

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on  
13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Caia Park Partnership.

Cllr Marc Jones (Chair)  
\*Cllr A. K Gregory (Vice Chair)

Cllr B. Cameron  
Cllr B. Halley  
Cllr C. Harper  
Cllr J. Johnson  
Cllr S. Jones  
Cllr M. King

\*Cllr C. Lloyd  
Cllr C. Powell  
Cllr B. Pritchard  
\*Cllr P. M. Williams  
Cllr Paul Williams  
Vacancy

\*Absent

Also present:

PC Gemma Poulton, PCSO S. Huws, PCSO Danielle Peters      North Wales Police  
Mr. R. Sheehan      NW Newspapers  
Dr S. Moore & Ann Morton      ERLAS Victorian Walled Garden project  
Five members of the public

**60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. K. Gregory, C. Lloyd and P. M. Williams.

**61. PRESENTATION ERLAS VICTORIAN WALLED GARDEN**

Members received a presentation on the history of the garden and the progress made to restore the walled garden from 2000 to date. A long lease on the garden and surrounding land has been secured by the charity from Wrexham County Borough Council which has enabled them to progress with the next phase of development subject to attracting external funding. To raise public awareness, presentations are being made to surrounding Community Councils in the hope that they can extend publicity amongst the wider community area and support a detailed bid for funding.

Members were advised of the work of the volunteers and the support given those receiving adult social care.

Members complimented the charity on the work done to date and related their own experiences having visited the garden. Suggestions were also made to enhance publicity and perhaps introduce additional features such as a “forest school” and bee hives.

The presentation concluded with details of forthcoming open sessions (Monday – Thursday 4pm – 6pm) and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016, with a Christmas Fayre planned for 19<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm -3.30pm.

Members **Resolved:** *To fully support the charity's grant application.*

**62. POLICE MATTERS**

The Police representatives presented the statistics for the month of September and advised that they were working on strategies to ensure that Halloween and Bonfire Night went smoothly.

It was noted that reported crimes had increased during the month although it was recognised that the figures included the retail element in the Smithfield Ward.

The residents present voiced their concerns over incidents taking place in the Gwenfro Area particularly arsons, burglary and anti-social activities. They advised that they had established a growing Neighbourhood Watch scheme and were keen to engage with other bodies and agencies to improve things.

There was a general feeling that matters had declined over the past year. Members referred to the good public response to the public meeting held in Pentre Gwyn to discuss similar issues and the fact that since then things had improved in that area.

A further discussion took place over drug related incidents and apparent open dealing within the community. It was suggested that one of the Community Council CCTV cameras could be relocated to the Gwenfro area although this is scheduled to be transferred to Smithfield in the first instance. P.C. Poulton offered to liaise with the contractor and agree a location in Smithfield shortly after Halloween and Bonfire Night.

**63. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved:** *That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be received and adopted as a true record (subject to recording the apology for absence received from Cllr. B. Halley). There were no matters arising that were not included on the agenda.*

**64. NOTICE OF MOTION (PM 54)**

The Clerk reported that a number of Community Councils had been in contact supporting the motion to object to the reduction of fire pumps located at Wrexham.

**65. COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY (PM 11,24,37,53)**

The Clerk reported that this had been re-advertised with a closing date of 19<sup>th</sup> October and would be retorted for consideration at the November meeting.

**66. MEMBERS REPORTS**

**Cllr. M. Jones** – Attended meeting to discuss the priorities for the newly formed Public Service Board

**Cllrs J. Johnson & Paul Williams** – Smithfield Residents Association.

67. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (i) **Wrexham CBC – Invitation to Remembrance Service.** The Chair advised that he was unable to represent the Council at the service. It was agreed that Cllr Colin Powell would lay the wreath on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) **Boundary Commission - Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.** This letter advised that the draft proposals had been published which if implemented would see a reduction in the number of MPs and an enlargement of constituencies. As an example, Wrexham would increase from a constituency of 48,861 electorate to a revised constituency of 72,137 electorate.

