

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 13th September 2007 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 A Humphreys
*Cllr M King
Cllr C Lloyd
Cllr D G Mitchell
*Cllr C Powell
Cllr B R Pritchard
*Cllr M J Vickers

*Absent

Also in attendance: Sgt D. Jacks - North Wales Police.
PC John Clarke and PCSO Neil Jones
Mr Peter Dines Wrexham CBC. (Pride in your Streets)

48. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:
Cllrs A. K. Gregory and M. King

49. POLICE MATTERS

Sgt. Darren Jacks introduced PC John Clarke to those present indicating that he would be replacing PC Gemma Poulton (Queensway Ward). PC Clarke outlined his experience in Wrexham to date and his philosophy for the policing of Caia Park, commenting that he expected to see changes and improvements in the area over the forthcoming six months. Sgt Jacks also advised that PC Dave Jones would be joining the Caia team replacing PC Alex Hunter Lee (Cartrefle Ward)
Sgt Jacks gave an update of progress in relation to drug related crime and advised that statistical information relating to vehicle crime and criminal damage indicated a decrease in incidents.

Members referred to several matters including:

Request for additional evening patrols in Smithfield area

Recent events in the vicinity of Crescent Close

The continued use of trials bikes and mini mottos on public open spaces and green areas

Sgt Jacks agreed to monitor the situations and that, if necessary, shifts could be altered to address these issues.

50. PRIDE IN YOUR STREETS

The Chair welcomed Mr Peter Dines (Supervisor for Caia area) to the meeting as Wrexham Council's first contact for matters relating to the Pride in your Streets initiative. Mr Dines advised that the scheme was publicly launched on 12th September 2007. He referred to a recent environmental audit completed in the Smithfield area focusing on graffiti and abandoned supermarket trolleys. Various local matters were raised with Mr Dines including the replacement of goal posts removed by Wrexham CBC and street lighting problems on the footpath leading from Queensway to Prince Charles Road.

51. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. P. M. Williams attended Wrexham in Bloom presentation on 7th September 2007

Referred members to the correspondence that had appeared in the local press containing grossly inaccurate information relating to Caia Park Community Council and the published responses from the Chair.

Cllr. J. Humberstone Attended meeting with Gower Homes regarding the development of the former Gas Works site on Rivulet Road. Concern was expressed that site vehicles appeared to be directed via Albert Street. This was to be corrected.

Attended a residents meeting in Smithfield over the possible relocation of the Soup Dragon from Queens Park Youth Club to the Oasis Church on Bernard Road. Reported that there was strong objection to the proposal and enquired if any other venues could be identified.

Members felt that the same reaction may be encountered in other areas if residents are not fully consulted in advance and enquired what facilities were available and provided at The Elms, Rhosddu Road, Wrexham. It was noted that not all of the users of the Soup Dragon were from Caia Park and the relocation to any new venue was a County matter. The Chair advised that she would be meeting with various agencies over the next week and hopefully a solution could be found.

Met with Wrexham CBC representatives to support the Community Council's view that the 20mph zone should be extended along Queensway and possibly Montgomery Road. (Discussions ongoing)

Met with Wrexham CBC Housing Department to discuss various schemes suggested from environmental improvement funding.

Cllr. D. Mitchell Presented a written report on a meeting of the Wrexham Sustainability Forum.

52. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential meetings of the Council held on 12th July 2007 be received and adopted as a correct record.

53. WREXHAM IN BLOOM COMPETITION (PM 12/26/39)

Cllr D. Mitchell advised that she would be informing Members of the winners of the summer gardening competition at the next meeting. The winners of the poster competition and other school competitions were awarded on 17th July 2007. It was felt that the Wrexham in Bloom competition may need more resources if continued next year.

54. TRAFFIC CALMING (PM 42)

The Clerk reported that work on the next phase of traffic calming scheduled for Cefn Road should be starting shortly. The target completion date had already been exceeded.

55. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Members were advised of applications considered by the Chair and Vice Chair during the August recess and endorsed the views taken.

