
- (iii) Traffic congestion and parking issues adjacent to St Anne's Church as a result of a function held at the Church. Sgt Jacks agreed to monitor future arrangements and liaise with the Church.

105. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. D. Mitchell Attended Caia Park Early Years Forum AGM (annual report handed to Clerk and available for inspection by Members) also attended Wrexham Sustainability Forum. Discussed sustainability in communities. Further meeting in January 2010 planned.

Cllr. A. K. Gregory Attended Smithfield Residents Association meeting

106. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the ordinary and confidential meetings held on 8th October be received and adopted as a correct record.

Matters arising:

107. SIGNAGE CAIA PARK (PM25, 36, 56, 74 & 89)

The Clerk reported that further discussions had taken place with Wrexham CBC and suggested location plans supplied to them. The matter was progressing.

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

It was noted that the hedge impairing the light adjacent to 74 Gwenfro had not been cut despite assurances from the Housing Office that the work was to be undertaken shortly. It was reported that it was not practice to attach street lighting to buildings and therefore to improve the situation at Tanydre, light no. 11 adjacent to 134 Tanydre would need to be relocated. It was also reported that no adverse comments had been received from those residents consulted over the proposal to position a light adjacent to the garage site on Smithfield Road.

Resolved: *To relocate the light at Tanydre as outlined*

To instruct the contractors to proceed with the erection of a light to illuminate the garage area at Smithfield Road.

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

The Clerk reported that two estimates had been obtained for this work and these were currently being evaluated. He reminded Members that provision had been made in the estimates for the work to be undertaken. Members commented that the area seemed to be well used and reaffirmed their decision to proceed with the works.

110. TRAFFIC SPEEDS – SMITHFIELD ROAD AND SURROUNDING STREETS (PM 97)

Members were reminded that this matter was considered at the October meeting and the Clerk outlined the response received from the Highway Authority. The Community Council had drawn attention to other areas where a 20mph speed restriction was in force within the area and offered to consider contributing financially towards the cost of signage and traffic orders.

The Highway Authority responded advising that prior to the placement of the 20mph zone in other areas of Caia Park, an assessment based on accident data, traffic speeds, pedestrian movements and an appraisal of the amenities within the surrounding area was undertaken and that any further extension would necessitate a similar assessment which at the present time, given their other commitments could not be accommodated. Members expressed disappointment at the response and felt that Smithfield had the highest pedestrian movement and pedestrian / vehicle conflict, particularly given the completion of the Eagles Meadow development and Queensway Sports Complex as well as industrial traffic using Benjamin Road. It was ***resolved:***

To invite a representative of the Highway Authority to the next meeting of the Community Council to further discuss the matter.

111. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (PM 98)

Members reported that despite the weather, the community bonfire, financially supported by the Community Council, had been very successful and well attended.

112. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received and noted:

(i) Wrexham CBC – Footway lighting.

Letter received outlining the Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Task & Finish Group's thoughts on the transference of footway lighting to Community Councils where this is not the current arrangement. The Clerk advised that the original concern questioning the legality of this proposal had not been addressed and that the Community Council was being asked to give their views when they had not been advised of the condition of the lights or the contractual costs paid by other Community Councils for lighting maintenance and repair.

Following discussion, it was **resolved:** *to respond to the letter as outlined by the Clerk.*

113. REPORTS & CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

The following were received and noted:

- i) WAG – Reforming the Wales Programme for Improvement and Collaborative Community Planning.
- ii) AVOW Newsletter – Carers issue
- iii) Caia Park Partnership newsletter

114. EXTERNAL AUDIT FINANCIAL YEAR 2008/09

Members were advised that the external audit for 2008/09 had been completed and Messrs UHY Hacker Young had concluded that it was a clean report with no issues or recommendations requiring attention. It was **resolved:** *to note the findings of the External Auditor.*

115. REVIEW OF RATE ESTIMATES 2009/2010

Members received a report outlining possible end of year variances to the budget taking into account reduced investment income, premises hire and repairs and maintenance costs. The report also detailed challenges to be considered when setting the 2010/2011 budget. These included the reduction of the property base as a result of the community boundary review and the possible funding of street light maintenance. Members were asked to submit schemes for consideration at the December meeting for possible inclusion in the budget when it is formulated in January 2010.

Following discussion, it was **resolved** *to note the report.*

116. 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:*

P2009/0832 - Marks and Spencer. Eagles Meadow, Wrexham

Erection of portacabin for storage purposes for a temporary period between 1st November and 31st January each year.

