

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 13th July 2017
at Community Council Offices, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham

Cllr M. King (Chair)

*Cllr B. Cameron (Vice Chair)

*Cllr T. Calverley

Cllr L. C. Crawford

Cllr M. J. Downward

Cllr B. Halley

Cllr C. Harper

*Cllr A. J. Jeorrett

*Absent

Cllr J. Johnson

Cllr S. Jones

*Cllr C. Lloyd

Cllr L. M. Platt

Cllr C. Powell

Cllr Paul Williams

PCSO Rob Parry
Representative

- North Wales Police
- North Wales Newspapers

32. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. B. Cameron and A. Jeorrett

33. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Parry presented the crime statistics in graph format and advised that future statistics would be presented in this way. Members were concerned that insufficient detail was provided and suggested that these are made available in advance of the meeting so that sufficient copies can be made if they cannot be provided by the Police or so that the Clerk can email them to members. Members had great difficulty in interpreting the figures as they appeared to be in weekly intervals from some of the periods and it was unclear if week 1 was from 1st April or 1st January. Similarly, the historic figures did not seem to correspond to figures given previously. No satisfactory explanation or interpretation was given. PCSO Parry was asked to convey the Council's dissatisfaction with the new format and the County Council Members were asked to raise the matter with the Inspector should the opportunity arise.

PCSO Parry advised that operations were continuing to deal with the antisocial and unsafe use of motor bikes with members of the public providing positive information. Members were reminded that there was the facility to upload photos and videos to the Police website and that the "webchat" feature was also proving popular. Liaison with the Housing Estate Office was continuing as well as referrals to Tenancy Enforcement. He also reported that a drugs warrant had been executed since the last meeting.

CCTV

The Clerk reported that the replacement camera was now operational. It had not been possible to convene a meeting of the working party to look at the deployment of

cameras due to the Police representative not communicating his availability to meet and one member being on holiday.

34. PRESENTATION ALTERNATIVE TO VIOLENCE (AVP) PROJECT

The Chair welcomed Judy Evans and Ruth Moore Williams to the meeting and invited them to present details of the AVP project.

Members were advised that the concept was founded in America and came to Britain in 1989 initially working in prisons. In 1997 AVP Britain was formed and all facilitators are volunteers. The aim is to develop a sense of community within the group and assist with positive affirmation, communication skills, listening to each other and handling conflict.

Normally groups of 8 – 12 people meet collectively for 16 hours over a Friday evening and weekend. The organisation has been grant funded and could provide a free level one course which could progress to a level 2 course a couple of months later. This may attract new volunteer facilitators and broaden the scheme across the Wrexham area.

Members discussed the likely target audience and it was acknowledged that there can be challenges in identifying and finding people willing to participate- be they victims or perpetrators. The Clerk advised that he had invited a representative from Caia Park Partnership to attend although they did feel that they did not have the resources to participate fully but may be able to refer it to the Youth Team.

The representatives were thanked for their presentation and it was decided to consider the matter further after the August recess.

35. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

***RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 15th June 2017 be received and adopted as a true record.*

36. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. B. Halley – Attended the Vic Studios event held on 30th June commenting that it was a very interesting and worthwhile project. Also attended the official opening of Hafod y Wern school which now had excellent facilities to complement the dedicated staff.

37. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Wrexham CBC – Notification of work required to play equipment at Prince Charles Road play area. It was reported that following the annual inspection of the play equipment, work is required to the swings at a quoted cost of £ 1,595.
***RESOLVED:** To authorise the work to be carried out and the Community Council recharged accordingly.*

(ii) Natural Resources Wales – Caia Park Community Flood Plan and volunteer flood wardens. This was to advise that the Flood Plan was developed in 2013 but had not been updated since and the number of volunteer wardens had dwindled to an unmanageably low number. The letter was to establish if there was any interest in developing the scheme further. Members noted that since 2013 there had been little or no communication and, as a consequence, any interest had been lost. It was felt that if a flood plan was deemed necessary for the area it is a matter for the appropriate bodies to undertake it and not make it

conditional upon volunteers being identified. It was **RESOLVED:** *To contact NRW and advise that it was difficult to attract volunteers but to suggest if a representative would like to attend a Council meeting the matter could be discussed more fully.*

- (iii) **AVOW – Notice of AGM to be held on 21st July - Noted**
- (iv) **Wrexham Area Civic Society – Details of categories for awards and invitation to submit nominations – Noted**

Supplementary:

- (v) **Welsh Government – Invitation to attend workshop on higher activity radioactive waste management and disposal – Noted**
- (vi) **Wrexham CBC – Notification of meetings at Brymbo, Overton, Rossett and Chirk to discuss the priorities for the Wrexham Well-being Plan – Noted**
- (vii) **Wrexham CBC – Housing options/services for older people event 19th July 10am- 1pm – Noted**
- (viii) **Macmillan Cancer Support– Invitation to drop in session at Ramada Plaza Hotel 20th July 2017 - Noted**

38. SCHEME OF DELEGATION AUGUST RECESS

The Clerk advised that as the Council do not meet in August, it would be appropriate to put arrangements in place to cover the payments of accounts and consideration of planning applications. **RESOLVED:**

- (i) *That accounts for payment in August be authorised by the Chair of the Council and reported to the September meeting*
- (ii) *That any planning applications received be forwarded to the Chair, Vice Chair and relevant ward members for consideration.*

Arising from the above the Chair referred to changes in funding arrangements effective from 30th September which could affect some organisations is Caia and that there was some concern if this could not be discussed before the September meeting. It was **RESOLVED:** *to hold an additional meeting on 27th July to consider this matter further.*

39. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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) St Marks Church – Holiday Hunger Project £1000.00

40. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial statement for period ending 30th June 2017 was submitted.

Resolved: That the financial statement for the period be received and adopted.

41. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

7067	British Gas	Prince Charles Road	*	469.09
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 67.29	
		CAS	* <u>182.05</u>	249.34

D.D.	Investec	General Admin	*	114.00
D.D.	Plus Net	CAS	*	12.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peters Hall		13.62
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Road		457.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		170.00
7070	Caia Park Partnership	SLA (2 nd Inst)		2000.00
7071	RBCW	St Peters Hall	750.00	
		CAS	<u>375.00</u>	1125.00
7072	Wrexham CBC	Amenity/Environ	*	8580.00
7073	St Marks Church	Donation		1000.00
7074	Petty cash (stamps)	General Admin	30.00	
		CAS	<u>50.00</u>	80.00
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Prince Charles Road		32.00
	G. Evans (sal adj/travel)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (sal adj/travel)	CAS		
	J. Carter (sal adj/travel)	CAS		
	K. Walker (sal adj/travel)	CAS		
	A. Humphreys (sal adj Jul)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Jul)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Jul)		

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

42. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM – PLANNING APPLICATION

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RESOLVED: That no objection be raised to the following application

- (i) **P/2017/0546 10 Gwenfro, Wrexham**
Change of use of use to residential (social housing)

