

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

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

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

Also present Mr. M. Warner – Wrexham Leader (A/V)

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

122. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllrs. C. Harper, S. Jones and L. Platt.

122. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 11th February 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Updates & matters arising:

123. DEFIBRILLATORS (PM 112, 103(iii))

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting, Premier Stores on Abenbury Road had agreed to the siting of a defibrillator at their premises but a reply was still awaited from the Co-op.

Discussions had taken place with Welsh Ambulance Service regarding locations of other defibrillators in the area as well as Offa and Acton Community Council to avoid duplication. Abenbury Community Council were prepared to fund 50% of the costs associated with the provision at Abenbury Road as it would benefit both communities.

Members felt that even though Acton Community Council have not installed any defibrillators, Caia Community Council should approach the shop on Holt Road as this is a busy location and if they are agreeable, write to Acton C.C. to see if they would contribute.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED:**

- (i) *Proceed to secure defibrillators from Welsh Ambulance Service*
- (ii) *Procure one to be located at the Estate Office, at Kingsley Circle*
- (iii) *Contribute 50% of the costs associated with one to be located at Premier Stores, Abenbury Road*
- (iv) *Contact the retail premises at Holt Road to see if they would be interested in participating.*

124. MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT (PM 113, 104 &90)

The Clerk reported that he had attended an initial meeting of the steering group (remotely) on 8th March 2021 at which it was confirmed that BCUHB would be contributing funding and that the scheme should be underway in April.

125. POLICE MATTERS PM115)

The Chair reported that he had not contacted the District Inspector but would endeavour to do so within the next few days.

126. MEMBERS REPORTS (PM 116)

(i) Flooding:

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Wrexham CBC who advised that they are currently preparing an overview report relating to the recent flooding together with other emergency services and that it would be appropriate to await the report before considering future action. A recent report has been submitted to Welsh Government requesting funding for alleviation measures at numerous sites across the County Borough. This includes a site within Caia for the Gwenfro Area where it is recognised that improvements are required to the surface water drainage (upgraded pipe and outfall design required)

There would be no objection to nominating volunteer flood wardens who would need to operate within the NRW guidelines. Help would be given by the Regional Emergency Planning staff. The Clerk did, however, refer to minute 151 from 2016 where the difficulties in recruiting were outlined as well as maintaining community interest.

***RESOLVED:** To await the publication of the joint WCBC and emergency services report and circulate Wrexham CBC sandbag policy to members.*

(ii) Lack of maintenance – wooded areas:

The Clerk reported that he had received a response from the coordinator of the Green Infrastructure Project advising that a clean up was currently taking place as well as thinning out of the trees to make the area more accessible and visible. She was in dialogue with the Harm Reduction Team regarding discarded sharps. Whilst members were appreciative of the work being undertaken, concern was expressed over the longer term management of the woodland areas – particularly if the Green Infrastructure Project ends.

Members agreed to monitor the current work being undertaken and felt that contact should be made with Welsh Government to request that funding for the Green Infrastructure Project be extended as well as continuing dialogue with Wrexham CBC

127. CORRESPONDENCE (PM117)

- i.** Alleygating had been approved to proceed by Executive Bard at Wrexham CBC
- ii.** Observations sent regarding planning proposals for Ty Nos and acknowledgement received

128 FINALISATION OF BUDGET 2021-22 (PM 121)

The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place with Caia Park Partnership Youth Team together with Cllr. B. Cameron, A. Jeorrett and B. Halley to discuss their SLA going forward. It had been agreed to introduce the school holiday premises based youth clubs when Covid restrictions allow (as agreed last year) but in the interim, engagement is continued by virtual attendance or outdoor face to face engagement – again when allowed.

129. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Agenda item 8 (ii) request for financial assistance Offa Community Council.) Cllr. B. Cameron – personal and prejudicial close personal relationship with a promoter of the project and member of Offa C.C.

130. POLICE MATTERS

Details of the crime statistics as extracted for the National Police website and previously circulated were noted.

131. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr B. Cameron – Reported that the refurbishment of Pentre Gwyn play area was now completed except for some painting work and a small area of surfacing which was outside of the contract although quotations have been sought for this work to be done.

