

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 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, Pc. Alex Lee and PCSO Bryn Roberts - North  
Wales Police.

Ms J Cotton, Mr S. Jones, Mr P. Dines, Mr N. Price and Ms  
C Knight – Wrexham CBC

**21. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllrs M. Allum, C. Powell and P. Williams

**22. STREET SCENE**

The Chair welcomed Mr. Steve Jones, Mr. P. Dines, Mr. N Price and Ms. C Knight to the meeting and reminded Members that the invitation for them to attend had been as a result of the concerns over the increase in litter and fly tipping in the area. He also reminded members that similar concerns had been expressed by Communities First Ltd and they had also held meetings with Wrexham CBC.

Mr. Jones outlined the operational details of the Street Scene initiative which was to be fully launched on 12<sup>th</sup> September under the theme “Pride in your street” although the basics of the scheme are already operational. He advised that the County had been divided into nine areas based on Community Council boundaries for operational purposes and would bring together departments covering aspects of environmental work such as highways, street cleaning, grounds maintenance and licencing / enforcement. It is aimed at providing a more responsive and accountable service with one point of contact for any matter affecting the environment. Each call is to be logged and allocated a reference number to enable progress to be monitored more effectively. Depending on the type of concern raised, Wrexham CBC would be expected to meet pre determined performance targets, particularly in relation to the removal of rubbish and litter. Mr. Jones advised that a further environmental action day was scheduled for Caia Park in the near future.

Members expressed concern over the problem of some residents over filling refuse bins following the introduction of the recycling and fortnightly collection scheme and felt that this, coupled with the closure of the Queensway Civic Amenity Site and changes to the bulky refuse collection scheme had contributed to the increased amount of litter and tipping in the area. Mr. Jones advised that the issue of side waste was a problem and that the policy around refuse and the size of households was currently under review. It was also hoped that refuse collectors could help

identify problem areas and that contact would be made with those households having difficulties or not fully engaging in the recycling scheme. It was noted that generally, the scheme had been well accepted in Caia and that some Wards were achieving very high recycling rates. It is anticipated that if the proposed recycling/composting facility is developed on the Wrexham Industrial Estate, cardboard and kitchen waste can be included in the material for composting.

Ms Jane Cotton (Caia Housing Estate Manager) felt that incidents of fly tipping had increased following changes to the bulky refuse scheme and whilst this was essentially a matter for the Environment Department, it did put pressure on her staff who also contributed to clearing the area of rubbish. She reported that via the Housing Department and in consultation with Local Members, it was hoped to provide skips at strategic locations from time to time although the cost of this was quite considerable.

Members thanked Mr. Jones for his presentation and assurances and **resolved:** *To support the suggestion of additional incentives (skips, Environmental Awareness Days etc) with a financial contribution if appropriate.*

**23. POLICE MATTERS**

Sgt. Darren Jacks reported that there had been a reduction in criminal damage and an increase in detections. There had been some success with the removal of graffiti and environmental audits were continuing to be carried out involving the PCSO's, Local Members and officers of Wrexham CBC associated with Street Scene and Housing.

Various matters of individual concern were discussed and a current update on the operations surrounding drug related crime was reported.

Members were reminded that the next Neighbourhood Policing Panel was scheduled for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

Arising from the observations of a Member, it was suggested that there was some confusion within the community on how council owned properties are allocated and how applications are "scored" as part of the application points process. It was suggested that Wrexham CBC could clarify this within a future edition of the Community Newsletter.

**24. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr. D. Mitchell – Gwenfro School Governors meeting

Cllr. D. Mitchell and Clerk - Flood Defence meeting

**25. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** *That the minutes of the Annual General and Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007 be received and adopted as a correct record.*

**26. WREXHAM IN BLOOM COMPETITION (PM 12)**

It was noted that judging of the competition had been brought forward. Wrexham CBC had advised that a planter could be mounted on the Kingsley Circle roundabout and a further planter had been sponsored by the Community Council for a suitable location within Caia Park. It was noted that a tree stump at Kingsley Circle was to be carved into a tree sculpture but the condition of Kingsley Circle Community Centre could detract

from the judging. Cllr. Mitchell took the opportunity to advise that some 47 entries had been received for the gardening competition.

**27. TRAFFIC CALMING – QUEENSWAY (PM 13)**

It was reported that Wrexham CBC had been contacted regarding the extension of the 20mph zone to include the remaining length of Queensway from Whitegate Road junction and Montgomery Road and Smithfield Road but a reply was still awaited.

**28. FOOTWAY LIGHTING (PM 18)**

It was reported that the tree obstructing the light adjacent to Queensway Terrace / Nant Silyn had still not been trimmed. In addition to the sites previously identified for upgrading or additional lighting it was agreed to request an appraisal of the lighting at West Circle and St David's Crescent, the garage area at the rear of Archers Way and some individual lights at Cefndre.

