

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held remotely via Zoom on
10th June 2021 at 7pm.

Cllr M. King (Chair) (A/V)

*Cllr M. J. Downward (Vice Chair)

Cllr B. Cameron (A/V)

* Cllr L. C. Crawford

Cllr A. K. Gregory (A/V)

Cllr B. Halley (A)

Cllr C. Harper (A/V) (Left mtg at 8pm)

*Cllr A. J. Jeorrett

*Absent

Cllr J. Johnson (A/V)

* Cllr S. Jones

Cllr C. Lloyd (A/V)

* Cllr L. M. Platt

* Cllr C. Powell

Cllr Paul Williams (A/V)

P.Sgt. Kelly Lewis

Mr. Matt Warner

– North Wales Police

- Newsquest.

Key (A/V) = Audio and visual presence

(A) = Audio presence

22. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. Downward, L. Crawford, A. Jeorrett, S. Jones, L. Platt and C. Powell.

23. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair referred to the recent death of Ms. Lorraine Daly a member of staff at Caia Park Partnership. He paid tribute to her valued contribution to the community and offered to send condolences to the family.

24. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the AGM and Ordinary meeting held on 13th May 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Updates & matters arising:

25. HILLCREST SURGERY (PM 9)

The Clerk reported that he had not received any more information on the proposals to take the Hillcrest, Borrás and Brymbo surgeries back under the control of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCHUB) from 1st June 2021 from the Community Care Collaborative.

Members commented that patients were still experiencing difficulties in obtaining appointments and that Hillcrest appeared to be the main point of contact for all three surgeries. Concern was expressed over the “knock on” effect with patients presenting at A&E if they could not get a local appointment thereby adding further strain to an overstretched facility at the hospital.

It was **RESOLVED:** to write to the Community Health Council expressing concerns and to contact BCHUB to ascertain the up-to-date situation.

26. FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENT WHITEGATE TO KINGS MILL (PM 10)

It was reported that work had now commenced to resurface the footpath which was extended to the play area on Whitegate Road and would possibly include the footpath leading to Pont Wen. The Local member advised that he was trying to source funding to extend the lighting from Rubery Way to Kingsmill.

27. DEFIBRILLATORS (PM11)

The Clerk reported that there had been slow progress with McColls regarding consent for a defibrillator at their shop on Holt Road. Response from their head office was poor but they have now confirmed that they will need landlord's consent and will respond as soon as they can.

With regard to the Premier Stores on Abenbury Road, the Clerk visited the store but was advised that it would soon be having a major refurbishment and so they did not want to commit at this time. The alternative location on the opposite side of the road was now being reconsidered as an electrical feed and mounting pole would be required. The Clerk had also spoken with the trustees at Pentre Gwyn Community Centre who were happy to have a defibrillator located on the community centre as an alternative location. The Clerk advised that he would discuss this alternative with Abenbury Community Council (who are joint funding) at their meeting on 14th June.

Members noted the position.

28. NOTICE OF MOTION (PM18)

It was **RESOLVED:** *That other community councils in the Wrexham area who are members of Clwyd Pension Fund be contacted (if identified) and provided with a copy of the motion passed by Caia Park Community Council with a view to seeking their support.*

29. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no new declarations declared.

30. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr C. Lloyd – enquired when the painting and small amount of resurfacing at Pentre Gwyn play area would be carried out. The Clerk and Local Member advised that Wrexham CBC have instructed contractors but no date for completion had been given.

Cllr B Halley – mentioned that the Gwenfro river banks had not been cut back and that this posed a risk to children playing near the river as the edges are now indistinguishable. The Clerk advised that this matter had been taken up by Cllr C. Harper in her capacity as County Councillor for the Queensway Ward and he would check with her for an update.

Cllr. M. King – Reported on a recent meeting of the Mental Health Project steering group. Having heard from MIND who are delivering the project, , he was far more comfortable with the proposals. He had agreed to Chair the steering group meetings going forward.

Cllr. K. Gregory - Made reference to the excellent work undertaken by Cllr Paul Williams and his family by litter picking within the community. Members thanked Cllr Williams for his contribution.

31. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Wrexham CBC – Notification of proposed traffic regulation order – Benjamin Road, Wrexham.

Members considered a proposed traffic regulation order preventing waiting at any time adjacent to 39 Benjamin Road at its junction with Bertie Road.