RESOLVED: *That the Council does not object to the following applications:*

P2007/0874 128 Cefn Road, Wrexham

Single storey rear bedroom and bathroom extension with alterations to front elevation

P2007/0879 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham

Display of 4 no. non illuminated signage banners mounted on site scaffold

P2007/0896 Roundabout, Tesco, Holt Road, Wrexham

Display of sponsorship signs (renewal of permission P2006/0940)

P2007/0893 14 Epsom Way, Abenbury, Wrexham

Two storey extension

P2007/0947 35 Tower View, Wrexham

Bedroom and dining room extensions

P2007/0999 Land at junction of Cefn Rd and Churchill Drive, Wrexham

Erection of free standing pole mounted notice board

P2007/1000 Land near Queensway Sports & Social Club, Queensway, Wrexham

Erection of free standing pole mounted notice board

P2007/1011 Lloyds No 1 Bar, 14 High Street, Wrexham

Listed building consent for the erection of signage

RESOLVED: *That the Council objects to the following applications:*

P2007/0960 43/44 St Georges Crescent, Wrexham

New roller shutter to front elevation and fire escape to side elevation

Reason: Adverse effect on visual amenity

P2007/0963 62 Smithfield Road, Wrexham

Change of use to children's play barn

Reason: Concerns over lack of parking provision, if granted should be restricted to use as defined in application and not full D2 class use.

Arising from the observation of Members, concern was expressed over smoking shelter recently constructed at Mecca Bingo as it appeared to contain machinery and equipment. It was agreed to refer the matter to Wrexham CBC's Planning Enforcement Officers.

56. APPLICATIONS 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.	Smithfield Residents Association / Youth Club	£250
ii	Wrexham Maelor Lions	£50
iii	The Venture	£8000

(Councillors P. M. Williams, B. Halley and J. Humberstone declared an interest in 56 iii and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

57. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Review of Polling Districts and Places

A consultation document issued by Wrexham CBC was received outlining their current polling facilities and inviting comment to establish if they are regarded as reasonable and practicable. The Clerk reported that there was an error within the document as it referred to Pentre Gwyn & Tan y Coed Community Centre being within the community of Abenbury. This had been brought to the attention of the appropriate officer.

Resolved: To note the document

(ii) Accommodation and Housing Support Strategy for Older People

This strategy was received from Wrexham CBC and outlines a vision for the future development of accommodation and housing support for older people in Wrexham together with a three year action plan. It was noted that the strategy will be formally launched on Wednesday 3rd October 2007 at NEWI.

Resolved: That the Chair attends the launch

(iii) Application for a premises licence

A letter was received from Wrexham CBC advising that an application had been received from Tesco Extra relating to opening hours and the sale of alcohol

Resolved: that the letter be noted

(iv) Local Development Plan – Preferred Strategy Workshops

An invitation was received from Wrexham CBC to attend workshops relating to the emerging Local development Plan. Members expressed concern over the lack of affordable / social housing in the County. The Clerk advised that this was being addressed within new policies; however it would not resolve the entire problem which is country wide.

(v) Welsh Assembly Government – Consultation Document – A Shared Community

Resolved: That the document be noted.

(vi) Reports

Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd
North Wales Police
Local Health Board

Resolved: That the reports be noted

(vii) Mayor's Charity Ball

An invitation to the Mayor's Charity Ball was received and noted

(viii) Remembrance Day Service

An invitation to attend the Remembrance Day Service to be held at Bodhyfrd was received.

Resolved: That the Chair attend to represent the Council

(ix) Environmental Action day

A letter was received from Communities First Limited outlining proposals for the multi agency environmental action day scheduled for 10th October 2007 and enquiring if the Community Council would fund the cost of a refuse skip.

Resolved: That the Community Council funds the cost of one refuse skip at a cost of £300.