P2009/0879- Comet Unit. 3 Mount Street, Wrexham

Installation of 2 new doorsets and 2 extended existing doorsets

P2009/0880 – Matalan Unit. 1, Mount Street, Wrexham

Installation of 4 new doorsets and 3 extended existing doorsets

P2009/0881 – MFI Unit. 2 Mount Street, Wrexham

Installation of 1 new doorset and 3 extended existing doorsets

P2009/0878 – 1 Newbury Close, Llwyn Onn Park, Wrexham

Garage conversion and extension over existing garage.

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

P2009/0842 – 25 Rivulet Road, Wrexham

Conversion of existing house (two storey) and garage to create 3 no. 1 bedroom flats and associated groundworks

Reason: The development would appear to be over intensive for the size and location of the site.

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

In view of recent incidents at this location, several Members expressed concern over the protracted delays in getting the shelter repaired, the ongoing liability and costs and future usage if it is repaired. Alternative proposals were considered including recommending the complete demolition and re-instatement of the land and taking up an offer of a second hand shelter currently in the ownership of the County Borough Council. Acknowledging that there would be costs associated with its removal and site works required for any new shelter, it was **Resolved:** *to place the matter on the agenda for the December meeting after discussion with Wrexham CBC had taken place.*

118. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE STATISTICS

Members considered the quarterly statistics for the Community Advice Service. It was **Resolved:** *to note the figures.*

119. 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:

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| (i) | Pentre Gwyn, Tan y Coed and Coed y Bryn Community Assoc | - | £300 |
| | (Cllrs. C. Lloyd and T. Thomas 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. | | |
| (ii) | Christmas Celebration Group via Communities First Ltd | - | £186 |
| (iii) | Homestart Wrexham | - | £100 |
| (iv) | Rhosnesni Residents & Tenants Assoc | - | £300 |
| | (Cllrs. B. Pritchard declared a personal interest in this application as a member of the Association. In accordance with the S12 (2c) of the Code of Conduct (consideration of grant under £500) he was able to remain for the discussion and voting thereon. | | |

120. COUNCILOR COMMISSION EXPERT PANEL WALES “ARE WE BEING SERVED”

Members received a report on the consultation document which outlined some 32 recommendations primarily affecting large authorities such as County Borough Councils although some of the recommendations have implications at Community Council level. Members felt that at Community Council level they did not wish to see a bureaucratic system that would be costly, divert funds away from the delivery of local services and perhaps deter rather than attract potential candidates. Many of the recommendations appeared far too onerous and went beyond what was possible in terms of monitoring candidacy for future elections. It was **Resolved:** *to respond to the document accordingly.*

121. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Clerk submitted the provisional financial statements for period ending 31st October 2009. **Resolved:** *That the financial statement be received and adopted.*

122. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

			£ . p	Authority
D.D	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	* 268.25	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>127.02</u>	395.27
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 13.67	
		CAS	* <u>41.52</u>	55.19
5517	British Legion	Donation		40.00
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D.D.	Investec	General Admin	*	70.50
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		13.09
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		721.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		117.00
5519	NIBBS	General Admin	* 42.48	LGA 1972 s133
		CAS	* 12.47	54.95
5520	Shelter Cymru	CAS		208.00
5521	UHY Hacker Young	General Admin	*	1006.25
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>2.71</u>	5.41
5522	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	26.50
5523	Morgan Security	Cartrefle	*	309.35
5524	WNW	Cartrefle	* 5.16	
			* <u>113.35</u>	118.51
5525	Caia Park Partnership	General Admin		75.00
5526	Church in Wales	St Peter's Hall	644.00	
		CAS	<u>320.00</u>	964.00
5527	The Venture (3 rd instalment)	Donation		2000.00
5528	Pentre Gwyn Community Assoc	Donation		300.00
5529	Rhosnesni Resident & Tenants	Donation		300.00
5530	Christmas Celebration Group (Via Communities First Ltd)	Donation		186.00
5531	Homestart Wrexham	Donation		100.00
D.D.	Natwest Card AVG Security	General Admin	*	94.49
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		14.66
D.D.	Plus net	General Admin	*	31.04
	P. Emery (Sal Nov)	CAS		
	G. Evans (Travel Nov)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel Nov)	CAS		

K. Walker (Sal adj/travel Nov)	CAS
J. Francis (Sal Nov)	St Peter's Hall
H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Nov)
FCC	Pensions (Nov)

(*Includes recoverable VAT of £258.26)