Members **Resolved:** *To advise the Boundary Commission that the Council felt the introduction of constituency boundaries based purely on electoral numbers without having regard to other factors such as geographical spread and levels of deprivation is a too simplistic approach.*

- (iii) **Wrexham CBC – Notification of next Town & Community Council Forum – 8<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm in Guildhall Council Chamber - Noted**

64. **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

- (i) **Affordable Fire & Rescue Services for N. Wales**  
Members received the official consultation document relating to proposed budget savings for the Fire & Rescue service. They were reminded of the resolution passed at the September Community Council meeting opposing the reduction of one whole time fire appliance from Wrexham. There followed a general discussion on the differing stance taken by the six North Wales local authorities. Members commented that there was no information on the amount of usage and deployment of the whole time appliances in Wrexham, and there was no firm evidence to show that Local Authorities were not prepared to consider increasing their levy paid to ensure fire and rescue services were safeguarded.

It was **Resolved:**

*To re-affirm the resolution passed at the September meeting and to formally submit this in response to the consultation document and to write to Wrexham C.B.C. requesting that they seriously consider increasing their financial support to the Fire & Rescue service and urge the neighbouring authorities to act in a similar way.*

- (ii) **Wrexham CBC Budget Consultation**  
Members received details from Wrexham CBC on how to participate in the budget consultation process which ends on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - Noted
- (iii) **Wrexham CBC – Consultation on options for the management of sports pitches and changing rooms**  
Members received a questionnaire requesting views on the adequacy of sports pitches and changing rooms, the standards, costs of hire and whether sports clubs should take over the running of them and if so how would community use be safeguarded.

Members felt that the questions asked were not relevant or appropriate and therefore **Resolved:** To write back indicating the preference would be for Wrexham CBC to continue managing these community facilities within Caia Park but recognising that circumstances in other communities may differ and therefore a general questionnaire was not appropriate.

**(iv) Wrexham Public Service Board**

This consultation letter informed Members of the partnership organisations forming the Public Service Board which is a requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) and invited suggestions to shape their work which are required to be received by 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

The Chair advised that he had attended a consultation event on 12<sup>th</sup> October to listen to views and create a long term vision for Wrexham.

**Resolved:** *To note the details*

**65. BUDGET MONITORING INFORMATION & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk presented a budget monitoring report covering the first six months of the year. It was reported that income and expenditure was running in line with budget although there had been adjustments due to the acquisition of the new premises and their refurbishment and the fact that the Cartrefle premises had not yet sold. These costs were still contained well within the building reserve funds. It was noted that the pension auto enrollment would impact on staffing costs as the employer contributions are high. Members then considered the contents of the monthly financial statement for the month of September.

**Resolved:** *To note and endorse the contents of the budget monitoring report and financial statement.*

**66. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Resolved:** *That no objections be raised in respect of the following planning applications:*

**(i) P/2016/0845 20 Charles Street, Wrexham**

Change of use from shop to café

**(ii) P/2016/0847 The Black Horse Inn 10 – 11A Yorke Street, Wrexham**

External alterations, new first floor extension and terrace and installation of new extract ductwork

**67. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

D.D.	Pace telecom	Prince Charles Road	*	586.80
D.D.	Investec	General Admin	*	84.00
6904	Cashed chq	CAS Client		326.92
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D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		13.62
D.D.	Plus net	St Peter's Hall	*	12.00

D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		156.00
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Rd		234.00
6906	Church in Wales	St Peter's Hall	750.00	
		CAS	<u>375.00</u>	1250.00
6907	The Venture	CAS		73.37
6908	Maelor Construction	Prince Charles Road	*	268.58
6909	M. Morris (Currys)	Prince Charles Road		29.97
6910	Don Hughes Electrical	Prince Charles Road	*	4228.33
D.D.	NATWEST Card (eBuyer)	General Admin	*	30.96
6911	Petty cash stamps	General Admin/CAS		80.00
6912	MFS Systems Ltd	Prince Charles Road	* 412.80	
		St Peters Hall	* <u>104.40</u>	517.20
6913	WNW	St Peters Hall	* 97.08	
		Prince Charles Road	* <u>71.94</u>	169.02
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		31.35
D.D.	Plus net	Cartrefle	*	32.03
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 90.47	
		CAS	* <u>198.62</u>	289.09
	G. Evans (Travel)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel)	CAS		
	J. Carter (Travel)	CAS		
	S. Jones (Sal Oct)	CAS		
	P. Rondel (Sal adj Oct)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Oct)		
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pensions (Oct)		

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable