

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 13th March 2008 at
Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham

Cllr P M Williams (**Chair**)
Cllr A K Gregory (**Vice Chair**)

Cllr M Allum
*Cllr L Gameson
*Cllr C D Griffiths
Cllr B T Halley
Cllr J Howell
Cllr J M Humberstone

*Cllr M. King
Cllr C. Lloyd
Cllr D Mitchell
Cllr C Powell
Cllr B R Pritchard
*Cllr M Vickers
Vacancy

*Absent

Also in attendance Sgt. D. Jacks - North Wales Police
1 member of the public

135. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:
Cllr. L. Gameson.

136. POLICE MATTERS

Sgt Jacks reported that the new Community Beat Manager for the Queensway Ward had been appointed and would commence duties on 24th March 2008. Unfortunately the Police Community Support Officer for the Ward was currently undertaking light duties due to an injury. Sgt Jacks reported on recent incidents of arson within the community and confirmed that meetings had been held with representatives of the Housing Department and Fire Service. Various initiatives were being considered.

Drug misuse continued to be targeted and there had been some recent successful detections in the area.

Details were given of a successful grant application to tackle environmental criminal damage and this was to be launched on Friday 28th March in partnership with NACRO, Communities First and North Wales Police.

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

Drug related activities taking place in the Y Wern area

Problems with indiscriminate parking on footpaths, bus stops and corners by contractors employed on the Eagles Meadow site.

Anti social behaviour in the Woodland Grove area

Parking on restricted areas outside Gwenfro School.

137. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr D. Mitchell – Sustainability Forum event “Anti Poverty Home & Away” 7th March 2008. This event was successful and well attended. Cllr Mitchell thanked the Community Council’s Advice Service for attending.

Cllr B. Halley – Meeting of The Venture Management Committee to discuss proposed changes to funding arrangements.

138. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 14th February 2008 be received and adopted as a correct record, subject to one amendment – that the apologies of Cllr. B. Halley be recorded.

139. FLATS – Y WERN (PM 126)

The Clerk reported that he had received a response from Wrexham CBC's Housing Department regarding incidents which had taken place. The Chair advised that she had also received a reply and that a meeting was to be convened with representatives from the Housing Department, concerned residents and the Local Member. It was ***resolved:*** *To consider the response in detail following the proposed meeting with residents.*

140. PERIMETER FENCE, STEPS AND UNDERPASS NEAR GWENFRO SCHOOL (PM 127)

The Clerk reported that he had drawn the attention of the inadequate fencing surrounding the school to the Local Education Authority but to date had not received a reply. He confirmed that Street Scene were considering what action needs to be taken in relation to the steps and underpass.

141. PLAY AREA - BALA ROAD (PM 132)

A general discussion took place on the location and details of upgrading the play area on Bala Road field. The Clerk reminded Members that the scheme was being promoted by Wrexham CBC's Environment Department and the Community Council had agreed to support the submission of a funding bid to finance the scheme and had agreed a financial contribution. It was understood that consultation in terms of location had taken place with the residents some two years ago and details of the preferred location was supplied.

142. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

i. 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>New 2 You</i>	<i>£500</i>
<i>Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod</i>	<i>£50</i>

Further to Minute 129 (February 2008), it was noted that Rhosnesni Tenants and Residents Association were no longer seeking a grant for works as outlined at that meeting as funding had been secured from elsewhere.

143. 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:*

P2008/0166 10 Millbank Rise, Kingsmills, Wrexham
Two storey side extension to dwelling

- P2008/0188 5 Kingsmills Road, Wrexham
Change of use of first and second floor to A2 use (Financial Services)
- P2008/0203 85 Kingsmills Road, Wrexham
Erection of detached dwelling, demolition of existing dwelling and erection of pair of semi detached dwellings.
- P2008/0209 4 The Orchards, Kingsmills, Wrexham
Two storey extension to rear of existing dwelling
- P2008/0228 FarmFoods, Kingsmills Road, Wrexham
2 no. flexible skin box signs, 1 no. aluminium “goods in” sign and window vinyl logos.