Cllr Paul Williams – Referred to the good work being undertaken by Wrexham Litter Pickers, a group of volunteers engaged in the collection of litter. Members expressed their gratitude and commented on the marked improvement in the area. It was suggested that post Covid restrictions the Council could perhaps arrange litter picks as it had done in 2019. It was agreed to consider this at the May meeting.

Cllr A. Jeorrett – Reported issues with residents living on Holt Road adjacent to the Hillcrest Surgery having problems accessing the rear of their properties due to inconsiderate parking by patients of the Surgery and Chemist. It was agreed to contact the surgery to outline the problem.

132. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Independent Remuneration Panel – To receive notification of their final report for 2021-22. RESOLVED: To note the report.

133. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application was considered. **RESOLVED: That no objections be submitted regarding the following**

(i) P/2021/0097 5 Chanticleer Close, Wrexham
Single storey rear extension and garage conversion

(Additional applications received after agenda published)

(ii) P/2021/0157 109 Kingsmills Road, Wrexham
Construction of new access

The Clerk also referred to the recent applications for new CCTV provision which had been circulated to all Members and no objections received. These were as follows:

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| P/2021/0091 | Rear of 18 Y Wern, Wrexham | Demolition of garage block | No objection |
| P/2021/0044 | 1 Rosewood Ave., Wrexham | Erection of garage | No objection |
| P/2021/0015 | Land at Dean Road/Holt Road Wrexham | Installation of CCTV camera | No objection |
| P/2021/0016 | Land at junction of Hullah Lane/Holt Road | Installation of CCTV camera | No objection |
| P/2021/0017 | Land at Fenwick Drive & Hullah Lane | Installation of CCTV camera | No objection |
| P/2021/0018 | Land at Cefn Road & Cerriog Road | Installation of CCTV camera | No objection |
| P/2021/0019 | Land at Queensway Roundabout | Installation of CCTV camera | No objection |
| P/2021/0020 | Land at Tanat Way, Wrexham | Installation of CCTV camera | No objection |
| P2021/0021 | Land at Y Wern, Wrexham | Installation of CCTV camera | No objection |
| P2021/0022 | Land at Anthony Eden Drive & Coed Aben | Installation of CCTV camera | No objection |
| P/2021/0023 | Land at junction of Abenbury Road and Tan y Coed | Installation of CCTV camera | No objection |
| P/2021/0024 | Land at Y Wern, Wrexham | Installation of CCTV camera | No objection |

134. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The following applications were considered.

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:*

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| (i) | Macmillan Cancer Care | £100 |
| (ii) | Vic Studios | £200 |

The following application was deferred until the next Financial Year and pending more information:

Offa Community Council (Commissioning of a sculpture to recognise the Royal Welch Fusiliers
(Cllr B. Cameron declared an interesting this item as outlined in Minute 129)

135. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The Financial Statement for period ending 28th February 2021 was submitted.

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

136. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

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| D.D. | Pace Telecom | CAS | * 386.75 | |
| | | General Admin | * <u>254.82</u> | 641.57 |
| D.D. | SSE (Elect) | Prince Charles Rd | * | 12.25 |
| D.D. | O2 | CAS | * 40.64 | |
| | | Community Agent | * <u>20.32</u> | 60.96 |

 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)

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| D.D. | Natwest card (Zoom month 10) | General Admin | * | 28.78 (2 months) |
| D.D. | Hafren Dyfrdwy | Prince Charles Road | | 6.61 (Water rates) |
| 7608 | Wrexhan CBC | Amenity/Environ | * | 6000.00 (Cont Pentre Gwyn play area) |
| 7609 | Graphic Office Systems | CAS/General Admin | * | 15.46 |
| | Petty cash | Various | | 80.00 |
| 7610 | Besthost | General Admin | | 98.00 (Domain name – 2 yrs) |
| D.D. | SSE (Elect) | Prince Charles Road | * | 45.28 |
| 7611 | Vic Studios | Donation s137 | | 200.00 |
| 7612 | MacMillan Cancer Care | Donation s137 | | 100.00 |

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| K. Davies | Year end Sal adj |
| M. Morris | “ |
| L. Mills | “ |
| J. Carter | “ |
| J. Clays | “ |
| D. Sheridan | “ |
| P. Jones | “ |

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| H.M. Revenue & Customs | Tax NI (Mar) |
| Clwyd Pension Services | Pension contributions (Mar) |

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable