

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 14th May 2009 at
Cartrefle, Cefn Road, Wrexham

Cllr P M Williams (**Chair**)

Cllr M. Allum (**Vice Chair**)

Cllr A K Gregory

Cllr B Halley

Cllr J Howell

Cllr N Hughes

*Cllr J M Humberstone

Cllr M A Humphreys

Cllr M King

*Absent

Also in attendance: Sgt D. Jacks and Pc. G. Wedley – North Wales Police

Cllr C Lloyd

Cllr D G Mitchell

Cllr C Powell

Cllr R Prince

Cllr B R Pritchard

Cllr T Thomas

8. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

9. POLICE MATTERS

Crime statistics for April were provided for the meeting covering the five wards with comparable data for October 2008 – March 2009. Sgt Jacks reported that a new CBM for Queensway had been appointed and would commence duties in June.

It was noted that reported incidents in the Cartrefle Ward had doubled in April when compared with October 2008. There was a perception that the CBM and PCSO were not seen within the community on a regular basis and a discussion took place over the amount of time spent on other duties which diverted them from Ward activities. Members recalled that the original commitment by N. Wales Police was that abstractions should not exceed 20% of the working time although many felt that this was being breached. Similarly, with the loss of some CBMs in other areas within the Borough there may be a tendency to be over reliant on PCSOs to provide cover. Members felt strongly that the high levels of reported crime in the Queensway Ward were as a direct consequence of a high turnover of CBMs for that Ward and felt that a commitment should be given to stability and minimal abstractions for the Ward until the statistics show a consistent improvement.

It was **resolved:**

- (i) *To contact N. Wales Police asking if abstraction rates for each of the Caia Park CBMs could be provided on a monthly basis.*
- (ii) *To contact N. Wales Police Authority for a position statement in relation to PCSO's substituting for the non replacement of CBMs generally across the County Borough area.*

Other matters

Pc. Gareth Wedley advised that he would be seeking to acquire an additional dog in the near future to work alongside "Molly" (the present police dog).

Sgt. Jacks updated members on recent successful seizures of drugs and associated cash. Members felt that any cash confiscated should be made available to enhance the Police dog section.

Members advised the officers present of local matters and incidents giving cause for concern and passed on their thanks to Sgt Jacks for overseeing the recent protest to Wrexham County Borough Council offices by supporters of The Venture.

10. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS

- Cllr. B. Halley Attended several meetings held at The Venture to discuss its future funding arrangements.
- Cllr. D. Mitchell Attended a conference on Climate Change and will report more fully to a future meeting.

As a matter of urgency, the Clerk reported that the heating boiler at St Peter's Hall had been condemned at the annual routine inspection as necessary parts for its repair were obsolete and unavailable. This had been confirmed by a second, independent heating engineer. Accordingly, three estimates for its replacement had been sought and were detailed at the meeting. It was **resolved:** *to authorise the replacement of the heating boiler and to accept the lowest quotation as reported.*

11. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the ordinary and confidential meetings held on 9th April 2009 be received and adopted as a correct record.

12. POLICE MATTERS PM 152

The Clerk reported that he had written to both the Chief Constable and Divisional Commander at Wrexham in accordance with Minute 152. An acknowledgement had been received from the Divisional Commander but no detailed reply to date.

13. HAFOD Y WERN SCHOOL PM 141 & 155

The Clerk reported that the LEA had advised that all newly amalgamated schools are inspected no sooner than 12 months after their establishment as a requirement of the inspection arrangements. The inspection at both Hafod y Wern and Caia Park Nursery had been carried out and the initial findings were favourable.

14. FENCING AROUND FOOTBALL PITCH PM 158

Members enquired of the second pitch on The Dunks could be fenced in a similar way to the pitch previously fenced by The venture Football Club given the damage that occurs as a result of vehicles driving on it and incidents of dog fouling. As the pitch is managed and maintained by Wrexham CBC, it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the appropriate officer to obtain their views. It was further agreed that Wrexham CBC should be informed that the checking of the pitch in readiness for matches should be carried out earlier.

