

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held remotely via Zoom on
11th February 2021

Cllr M. King (Chair) A/V
*Cllr M. J. Downward (Vice Chair)

Cllr B. Cameron (A/V)	Cllr J. Johnson (A/V)
* Cllr L. C. Crawford	Cllr S. Jones (A/V)
Cllr A. K. Gregory (A/V)	Cllr C. Lloyd (A/V)
Cllr B. Halley (A)	Cllr L. M. Platt (A/V)
Cllr C. Harper (A/V)	*Cllr C. Powell
Cllr A. J. Jeorrett (A/V)	Cllr Paul Williams (A/V)
*Absent	

Key (A/V) = Audio and visual presence
(A) = Audio presence

110. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence submitted.

111. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 14th January 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Updates & matters arising:

112. DEFIBRILLATORS (PM103(iii))

The Clerk provided a progress report and advised that he had contacted the Co-op, Caia estate office and Premier Stores on Abenbury Road as potential locations. The Estate Office had agreed for the siting of a defibrillator at their premises but we are still waiting to hear back from the other two parties.

He advised of subsequent discussions with the Wales Ambulance Trust who supply many community councils. Abenbury Community Council are also considering defibrillators and it may be possible for us to joint fund one for Abenbury Road. Other locations were mentioned such as the stores on Holt Road which falls within Acton community. It was felt that there is a need to avoid duplication and the Clerk agreed to contact Offa and Acton Community Councils to establish what if any provision they have.

113. MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT (PM104 &90)

The Clerk provided a verbal update and advised that an interim steering group was to be established to progress the project. It was suggested that two representatives be nominated from the Community Council. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that: *Cllr M. King OBE and the Clerk be nominated to serve on the steering group.*

Arising from observations of Members, it was suggested that a working party be constituted and meet to consider the health needs within the community. It was felt that this would be more appropriate when this current project with MIND is underway to avoid duplication

114. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Agenda item 10 (budget for play/ youth organisations) Cllr. M. King & Cllr. L. Platt – personal and prejudicial as employees of a recipient body (The Venture)

Agenda items 10 (budget for play/youth organisations) Cllr. J. Johnson – personal and prejudicial as an employee of a recipient body (Caia Park Partnership)

115. POLICE MATTERS

Members were provided with the monthly crime statistics extracted from the national Police website. No local report had been submitted for the month. The Clerk advised that he had spoken with Insp. Luke Hughes who had explained the context of the figures and the way in which crimes were reported.

Some members felt that the information still needed to be more clearly explained and expressed regret that the Police were still unwilling to attend remote meetings via Zoom. Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED:** *That the Chair would make individual contact with Insp. Hughes to discuss further.*

116. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllrs. A. Jeorrett/ Cllr C. Harper – Concerned following the recent flooding incidents over the uncertainty of contact details for the responsible bodies. Who is responsible for what? Requested that the possibility of volunteer Flood Wardens be explored. Cllr Gregory outlined the previous experience of trying to attract volunteer wardens some years ago and how the various working groups from that time seemed to stop functioning. Raised the issue over the provision of sandbags by Wrexham CBC.

RESOLVED: *That the Clerk contact Wrexham CBC to seek clarity on emergency contact numbers, whether a volunteer Flood Warden Scheme could be considered and whether a stock of sandbags could be stored within the community – possibly in vacant garages.*

Cllr. B. Cameron – Referred to the old railway line footpath running from the Whitegate play area to Kings Mill. The hedges along the path had been cut back and the litter removed. It was hoped that it would be hard surfaced in the future.

Cllr. L. Platt – Expressed extreme concern over the condition of the wooded areas on The Dunks particularly in relation to the lack of maintenance and the amount of litter and discarded sharps which was of significant concern. As the woodland areas had become more established and the original perimeter fencing demolished, it was evident that they were being used for antisocial activities. A significant number of discarded needles had been found and the areas were heavily littered. This is creating an environment of danger for children and other members of the public. Members were told that this had been brought to the attention of Wrexham CBC and the Police on several occasions but did not seem to be getting addressed.

Members commented that this had been a foreseeable problem when the woodland planting took place even though the perimeter fencing was supposed to help. It was always envisaged that the woodland areas would be publicly accessible but this was now being prevented because of the unkempt state. It was suggested that litter bins could be located in the wooded areas but it was pointed out that Wrexham CBC are not installing new bins due to the lack of capacity for emptying and the fact that they encourage fly tipping alongside.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was **RESOLVED** *to contact senior officers at Wrexham CBC as well as other partners (Police, Green Infrastructure coordinator) to try and resolve the issue.*

Cllrs. B. Halley – Referred to the footpath running across The Dunks from Deva Way which is constantly under water making it impassible.

117. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Wrexham CBC. Formal notice of the alleygating Public Spaces Protection Order 2021 (Queensway Ward) *RESOLVED: To confirm the Community Council's previous support for this scheme.***
- (ii) PLPlanning. Pre application consultation for the redevelopment of the Ty Nos shelter to 19 sheltered apartments.**
Members supported the concept but had concerns over the possible intensification of the access onto Holt Road given its close proximity to the entrance to the Doctor's surgery opposite, service entrance at Asda and the Quaker Meeting House as well as the signalised pedestrian crossing and the junctions of Montgomery Road and Aston Grove. Clerk to respond accordingly.
- (iii) Wrexham CBC – Notification of funding from the All Wales Play Opportunity Grant 20/21.** Grant available to the Community Council of £1595 as a percentage of the monies allocated by the Council in year - Noted

Received following publication of agenda

- (i) Caia Park Partnership – Invitation to participate in the provision of a community 0800 free phone number facility**
It was suggested that organisations within the community could subscribe to a 0800 number and then callers would be redirected to the various bodies. The costs of the calls would, in turn, be recharged to the participating bodies.
The practicalities for the Council services were considered and it was **RESOLVED:** *Not to participate at this time.*

118. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered. **RESOLVED:** *That no objections be submitted regarding the following*

- (i) P/2021/0026 1 Millbank Rise, Kings Mill, Wrexham**
2 storey side extension.

(Additional applications received after agenda published)

- (ii) P/2021/0044 1 Rosewood Avenue, Wrexham**
Erection of garage
- (iii) P/2021/0091 Land adjacent to 18 Y Wern, Wrexham**
Demolition of garages.

119. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The Financial Statement for period ending 31st January 2021 was submitted.
RESOLVED: *That the financial statement for the period be received and adopted.*

120. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment in February 2021 be approved:

D.D.	Pace Telecom	CAS	* 422.82	
		General Admin	* <u>282.62</u>	705.44
D.D.	O2	CAS/Comm Agents	*	60.00
7598	Police & Crime Comm	Amenity/Environ		230.00
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Rd	*	201.39

Accounts above the line have already been paid either by direct debit or in the case of cheques, because they were deemed to be urgent or have been previously agreed)

D.D.	Natwest card (Zoom month 9)	General Admin	*	14.39
D.D.	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Road		6.61 (Water rates)
D.D.	Siemens	General Admin (copier)*		114.00
7600	BESTHOST	General Admin		10.50
7601	Graphic Office Supplies	General Admin/CAS	*	17.48
7604	K. Davies	Sal adj/expenses (Feb)		
7605	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Feb)		
7606	Clwyd Pension Services	Pension contributions (Feb)		

(Received after agenda published)

7602	Wrexham CBC	Children's Services		2385.50 (Sch crossing)
D.D.	SSE (Gas)	Prince Charels Road	*	738.73
7603	The Venture	Children's Services		7835.00
7607	Petty cash	Various		80.00

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

121. FINALISATION OF BUDGET 2021-22

Members were reminded that although the budget for 2021/22 had been agreed, they needed to consider how to process the service level agreements for youth provision and play services currently existing with Caia Park Partnership, The Venture and Wrexham CBC Play development Team should the Covid restrictions extend significantly.

In terms of the Play Development Team, this was straight forward as they only charge for sessions actually delivered (as in 2020/21)

In term of Caia Park Partnership and The Venture, in 2020/21 they delivered services that were not strictly in accordance with the service level agreement but nevertheless did provide a service.

Accordingly, the Clerk had contacted both organisations to ascertain what they could provide should the Covid restrictions and possibly lock down be extended significantly. In

response, Caia Park Partnership offered a range of options and welcomed further dialogue on the future service delivery whilst The Venture was confident it could meet the requirements of the SLA and was due to reopen the facility within the next week or so.

Members were requested to consider

- If they wish to continue the funding in 2021-22 as contained in the budget on the understanding that it may not be possible to deliver the services previously agreed.
- If the Covid restrictions continue, whether the SLA and funding should commence when they are lifted and the funding paid pro rata for the remainder of the year.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED:**

- (i) That as budgetary provision had been made in the 2021/22 budget, the allocations be approved.*
- (ii) That further discussions are held with Caia Park Partnership to agree provision going forward (by the working group set up last year)*
- (iii) That services provided by The Venture be monitored on a regular basis to ensure they meet the requirements of the Council.*

Cllrs King, Platt and Johnson declared an interest in this item as outlined under Minute 114 and withdrew from the meeting whilst under consideration.