The following decision notices issued by Wrexham CBC as Planning Authority were noted:

- App. P2007/1374 (Tesco Stores Ltd Wrexham) – Refused
 App. P2007/1386 (9 Newquay Drive, Wrexham) – Granted
 App. P2007/1434 (15 Fenwick Drive, Wrexham) – Granted
 App. P2007/1435 (Opp 79-101 Deva Way, Wrexham) – Granted
 App. P2007/1469 (Opp 67-71 Deva Way, Wrexham) – Granted
 App. P2008/044 (46 Tower View, Wrexham) – Granted
 App. P2008/0071 (Frankie & Bennys, Unit B11A Eagles Meadow) – Granted

144. CORRESPONDENCE

i. **Traffic Regulation Order (Eagles Meadow Development) One Way Traffic and Prohibition of U Turn Order 2008**

Resolved: *That no objection be raised to the proposals.*

ii. **Membership of One Voice Wales 2008/09**

Members received an invitation for the Council to become a member of One Voice Wales at an annual subscription of £ £1275. **Resolved:** *Not to subscribe for the forthcoming Financial Year.*

iii. **Regional Technical Statement on Aggregates 2008**

Resolved: *To note the public consultation process on the North Wales Regional Technical Statement.*

iv. **Scope Charity**

Resolved: *To note the invitation from SCOPE to become involved in House to House collections within the area.*

145. YOUTH SHELTER – SMITHFIELD WARD

Further to consideration of this matter at the meeting held in February, the Clerk advised that further research had been undertaken including case studies and the Thames Valley Police Good Practice Guide. In addition, other designs of shelters had also been considered in terms of robustness and likelihood of possible misuse. Following discussion it was **Resolved:** *To request the Environment Department of Wrexham CBC to consult with nearby residents on the basis of providing a “Ludus” shelter at the location as indicated on the illustrative plan supplied.*

146. REMOVAL OF MATURE TREE - COED ABEN

A Member expressed concern over the recent removal of a mature tree from the garden of a property in Coed Aben. The Clerk advised that as the address was not within a Conservation Area and the tree was not covered by a Preservation Order there was no control over its removal unless it formed part of a landscaping condition attached to a planning permission. It was ascertained that the address was in private ownership and therefore did not require Wrexham CBC's Housing Department consent for its removal.

Members were concerned over the potential loss of mature trees in the area and methods used for the disposal of the resultant timber. It was **Resolved:** *That members would attempt to identify trees in the area which could be considered worthy of a preservation order.*

147. EAGLES MEADOW DEVELOPMENT

Members expressed concern over the amount of litter and debris emanating from the site, particularly at times of high winds. It appeared that the perimeter of the site was not regularly swept and that building material was being left indiscriminately around the site. **Resolved:** *To bring the matter to the attention of Wrexham CBC.*

148. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – February 2008

The Clerk submitted the financial statement for period ending 29th February 2008
Resolved: *That the financial statement be received and adopted.*

149. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

				£ . p	Authority
D.D.	Vodafone	General Admin	*	14.51	
D.D.	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	*323.79		
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>75.86</u>	399.65	
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 21.11		
		CAS	* <u>43.36</u>	64.47	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		12.74	
5124	CPAG	CAS		33.99	
5129	Dee Valley Water	Misc expenditure		150.00	
5131	John R Boyle	St Peter's Hall	*	169.20	
5132	Wrexham CBC	Traffic calming	*	15004.75	Local Govt & Ratings Act 1997 s 30.
5133	Inst. of Money Advisers	CAS		30.00	
5134	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin		38.04	
5135	British Gas	St Peter's Hall	*	590.93	
5136	West Mercia Supplies	St Peter's Hall	*	32.25	
		Cartrefle	*	7.12	
		General Admin	*	54.76	
5137	D. Williams	Cartrefle	*	376.00	
5138	New 2 You	Donation		500.00	Local Govt Act s137
5139	Llangollen Eisteddfod	Donation		50.00	Local Govt Act s137
5140	Gwenfro Valley	Donation (4 th Installment)		2000.00	Local Govt Act s137
5141	The Venture	Donation (4 th Installment)		2000.00	Local Govt Act s137

5142	Caia Park Partnership	Donation (4 th Installment)		2000.00	Local Govt Act s137
D.D.	BT Payphone	St Peter's	*	90.86	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		18.80	
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	*	31.71	
D.D.	ING Leasing	General Admin	*	165.67	
	P. Emery (Salary cheque - Mar)	CAS			
	G. Evans (sal adj/travel Mar)	CAS			
	K. Walker (sal adj/travel Mar)	CAS			
	P. Donellan (sal adj/travel Feb/Mar)	CAS			
	D. Lloyd (sal adj)	CAS			
	L. Mills (sal adj)	General Admin			
	M. Morris (sal adj)	General Admin			
	R. Matthews (sal adj)	St Peter's Hall			
	P. Jones (sal adj)	Cartrefle			
	S. Pritchard (sal adj)	St Peter's Hall			
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Mar)			
	FCC	Pensions (Mar)			
	Unison	Union Subscriptions			

(*Includes recoverable VAT of £2530.16)