15. BENCHES BELLVUE PARK PM161

It was agreed to ask Wrexham CBC if it was their intention to replace these benches.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) **Wrexham CBC – St Georges Crescent South off street parking place (number two) order 2009**
Resolved: No objection be raised to the proposals as outlined
- (ii) **Wrexham CBC – Invitation to Annual Meeting of Council – 19th May 2009**
Resolved: that Cllr. M. Allum attend on behalf of the Council
- (iii) **Wrexham CBC – Wrexham Library**
Members learned that Wrexham Library will close for several months for refurbishment following a successful grant application for improvements.
Resolved: To note the correspondence

(iv) **GMA Solicitors – proposed legal outreach clinic.**

A letter was received requesting observations on proposals for a legal outreach clinic to be based in Caia Park on a fortnightly basis.

Resolved: that the proposal be welcomed.

(v) **Wrexham CBC – Salop Road and Smithfield Road, prohibition of waiting order 2009**

Resolved: No objections be raised to the proposals as outlined.

(vi) **Wrexham CBC – Dog Control Orders**

A letter providing updated information on the introduction of dog control orders was received and noted.

17. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS / REPORTS

(i) **AVOW Newsletter – Spring 2009 – Carers Issue**

The newsletter was received and noted.

18. 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:

P2009/0346 – 26 Cefn Road, Wrexham

Side extension

P2009/00353 -Unit C8, 8 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham

New Aluminium shop front.

19. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It was *resolved: that the following applications stand deferred until the financial year end to establish if the grants budget has been fully expended on applications from local organisations.*

(i) BritishRed Cross

(ii) Mencap

20. FOOTPATH PRINCE CHARLES RD TO QUEENSWAY

Arising from observations, it was felt that this footpath was not regularly cleaned even though it is very well used. There is regular evidence of broken glass and litter accumulating in the grass verges. It was noted that the car park associated with New 2 You appeared to be swept quite regularly. It was *Resolved: to formally bring this to the attention of the Pride in Your Streets Co-ordinator.*

It was reported that flooding still occurs on part of the footpath and this is being monitored.

21. YOUTH SHELTER – PRINCE CHARLES ROAD

It was noted that this was due for repair by Easter however materials had now been ordered and work was due to commence within the next three weeks.

22. COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICE STATISTICS JAN – MAR 2009

Statistical information was received giving comparable data for the period January to March 2009, the comparable figures for the previous quarter, total annual statistics for 2008/9 and the figures from the previous year for comparison purposes.

As expected, figures were higher in 2008/9 when compared with 2007/8. It was reported that the Senior Advice Worker is making a brief presentation to the Inter Agency Forum in June. It was suggested that a presentation is made to members of the Council at their July meeting. Members asked that their appreciation of the work undertaken by the Advice Service staff be recorded.

23. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Clerk submitted the provisional financial statements for period ending 30th April 2009. *Resolved: That the financial statement be received and adopted.*

24. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: That the following accounts be approved:

			£	p	Authority
D.D.	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	* 271.66		
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>95.28</u>	366.94	
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 13.27		
		CAS	* <u>33.74</u>	47.01	

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall		7.53	
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle		721.00	LGA 1972 s133
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall		117.00	LGA 1972 s133
5424	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	25.90	
D.D.	CAB	CAS	*	579.25	
D.D.	CAB	CAS	*	122.00	
5425	CPL Petroleum	Cartrefle	*	1133.84	
5426	N Wales Assoc of Councils	General Admin		57.50	
5427	WNW	Cartrefle	* 57.66		
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>159.03</u>	216.69	
5428	Walker Fire	Cartrefle	*	517.01	
5429	Viking Direct	General Admin	*	184.52	
	Petty cash	General Admin		50.00	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle		14.66	
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	*	63.04	
	P. Emery (Sal May)	CAS			
	G. Evans (Travel May)	CAS			
	P. Donellan (Travel May)	CAS			
	K. Walker (Sal adj/travel May)	CAS			
	J. Francis (Sal May)	St Peter's Hall			
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (May)			
	FCC	Pensions (May)			

(*Includes recoverable VAT of £213.82)

25. SIGNAGE – CAIA PARK

Arising from the observations of Members, it was agreed to approach Wrexham CBC and enquire if “Caia Park” signs could be erected at strategic locations/entrance routes into Caia Park

26. THE VENTURE

In view of the publicity and uncertainty surrounding the future of The Venture, it was agreed to ask The Manager of The Venture to provide a verbal position statement at the June Council meeting