

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 8th January 2009 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 – North Wales Police
PCs G. Wedley and M. Hanmer – North Wales Police
1 member of the public

110. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. Howell, M. King, C. Powell, R. Prince and T. Thomas.

111. POLICE MATTERS

Sgt Jacks presented crime statistics for December 2008 covering the five wards with comparable data for October and November 2008. The statistics for anti social behaviour, particularly in Queensway Ward, were still giving cause for concern. It was noted that burglaries had increased although there had been some successful detections. A brief discussion followed on the types of criminal damage being experienced particularly in Smithfield Ward. Sgt Jacks reported that it had been a busy festive season and it was an aim to reduce anti social behavior incidents to single figures in the New Year.

A general discussion followed on the implications of the proposed North Wales Police precept and the deployment of officers within the town area.

A Member referred to the recent damage to the bus shelter on Holt Road adjacent to Tanydre and enquired if this was included in the statistics as it was on the Ward boundary of Cartrefle.

112. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. D. Mitchell Attended Sustainability Forum Meeting – 7th Jan 2009.

113. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2008 be received and adopted as a correct record.

114. DISCARDED SHARPS PM 98

The Clerk reported that the meeting had not as yet been arranged due to the Christmas holiday period.

115. TIDY TOWNS INITIATIVE PM 86&101

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with interested parties and a river walk had taken place. Details were to be presented at the Flood Defence meeting to be held on 9th January 2009. It was envisaged the majority of work would be undertaken within two weeks commencing 11th February 2009.

116. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Wrexham CBC remodeling of Scrutiny Committee

Members considered the documentation circulated and were of the opinion that the proposed structure created some duplication of functions which could be confusing and lead to bureaucratic delays. For example, Council Housing Stock appeared to be dealt with by one committee, affordable housing, HMOs, housing strategy and private sector housing by another and lettings, sheltered, homelessness etc by another. This could hamper effective scrutiny if considering the broader housing issues and could hamper the work of working parties unless membership was drawn from all three committees. It was felt the current roles and responsibilities were less confusing. It was ***Resolved: to respond to the document as outlined above.***

(ii) Wrexham CBC funding of Community Centres

Members considered a letter requesting financial support for the County maintained Community Centres within the Caia Boundary (Pentre Gwyn and Kingsley Circle). A financial contribution was requested in the sum of £818 for Pentre Gwyn and £928 for Kingsley Circle. Members discussed the implications for Pentre Gwyn Community Centre if the Local Government Boundary Commission proposals are accepted by Welsh Assembly Government. They also commented on the request for making additional sums available for agreed improvements to the structure and fabric of the buildings if identified and agreed. Whilst agreeing to consider each request on its merits, it was agreed to remind the County Borough Council that the Community Council funds St Peter's Hall, Smithfield in its entirety.

It was ***Resolved: to grant aid both Pentre Gwyn and Kingsley Circle Community Centres for 2009/10 to the sum of £818 and £928 respectively.***

(iii) Wrexham CBC proposed Traffic Regulation Order (St Georges Crescent South) (Of Street Parking Place) Order 2009

Members considered a consultation document regarding the above which proposed to restrict waiting in this area to a maximum of one hour with no return within an hour. Members felt that this could result in increased vehicular movement onto an already busy highway and could be prejudicial to both highway and pedestrian safety. It was ***Resolved: To object to the proposal on the grounds that it could lead to increased vehicular movements which would be prejudicial to highway and pedestrian safety. However, the matter could be reconsidered if there were proposals to enclose the area of land in question and have an effective traffic management plan.***

117. RATE ESTIMATES 2009-2010

The Clerk of the Council as Responsible Financial Officer, submitted his rate estimates for the year ending 31st March 2010.

Members were advised of the likely out turn in March 2009 subject to all accounts having being submitted and projections for financial year 2009/10. It was noted that the tax base had slightly decreased compared to 2008/09 and interest rates had reduced dramatically in the past few months. A detailed list was provided of items included within the amenities and environment budget and a discussion took place on the amount of money allocated to s137 grants and the possibility of using some of this funding to

link in within Wrexham CBC's Prevention and Inclusion Department, although these proposals had not been made clear.

Following discussion, it was **Resolved:**

- (i) **To accept the report and recommendation for the precept for 2009-2010**
- (ii) **To invite Ms Clare Field (Chief Prevention & Inclusion Officer) to the next meeting of the Community Council to discuss her proposals for youth provision/ joint working**
- (iii) **That the rate estimates as presented be approved.
That the Council levy a rate of £55 for the year ending 31st March 2010 and that it precepts on Wrexham CBC for the sum of £219,285**

118. 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:

P2008/1287 – 41& 43 St Giles Crescent, Wrexham

Conversion of Community House back into 2 no. 3 bedroom dwellings

P2008/1294 - Mecca Bingo Club, Smithfield Road, Wrexham

Variation of condition no. 1 of planning permission P2006/1444 to permit opening until midnight on any day

P2008/1303- Land off Hightown Road, Wrexham

Change of use of and to car park for approx 80 cars

Resolved: that no objection be raised on the following application providing the construction complies with regulations and requirements for smoking shelter.

P2008/1190 - Mecca Bingo Club, Smithfield Road, Wrexham

Removal of existing smoking shelter and existing planting and installation of larger timber clad smoking shelter

Resolved: that no observations be made in respect of the following application:

P2008/1274 – Red Lion Public House, Abenbury Road, Wrexham

Listed building consent for the restoration and conversion of public house into 2 no. residential units and erection of new dwelling on existing car park site

Resolved: that concern be expressed over the potential loss of a community playing field. No objection subject to provision being made for the football pitch to remain on site in a suitable location and of an appropriate size and condition.

P2008/1289 - Land adjacent to Pentre Gwyn Community Centre, Cefn Road, Wrexham

Use of land as community garden

(Cllr D. Mitchell as a Member of the Committee applying and Cllr C. Lloyd as a trustee of the land in question declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon and withdrew from the meeting)

119. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

The Clerk advised that a number of requests for financial assistance had been received from organizations in the form of a standard letter. Some had been supported in previous years whilst others had not. As there was only a very limited amount available in the grants budget, Members were asked if they wished to consider some or all of the requests even though they were not submitted on the Council's standard application forms. Having regard to the information provided, it was **Resolved: that all letters of request be submitted to the February meeting for consideration.**

120. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – December 2008

The Clerk submitted the provisional financial statements for period ending 31st December 2008. **Resolved:** *That the financial statement be received and adopted.*

121. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: *That the following accounts be approved:*

			£ . p	Authority
D.D	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	* 370.30	
		St Pete's Hall	* <u>83.11</u>	453.41
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 56.30	
		CAS	* <u>125.20</u>	181.50
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
5349	Ace Felt Roofing	Cartrefle	* 207.00	
5351	Church in Wales	St Peter's Hall	644.00	
		CAS	<u>320.00</u>	964.00
5352	Graphic Office Supplies	General Admin	* 3.45	
5353	Colour Supplies Ltd	St Peter's Hall	* 73.42	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle	40.39	
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	* 31.04	
	P. Emery (Salary Jan)	CAS		
	G. Evans (Travel Jan)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel Jan)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj/travel Jan)	CAS		
	J. Francis (Jan)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Jan)		
	FCC	Pensions (Jan)		

(*Includes recoverable VAT of £112.29)