

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held on 9th April 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: PCSO Bryn Roberts

151. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. K. Gregory, J. Howell, N. Hughes and P. Williams and Sgt D. Jacks – North Wales Police.

152. POLICE MATTERS

Crime statistics were provided for the meeting covering the five wards with comparable data for October 2008 – February 2009. It was noted that there had been an increase in incidents of burglary and it was questioned if this was common across the County area or restricted to Caia Park. The comment was made that as North Wales had a low burglary rate, compared with other areas slight variations were more noticeable.

Members commented with regret that the Community Beat Manager for Queensway Ward had been redeployed within the Police service with effectively no notice to the community. Given the higher levels of criminal activity in the Queensway Ward and the fact that there had been four Community Beat Managers in as many years, this did nothing to assure the community or provide any level of stability. Members recalled the assurances previously given by North Wales Police that there was an expectancy for Community Beat Managers to remain in post for at least two years and the time delay experienced in appointing a replacement.

Following discussion, it was **resolved:**

To write to the Chief Constable expressing concern at this breach of policy.

To write to the Chief Superintendent at Wrexham requesting that the post be filled at the earliest opportunity and to invite her to a future meeting of the Council to explain why they continually breach their own policy to the detriment of neighbourhood policing.

To raise the issue at the next Police and Community Forum should the opportunity arise.

Other matters discussed:

The increasing number of cars being abandoned and/or burned out on The Dunks.
Incidents of inappropriate use of motorcycles and the effectiveness of the surveillance cameras.

Reported incidents of robbery from individuals.

153. CHAIR & MEMBERS REPORTS

- Cllr. M. Allum Attended Queens Park Youth Club Committee.
Cllr. B. Halley Attended Smithfield Tenants & Residents Meeting (still concerns over indiscriminate parking and litter issues)
Cllr. D. Mitchell Hightown Community Centre Management Committee (queried why Caia Park Community Council did not contribute to the running of the Hightown Community Centre as it is used by residents from the Whitegate Ward) Pointed out that the Community Council already support Kingsley Circle and Pentre Gwyn Community Centres within their own Council area and operate St Peter's Hall without any financial support.
Sustainability Forum Meeting.

154. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2009 be received and adopted as a correct record.

155. HAFOD Y WERN SCHOOL PM 141

A response regarding consultation procedures on the proposed amalgamation of Caia Park Nursery and Hafod y Wern School was received from the Education Authority advising that the Headteacher is aware of the situation and that lengthy and detailed consultation meetings would be held after the Easter break but avoiding the inspection process at Hafod y Wern. Arising from this, a Member and Governor at Hafod y Wern expressed concern over the inspection process and the pressure the school staff were experiencing from frequent ESTYN visits. A general discussion ensued and it was pointed out that if representations were to be made, these should be by the Governing Body as the Community Council had not been formally approached by the Governing Body or school.

It was ***resolved:***

To write to the LEA requesting to be informed of the detailed proposals for the proposed amalgamation.

To obtain more detail from the LEA and school regarding the inspection process and respond accordingly.

156. DISCARDED SHARPS PM 98, 114, 127 & 143

It was noted that the rear fence at the Red Dragon had now been secured by the owners. Streetscene continued to monitor the area and it had been noticed that the Harm Reduction Team were also present at times in the area around the Red Dragon

157. TIDY TOWNS PROJECT 2009/10 PM 146(i)

It was reported that a scheme had been submitted for the 2009/10 funding and the outcome was awaited.

158. FENCE AROUND FOOTBALL PITCH PM 146 (iv)

It was noted that the fencing had not been repaired as mentioned at the March meeting but had been repaired since the meeting.

159. YOUTH CLUB FUNDING PM 141

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Chair of Queens Park Youth Club Committee correcting the information regarding the level of support and funding given by the Community Council to youth provision in the area. A letter of acknowledgement had been received.

160. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) **Wrexham CBC – Proposed traffic regulation order (Prohibition of waiting and no stopping except hackney carriages Abbot St., Crescent Road, Yorke Street and Regent Street.**

Concern was expressed of allowing any form of parking outside of the chip shop on Crescent Road given its proximity to the junction with Smithfield Road and the possible conflict with traffic at the junction. It was *resolved: to suggest that no parking for hackney carriages should be allowed in the location on Crescent Road as indicated in the accompanying plans.*

- (ii) **Wrexham CBC – Proposed traffic regulation order (prohibition of U turn on Eagles meadow Link Road**

Resolved: that no objection be made to the proposed order.

- (iii) **Wrexham CBC – Nominations for Owain Glyndwr status on public open space.**

It was *resolved: to nominate the area of open space at Tanydre for consideration and should this not be successful to consider applying for village green status for the land.*

- (iv) **Welsh Assembly Government –invitation to attend National Assembly Senedd building.**

Resolved: that the invitation be noted

- (v) **Civic Society – Invitation to AGM**

The invitation was received and noted. The Clerk advised that the Civic Society had offered to address Members on the work of the Society. It was agreed to invite a representative to the June meeting.

161. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS / REPORTS

- (i) **Wrexham CBC – Draft Parks Strategy**

The Council was invited to submit observations on the Draft Parks Strategy. It was felt that there was an over reliance on grant funding rather than the Wrexham CBC making adequate budgetary provision for the maintenance and enhancement of the parks.