They felt that this was unnecessary and was not required and felt that more attention should be given to the junction of Benjamin Road and Smithfield Road/Caia Road. It was also suggested that an up- to- date traffic survey be undertaken given the recent developments at the former HSS Tool Hire premises which could generate significant traffic.

Arising from the above, Members expressed concern over the unacceptable delay in installing the community council funded interactive speed sign on Hightown Road which had been requested since 2019. The Clerk was asked to write to Wexham CBC for an update.

(ii) Wrexham CBC Caia Estate Office – letter of thanks to the Advice Service

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Caia Estate Office thanking the Advice Service for their work and support, particularly in difficult times during the Covid period. It was agreed that the Community Council would also formally thank the Advice Service for their contribution.

32. POLICE MATTERS

The Chair welcomed Sgt Lewis to the meeting.

Sgt Lewis provided a resume of activities in the community for the past month. This had been circulated to all Members by email in advance of the meeting as well as the crime statistics extracted from the National Police computer system.

It was reported that there are still issues with off road motorbikes in Queensway and Whitegate and it was intended to make more use of drones to try and detect the culprits. There had been a spike in opportunist theft from sheds and gardens and residents were being given advice on this. Members were informed that work to deter drug crime was continuing following some successful local operations.

A Member referred to a recent vehicle fire which had been established as arson. A general discussion followed and Sgt Lewis offered to contact the Arson Reduction Team to see if there could be a move to metal number plates as these are often the source of ignition.

It was reported that the Force would be employing drones to assist the detection of crimes involving the use of motorbikes and that the recent proposals for an extensive CCTV system would also be a significant support.

33. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

The Clerk presented a series of slides that were originally provided by Wrexham CBC and presented to the Town & Community Council Forum.

It was noted that the bill received Royal Assent in January 2021 and provisions will be brought in incrementally between April 2021 and May 2022. Much of the information related to Principal Authorities only, but Community Councils are affected as follows:

- Electoral Cycle increased from 4 to 5 years (effective March 2021)
- General Power of competence (effective May 2022) subject to conditions – Two thirds of membership must be elected, Clerk must hold qualification and must receive an unqualified audit opinion by Auditor General Wales. Need to confirm by resolution that all conditions have been met and must pass the resolution annually at the AGM (More guidance awaited)
- Must make and publish arrangements for remote attendance (Effective May 2021)

- Must give members of the public in attendance a reasonable opportunity to make representations (Effective May 2022 further guidance awaited)
- Must produce an annual report about the council's priorities, activities and achievements during that year (Effective April 2022 further guidance awaited)
- Must make and publish a training plan for community councillors and employees. First plan in place by Nov 2022 with a new plan 3 months after each ordinary election thereafter (Further guidance awaited)

Members discussed the information and **RESOLVED:** *To note the position and await the further guidance.*

34. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application was considered and **RESOLVED** no objections raised:

- (i) **P/2021/0460 1 – 3 Cranford Road, Wrexham**
Alterations to front elevations

Supplementary (applications received following the publication of agenda)

The following applications were considered and **RESOLVED** no objections raised:

- (ii) **P/2021/0523 Home Bargains, Holt Street Wrexham**
Advertisement consent for 7 internally illuminated fascia signs and 1 internally illuminated totem pole sign.
- (iii) **P/2021/0533 Land adjacent to 137-147 Deva Way, Wrexham**
Formation of off street parking area

35. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The Financial Statement for period ending 31st May 2021 was submitted.

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

36. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: *That the accounts for payment in June 2021 be approved:*

D.D.	Pace Telecom	CAS	* 387.89	
		General Admin	* <u>256.50</u>	644.39
D.D.	O2	CAS	* 31.63	
		Community Agent	* <u>15.82</u>	47.45

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.	Wrexham CBC (Rates)	Prince Charles Road		527.00
D.D.	Natwest card (Zoom)	General Admin	*	14.39
7639	Wrexham CBC	Play area repair	*	247.54
7640	Caia Park Partnership (SLA)	Children's Services		2060.00
7641	J.W. Hinds Ltd	Prince Charles Road		180.00
7642	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin/CAS	50:50	41.39
7643	CPAG	CAS	*	73.50 (Reported at Mtg)

	Petty cash (stamps)	General Admin/CAS	80.00
D.D.	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Road	6.61 (Water rates)
	K. Davies (Expenses)	Community Agent	
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Jun)	
	Clwyd Pension Services	Pension contributions (Jun)	

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable