

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2008 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

Also in attendance: Sgt D. Jacks, PCs L. Parker and M Hanmer – North Wales  
Police  
County Councillor Marc Jones

**78. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. Allum, A.K. Gregory, C. Powell and R. Prince.

(Variation in agenda - It was resolved to defer consideration of police matters until later in the meeting).

**79. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr. B. Halley - Attended Smithfield Tenants and Residents Association. Discussion focused on parking issues associated with the Eagles Meadow Development and possible resident's parking schemes.

Cllr. D. Mitchell Attended St Anne's Primary School Governors Annual General meeting at which the new Headteacher was introduced. It was reported that there were 156 pupils on roll. The school have reached the final 8 in the People's Millions competition, all were urged to vote for the school on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Estyn had visited the school to evaluate race relations and their report is awaited. The school is considering the provision of CCTV.

Attended Wrexham Sustainability Forum. This was a very well attended meeting with each group represented providing a display or presentation on their work. Discussion focused on Transitional Towns status.

Reported on the Caia Park Gardening Competition which had been successful with 79 entries. It was **resolved:** to send a congratulatory letter to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> winners in the overall category.

**80. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved:**

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 be received and adopted as a correct record.*

**81. LIGHTING OF MUGA (PRINCE CHARLES ROAD) PM67**

It was noted that the lighting had been repaired but protective guards had not been placed over the lanterns. It was **resolved:** to remind the Lighting Authority that this was a requirement of the Community Council paying for the repair.

**82. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW (PM 71)**

It was noted that the closing date for comments on the recommendations for the local Government Boundaries Commission was 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008. The matter would now be for the Welsh Assembly Government to determine.

**83. YOUTH SHELTER OFF PRINCE CHARLES ROAD (PM 54&68)**

The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from the Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer (Wrexham CBC) indicating that outreach youth workers would monitor the usage of the shelter once operational.

**84. MANLEY ROAD/ SMITHFIELD ROAD JUNCTION (PM 70)**

It was noted that some works had been undertaken at this junction.

**85. SMITHFIELD YOUTH SHELTER (PM 69,56,36,25&18)**

It was reported that the works was due to start shortly (invoice already received)

**86. TIDY TOWNS INITIATIVE (PM72)**

The Clerk reported that the County Borough Council had invited bids for funding under the Tidy Towns Initiative. This matter was deferred from the October meeting. Members were reminded that Caia Park Environmental Group and Communities First had been working on a River Gwenfro improvement bid for some time. Following discussion, it was **resolved:** *to submit details of this scheme as the Community Council's submission for Tidy Towns grant aid.*

**87. POLICE MATTERS**

Sgt Jacks introduced P.C. Miles Hanmer as the new CBM for Cartrefle Ward. Statistics were tabled on a ward by ward basis covering reported incidents of anti social behaviour, criminal damage, drugs, burglary from dwellings, burglary other than dwellings and thefts of and from motor vehicles. It was noted that in some instances, the numbers reflected more than one call from the same person. Halloween and Bonfire Night has passed without any major incidents. Concerns were expressed over the number of reported incidents in both Queensway and Whitegate wards. Sgt Jacks indicated that the incidents of antisocial behaviour referred to centred on the Pentre Gwyn and Tan y Coed areas in Whitegate and that part of the problem in Queensway could be related to the fact that the area was densely populated and highly developed. There was no evidence to suggest any particular "hot spots" or the fact that the Red Dragon public house was empty may be a reason for increased anti social activity.

Cllr. M. King referred to a previous meeting when the possible gating of the footpath leading from Tower View to Deva Way was supported in the interests of protecting the amenity of residents and to support crime prevention measures. He reported that funding had been identified from the estate environmental improvement monies to undertake the necessary assessment and carry out the works and residents in Tower View, who use the path to access public transport, would be issued with keys for any gate erected. Following discussion, it was **resolved:** *to support the gating of the footpath referred to and to advise Wrexham CBC Estate Office and Community Safety Group accordingly.*

## 88. RATE ESTIMATES

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented an interim report on the current budgetary position for 2008/9. It was noted that election costs incurred in May 2008 were likely to be much less than the £10,000 budgeted due to four uncontested wards. The surplus had been vired into accelerating the street lighting programme. The Local Government pay award has not been settled but an interim award of 2.45% agreed (the budget included an uplift provision of 3%) The income from interest on investments was likely to be reduced in view of recent cuts to the interest rates. Income from lettings at St Peter's Hall had increased.

It was noted that the full costs of the Community Advice Service would be borne by the Community Council this year following the cessation of the Healthy Living Project who had part funded the service in the sum of £11,000.

Members were asked to consider any schemes they may wish to have costed for consideration in 2009/10 in readiness for the January rate setting meeting. It was noted that the fencing around the MUGA would be in the region of £14,000. It was suggested that traffic calming on Benjamin Road could be considered.

## 89. EXTERNAL AUDIT 2007/08

Members were advised that the external audit of the Council's business and accounts had taken place by UHY Hacker Young and the council had received a clean audit statement with no areas of concern or actions to be followed up.

The Clerk was thanked for his work to meet the requirements of audit.

## 90. CORRESPONDENCE

### • Wrexham CBC - Dog Control Orders

A letter was received seeking further views on items to be included in any dog control orders following consideration by the County Borough Council's Executive Board. It was **resolved**: *to support the dog control orders as outlined, namely:*  
Dogs on Leads on every public highway (including cemeteries and existing by law areas)

Dogs on leads when directed to do so by an Officer on any land in the open air to which the public have access

Dogs to be excluded from children's play areas, crematorium and existing by law areas and designated/marked sports pitches

Dog fouling order – offence of failing to remove faeces in line with current legislation

### • Wrexham CBC/AVOW start up grants for luncheon clubs

**Resolved**: *that the letter be noted and referred to Deva House as there was an indication in the letter that grant could be used to develop or expand existing luncheon clubs. It was further resolved: to write to the Adult Social Care Department to enquire if they intend to extend their agreements with Deva House and if there are any plans to learn from the good practice undertaken at Deva House.*

### • Notification of applications for licences to sell alcohol

The notification in respect of Pizza Hut, 1 Market Street, Wrexham LL13 8BY was received and noted.

### • Wrexham CBC – Consultation of fixed play strategy and partnership with community councils.

The letter requested the Community Council's views on a number of questions relating to play provision in the area. The responses from the Community Council were agreed.

**Local Government Boundary Commission – review of Community Council election results 2008 – Resolved: that the letter be noted**

**Reports and Consultation Documents**

**Wrexham CBC – Draft Town centre Conservation Area Character Assessment & Management Plan**

*Resolved: That the contents of the document be noted.*

**91. 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:*

**P2008/1059 – Former Kwiksave, 51 Chester Street, Wrexham**

Change of use from A1 retail use to A1 and/or A3 café and restaurant use

**P2008/1089 - Mountain Warehouse, Unit C8, Eagles Meadow, Wrexham**

Display of 1 no. fascia sign

**P2008/1090- Unit A3, Eagles Meadow, Wrexham**

Display of 1 no. internally illuminated fascia sign

**P2008/1131 - Unit C2, Eagles Meadow, Wrexham**

Display of illuminated logo to shop front

**P2008/1140 - Unit C6 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham**

Alterations to shop front

**P2008/1145 - Unit D8 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham**

Installation of 2 no. internally illuminated fascia signs

*Resolved:*

*In view of the fact that comments on this application are restricted to siting and design only, that no observations be made.*

**P2008/1164 - Footpath, Kingsmills Road, Wrexham**

Installation of Vodaphone base station

Members were advised that an amended scheme had been received in respect of application P2008/1005 previously considered in the October meeting. It was *Resolved: To reaffirm the Council's original objection (The development will result in a loss of open space to the detriment of existing residents)*

Arising from the observations of Members, it was agreed that Wrexham CBC be contacted to ascertain if public rights of way exist within the Eagles Meadow development in view of certain alleged actions taken by the Management Company.

**92. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

Caia Park Community Gardens Association

*Resolved: That whilst there is no objection in principle to grant aid (subject to the necessary consents being obtained) the application be deferred to the December meeting to ascertain:*

*Are the proposed allotments restricted to applicants from Caia Park Community Council area.*

*Have the flooding issues associated with the land been addressed.*

*Does the proposal have any implications for the football pitch.*

**93. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE STATISTICS**

The quarterly statistics (period July – September) relating to the advice service were received and noted.

**94. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – September 2008**

The Clerk submitted the provisional financial statements for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008. **Resolved:** *That the financial statements be received and adopted.*

**95. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**Resolved:** *That the following accounts be approved:*

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					<b>Authority</b>
D.D	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	*	309.86	
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 15.52		
		CAS	* <u>32.40</u>	47.92	
5286	Petty cash	General Admin		50.00	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		7.53	
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		112.00	LGA 1972 s133
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		687.00	LGA 1972 s133
5287	Chair's allowance	General Admin		50.00	
5288	Disability Alliance	CAS		7.00	
5293	CPL Petroleum	Cartrefle	*	1415.19	
5294	Royal British Legion	General Admin		40.00	
5297	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	39.46	
5298	UHY Hacker Young	General Admin	*	1028.13	ACA 1998 s3
5299	Clwyd CHC	Cartrefle		27.93	
		General Admin		<u>115.31</u>	
5300	Morgan Security	Cartrefle	*	301.02	
5301	Nibbs Office Suppliers	General Admin	*	14.51	
5303	WNW	Cartrefle	* 46.99		
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>47.17</u>	94.16	
5304	Viking Direct	General Admin	* 61.55		
		CAS	* <u>23.89</u>	85.84	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		40.39	
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	*	31.71	
	P. Emery (Salary & adj Nov)	CAS			
	G. Evans (Sal adj/travel Nov)	CAS			
	K. Walker (Sal adj/travel Nov)	CAS			
	P. Donellan (Sal adj/travel Nov)	CAS			
	D. Lloyd (Sal adj)	CAS			
	L. Mills (Sal adj)	General Admin			
	M. Morris (Sal adj)	General Admin			
	P. Jones (Sal adj)	Cartrefle			
	S. Pritchard (Sal adj)	St Peter's Hall			
	R. Matthews (Sal adj)	St Peter's Hall			
	J. Francis (Oct )	St Peter's Hall			
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Nov)			
	FCC	Pensions (Nov)			

(\*Includes recoverable VAT of £359.95)