Arising from the observations of a Member, concern was expressed over the benches having been removed from the shelters in Bellvue Park to the detriment of those wishing to use them.

- (ii) **Wrexham CBC – Draft Local Planning Guidance Note 29 - Design**

The draft guidance note was received and noted

162. 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:

P2009/0192 – 85 Kingsmills Road, Wrexham

Relaxation of condition 16 (P2008/0203) to allow access gates to be replaced with 6.6m wide sliding gates

P2009/0197 - 11 Broom Grove, Wrexham

Amendment to planning permission code P2004/0314 rear single storey extension with flat roof (in retrospect)

P2009/0198 – Ferndale Villa, 25 Manley Road, Wrexham

Amendment to previous planning approval P2008/0338 – demolition of existing garage, erection of new drive through garage with bedroom and bathroom over.

P2009/0241 – Land to rear of 10,12 and 14 Epsom Way, Wrexham

Incorporation of open space land into existing gardens

P2009/0265 – Autokit Tyre Service, Hightown Road, Wrexham

First floor extensions and alterations.

Resolved: that observations be made on the following applications:

P2009/0194 – 41-44 St Georges Crescent, Wrexham

Renewal of outline planning permission for residential development (previously granted under P2005/1323)

That the Council has no objection subject to a current evaluation regarding contributions to schools, affordable housing and public open space if not provided on site.

P2009/0213 – Unit 2-4 Border Retail Park, Wrexham

Extension to rear of retail terrace.

That the Council has no objection provided the amenity of residents is protected. The area currently experiences problems with trespass, anti social activities and littering. Fencing and landscaping should be considered to secure the area.

P2009/0267 – Units 3-5 Yorke Street, Wrexham

Variation of condition 7 imposed under P2005/1198 to allow for the provision of affordable housing off site in lieu of over units 3-5 Yorke Street.

That the Council has concerns. Any commuted sum should remain within the immediate locality. It is difficult to see how the sum proposed would contribute to affordable housing. If it does not contribute in any meaningful way then the condition should not be relaxed.

163. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It was **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:

(i) *Caia Park Partnership*

(For the provision of Youth Clubs at Pentre Gwyn and Smithfield) - £8,000

(Councillor C. Lloyd as an employee and Cllr. M. King as a Trustee declared a personal and prejudicial interest, withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the consideration of the application and voting thereon)

(ii) *The Venture*

(To support its work and running costs as an integrated children's centre - £8,000

(Councillor B. Halley as a Member of the Venture Management Committee and Cllr M. King as Manager of The Venture declared a personal and prejudicial interest, withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the consideration of the application and voting thereon. Cllr J Humberstone also a Member of the Management Committee had left the meeting at this point)

(iii) *Caia Park Early Years Forum*

(For Summer Zoo trip and Christmas activities) -£2,500

(iv) *Family Friends*

- £ 50

(v) *Caia Park Environmental Group*
 (For Garden comp., flower show and Environmental Fun day) - £ 900
 (Councillor D. Mitchell as a Member of Caia Park Environmental Group declared a personal and prejudicial interest, withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the consideration of the application and voting thereon)

164. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – March 2009

The Clerk submitted the provisional financial statements for period ending 31st March 2009. **Resolved:** *That the financial statement be received and adopted.*

165. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: *That the following accounts be approved:*

			£ . p	Authority
D.D	British Gas (elect)	Cartrefle	* 416.06	
		St Peter's Hall	* <u>90.29</u>	506.35
D.D.	Pace Telecom	General Admin	* 56.04	
		CAS	* <u>119.52</u>	175.56
5396	Caia Park Communities 1 st .	Amenity & Environment	496.10	Tidy Towns Proj
5397	Ben Davis	Amenity & Environment	225.00	Tidy Towns Proj
5398	WCBC (Kinglsey Circle)	Amenity & Enviroment	129.00	Tidy Towns Proj
5400	JME Electrical	Cartrefle	* 360.56	
5401	Hallam Heating	Cartrefle	* 207.87	

D.D.	Dee Valley Water	St Peter's Hall	7.53	
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	Cartrefle	723.75	LGA 1972 s133
D.D.	Wrexham CBC	St Peter's Hall	120.60	LGA 1972 s133
5407	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	* 16.13	
5408	Clwyd CHC	General Admin	143.59	
		Cartrefle	38.26	
5409	Wrexham CBC	Street Lighting	* 17273.00	H'way Act 1980 s301
5410	Kanatara	General Admin	* 200.10	
D.D.	Citizens Advice Bureau	CAS	18.00	
D.D.	CPAG	CAS	60.00	
D.D.	Dee Valley Water	Cartrefle	40.39	
D.D.	Nat West Business Card	General Admin	* 31.04	
	P. Emery (Sal Apr)	CAS		
	G. Evans (Travel Apr)	CAS		
	P. Donellan (Travel Apr)	CAS		
	K. Walker (Sal adj/travel Apr)	CAS		
	J. Francis (Sal Apr)	St Peter's Hall		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Apr)		
	FCC	Pensions (Apr)		

(*Includes recoverable VAT of £2440.88)