58. NOMINATION TO OUTSIDE BODY

Members were reminded that the term of office for Council's nominee serving on the Governing Body of St Anne's School had ended. It was **Resolved: that Cllr. D. Mitchell be re-nominated to serve for a further term of office.**

59. FOOTWAY LIGHTING

The Clerk presented a report following a meeting with the Lighting Engineer and receipt of quotations for the proposed schemes. Following discussion it was **Resolved:**

- i. To proceed with the schemes identified at:
Coed y Bryn
Adjacent to shop Pentre Gwyn (Abenbury Road)
West Circle / St David's Crescent
Archers Way
Bernard Road / Smithfield Road
Tan y Bryn footpath
Cefndre*
- ii. To defer the following schemes and reconsider in the next financial year:
Footpath adjacent to 46 Pentre Gwyn
Footpath (former railway line Whitegate Road to Rubery Way)*
- iii. To transfer the sum of £5,500 from street lighting reserves to supplement the lighting budget of £10,000 for financial year 2007/08 to fund the schemes as identified in i. above.*

60. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE

Members received the statistics for the Community Advice Service for period April – June 2007.

Resolved: That the quarterly statistics be noted.

61. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

The Clerk submitted financial statements for period ending 31st July and 31st August 2007.

Resolved: That the financial statements be received and adopted.

62. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Details of accounts approved by the Chair and Vice Chair during August were reported together with details of accounts for payment during September

Resolved:

i. To endorse the action taken by the Chair and Vice Chair:

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				Authority
D.D.	Vodafone	General Admin	*	13.99
D.D.	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	*214.38	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>54.29</u>	268.67
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 16.66	
		CAS	* <u>19.39</u>	36.05
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		11.86

D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		108.00	LGA 1972 s133
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		661.00	LGA 1972 s 133
4981	Gwenfro Valley(2 nd instalment)	Donation		2000.00	
4993	Petty cash	General Admin		50.00	
4996	M. Allum	General Admin		25.00	
4997	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	6.50	
4998	WNW	St Peter's Hall	* 47.75		
		Cartrefle	* <u>70.68</u>	118.43	
4999	NIBBS	CAS	* 9.60		
		General Admin	* <u>14.25</u>	23.85	
5000	John R Boyle	St Peter's Hall	*	112.80	
5001	NHS BSC Mid & West	General Admin		140.10	
		Cartrefle		<u>59.45</u>	199.55
D.D.	British Telecom	St Peter's Hall	*	87.43	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		18.80	
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	*	31.71	
	P. Emery (Salary cheque - Aug)	CAS			
	G. Evans (Travel – Aug)	CAS			
	P. Donnellan (Travel – Aug)	CAS			
	K. Walker (Travel – Aug/Sal adj)	CAS			
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Aug)			
	FCC	Pensions (Aug)			

(*Includes recoverable VAT of £85.65)

ii. To authorise payments of accounts for September

D.D.	Vodafone	General Admin	*	13.99	
D.D.	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	*211.95		
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>54.83</u>	266.78	
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 11.73		
		CAS	* <u>40.22</u>	51.95	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		12.85	
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		108.00	LGA 1972 s133
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		661.00	LGA 1972 s 133
5007	P. Williams	Cartrefle (Painting)		1200.00	LGA 1072 s 133
5009	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	13.08	
5010	WNW	General Admin	*	1.14	
5011	Kantara	General Admin	*	204.45	
5012	British Gas	St Peter's Hall	*	126.39	
5013	RBCW	St Peter's Hall		771.85	LGA 1972 s133
5014	Caia Park Partnership	CAS		9.10	
5015	Caia Park Partnership	Donation (2 nd installment)		2000.00	LGA 1972 s137
5016	Chairman's Allow	General Admin		300.00	
5017	NIBBS	General Admin	*	7.70	
D.D.	British Telecom	St Peter's Hall	*	87.43	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		18.80	
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	*	31.71	
	P. Emery (Salary cheque - Sep)	CAS			
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	P. Donnellan (Travel – Sep)	CAS			
	K. Walker (Travel – Sep)	CAS			
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Sep)			
	FCC	Pensions (Sep)			
	Unison	Unison subscriptions (Jul – Sept)			

(*Includes recoverable VAT of £100.32)