**29. 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:*

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| i.   | Wales Air Ambulance   | - | £50    |
| ii.  | Gwenfro Valley ICC  | - | £8,000 |
|      | <i>(Cllrs C. Lloyd and B. Halley declared an interest in the item and took no part in the voting)</i>   |   |        |
| iii. | Gwenfro Infants School Community Day  | - | £250   |
|      | <i>(Cllrs C. Lloyd and D. Mitchell declared an interest in the item and took no part in the voting)</i> |   |        |

*That the Council does not financially support the following requests:*

- i. *Production of Communities First Newsletter.*  
*(Cllr M. King declared an interest in the item and took no part in the voting)*
- ii. *Churches in bloom.*

**30. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

Members considered the following applications for planning permission submitted for their observations by Wrexham CBC:

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

**P2007/0600 Tesco Stores, Crescent Road, Wrexham**

Extension to cage marshalling area.

**P2007/0614 Land off Abenbury Road, Wrexham**

Substitution of 1 no. 3 bedroom detached dwelling for 2 no. 2 bedroom semi detached dwellings.

**P2007/0637 12 Broom Grove, Wrexham**

Operation of 1 no. private hire vehicle for school contracts and airport transfers)

*(Cllr C. Lloyd declared an interest in the item and took no part in the voting)*

**P2007/0473 Fletchers Bookmakers, Holt Road, Werxham**

Single storey extension to side of building to form staff recreational area.

**P2007/0670 65 Tanydre, Wrexham**

Extension to dwelling (in retrospect)

**P2007/0677 126 Benjamin Road, Wrexham**

Single storey rear basement extension and two storey side extension to replace existing garage with bedroom above.

**P2007/0710 Tesco Stores. Holt Road, Wrexham**

Alteration to existing store.

**P2007/0711 Tesco Stores, Holt Road, Wrexham**

Extension to service area to accommodate enlarged dot com home delivery facility and sprinkler tank.

***RESOLVED:** That the Council **objects** to the following application on the grounds that in the opinion of the Council the development is over intensive for the site and that highway access would appear to be sub standard for such a development.*

**P2007/0679 75 Hullah Lane, Wrexham**

Demolition of existing dwelling and detached double garage and erection of 7 no. three bedroom dwellings

**31. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) Waste Recycling Group (WRG) proposals**

Members received details of WRG's proposals to develop a recycling and composting facility to be located on the Wrexham Industrial Estate and proposals for the improvement of the Brymbo and Plas Madoc household recycling centres. Cllr D. Mitchell advised that the company would be making a presentation to the next meeting of the Environmental Group and would also have a presence at the Environmental Awareness Open Day scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**(ii) Nightingale House Hospice Ladies Midnight Walk**

An invitation to participate in this fund raising event was received.

**(iii) Wrexham CBC Local Development Plan Timetable**

Details of the proposed timetable were received and noted.

**(iv) Wrexham Rights of Way Improvement Plan**

This consultation document was received and it was agreed that Cllr D. Mitchell would examine the document and report back in time for responses to be submitted to Wrexham CBC.

Arising from the observations of Members, concern was expressed over misuse the footpath linking Tower View with Deva Way (adjacent to the flats). It was ***resolved:** To investigate with the relevant bodies the possibility of this path being closed*

**32. ACCOUNTS YEAR END 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2007 AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

The Clerk of the Council submitted the accounts and supporting documents for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007.

***RESOLVED:***

- (i) That the accounts and supporting documents for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 be adopted subject to audit.*
- (ii) That the transfers to reserves as presented be approved.*
- (iii) That the risk assessment as presented be approved.*

### 33. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Clerk of the Council submitted his financial statement for the period ended 31st May 2007.

**RESOLVED:** That the financial statement be received and adopted.

### 34. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**RESOLVED:** That payment of the following accounts be authorised:

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				Authority
D.D.	Vodafone	General Admin	* 13.99	
D.D.	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	*205.32	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>58.86</u> 264.18	
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 14.84	
		CAS	* <u>39.82</u> 54.66	
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
4957	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	* 15.04	
4958	Caia Park Partnership	CAS	1.40	
4959	Ron Bentley & Sons Ltd	General Admin	* 238.65	
4960	British Gas (Gas)	St Peter's Hall	* 257.29	
4961	WMS	St Peter's Hall	* 55.99	
4962	Zurich Municipal	General Admin	2165.28	LGA 1972 ss140 & 112 emp Liab Act 1969
4963	Morgan Security	Cartrefle	* 32.90	
4964	Walker Fire UK Ltd	Cartrefle	* 124.32	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>37.60</u> 161.92	
4965	NIBBS	General Admin	* 23.69	
D.D.	British Telecom	St Peter's Hall	* 87.92	
4966	North Wales Police	Cont. to police dog costs	5000.00	Police Act 1996 s92
4967	Church in Wales	CAS	320.00	
		St Peters Hall	<u>644.00</u> 964.00	LGA 1972 s133
4968	City Elect Factors	Cartrefle	* 63.84	
4969	Wales Air Ambulance	Donation	50.00	LGA 1972 s137
4970	Gwenfro Infants School	Donation	250.00	LGA 1972 s137
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle	18.83	
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	* 31.71	
	P. Emery (Salary cheque - June)	CAS		
	G. Evans (Travel – Jun )	CAS		
	P. Donnellan (Travel – Jun)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Travel – Jun & salary adjustment)	CAS		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (June)		
	FCC	Pensions (June)		
	Unison	Union subscriptions (Apr-Jun)		

(\*Includes recoverable VAT of £166.70)