

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held remotely via Zoom on
8th July 2021 at 7pm.

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

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

P.Sgt. Kelly Lewis
Mr. A. Nutall

– North Wales Police
- Newsquest.

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

37. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. Downward, B. Halley, J. Johnson, S. Jones and L. Platt.

38. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 10th June 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Updates & matters arising:

39. HILLCREST SURGERY (PM 9 & 25)

The Clerk reported that he had written to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and the Community Health Council but had not received a reply.

Members commented that the situation did not appear to have improved.

County Council Members present advised that there was to be a meeting with representatives of the Health Board on 19th July and that might be an opportunity to raise the issue.

40. DEFIBRILLATORS (PM11 & 27)

The Clerk reported that he had received documentation from McColls which would need to be considered and completed in support of an application.

The jointly funded defibrillator with Abenbury Community Council was still under consideration as costs were required for an electrical supply and fixing column. The fallback position was to locate it at Pentre Gwyn Community Centre.

Sgt Lewis suggested the new Co-op as a location and the Clerk advised that this had been considered and refused by Co-op head office. It was agreed to send a copy of their response to Sgt Lewis and the Chair for them to pursue with the company and all other Members of the Council for information.

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

The Local County Councillor reported that good progress was being made however there had been no success with extending the footway lighting beyond those existing (to Rubery Way).

The Clerk reported that Wrexham CBC had indicated they were not proposing to increase its lighting stock at present even with financial support from the Community Council.

***RESOVED:** That the Clerk contact the appropriate officer at Wrexham CBC to arrange a site visit with the Local member.*

42. NOTICE OF MOTION (PM18 & 28)

The Clerk advised that he had contacted 5 of the other 7 community councils in the Clwyd Pension Service, the remaining two not having been identified. They had been advised of the Council's resolution and asked to consider supporting the resolution.

43. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – BENJAMIN ROAD (PM31)

The Clerk advised that following observations made at the June meeting and subsequent discussion with the County Councillor for Smithfield, the proposal had now been deleted from the Traffic Regulation composite order.

44. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no new declarations declared.

45. POLICE MATTERS

Sgt Lewis referred to the monthly list of activities previously circulated to Members and provided a resume of activities in the community for the past month.

Generally, there had been an increase in opportunist thefts from gardens and sheds with bikes and tools stolen. It was noted that a crime prevention event has been planned for 24th July on Prince Charles Road which would involve security marking bikes and tools. In addition, it was hoped to purchase locks etc. and any financial assistance with this would be welcomed.

Unfortunately, there had been two incidents of arson in the Smithfield Ward. Following the June meeting enquiries were made regarding the use of metal number plates. Sgt Lewis advised that metal plates cost approx £20 per vehicle or there is a fire-retardant spray available which is quite expensive. Vehicle manufacturers were not particularly interested, and this had been taken up previously by the Fire Service.

There had been incidents of anti-social behaviour at The Foyer and some community protection warning notices placed on individuals. Joint regular meetings were being held between The Foyer staff and Police. A Member enquired if the CCTV camera located near the community garden on Crescent Road was functioning and "panning" the area. Sgt Lewis agreed to enquire.

Sgt Lewis reported that drugs warrants had been successfully executed and as a consequence led to the discovery of two off road motor bikes.

A Member referred to the recent North Wales Police PCSO of the year award presented to PCSO John Davies. All offered their congratulations.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was **RESOLVED**: to award £500 towards the event scheduled for 24th July to support the purchase of crime prevention materials.

46. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr B. Cameron – Reported that the Whitegate footpath should be completed within 4/5 weeks.

Cllr. C. Harper - Reported that she had met with various officers from Wrexham CBC and the Clerk to discuss the service level agreement between Housing and Environment Departments for grass and river bank cutting on the open areas throughout the community. It appeared that the frequency of cuts was being interpreted differently by both departments particularly in relation to the riverbanks. In some instances, it was unclear from the maps who actually owned certain pieces of land.

Ecology issues were also cited for the lack of grass cutting along the banks, but it was felt that these needed to be considered against the health and safety requirements for pedestrians given the proximity of houses.

Cllr Harper drew attention to similar areas in another community where the grass banks appeared to be cut on a regular basis which indicated a lack of consistency. Officers agreed to investigate this.

Officers agreed to try and accommodate the issues raised and examine land ownership details, frequency of cuts etc. prior to renewing the service level agreement early next year. It was agreed that further information, including accurate maps, would be provided to the Housing Estate Office and Local County Councillor.

Following discussion, it was agreed to contact Wrexham CBC requesting that the Community Council be involved at all stages to ensure what is proposed is appropriate for the community. It was also agreed to write requesting that the grass riverbank adjacent to Gwenfro Valley is also attended to.

47. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Welsh Government – Consultation on the community council clerks qualification regulations.

As part of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 it is proposed that clerks should hold a suitable qualification as part of the requirements for adopting the general power of competence which also included two thirds of the total number of members of the council having been declared elected and an unqualified external audit opinion for two consecutive years.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Chair and Clerk would respond to the consultation document.

(ii) Letter from Sara Atherton M.P. offering to attend a community council meeting - Noted

(iii) Wrexham CBC Annual play area inspection reports.

Most items had been assessed as very low or low risk and did not, at present, require any attention however it was reported that work was required to the surface of the skate park. It was estimated the cost would be in the region of £1,900. It was **RESOLVED**: to authorise the work required to the skate park.

(iv) Denbighshire County Council (on behalf of those Authorities with responsibility for the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of outstanding natural beauty. Consultation on proposed supplementary planning guidance regarding lighting affecting the ANOB. **RESOLVED:** To support the supplementary planning guidance.

48. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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:

Mecap Cymru	£50
Hope House Hospice	£200
N. Wales Police crime prevention event	£500

49. COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Members were reminded that they had requested this item be place on the agenda for discussion following the successful event in 2019. It was noted that the success of the 2019 event was largely due to the involvement of Sainsbury who provided staff for the five day litter pick.

Members felt that given the uncertainty of the Covid restrictions and the work currently being undertaken by the Wrexham Litter Pickers it would not be appropriate to organise a litter pick on such a wide scale at this time.

50. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications previously reported to Members during the month were recorded for information as if they had been left until the meeting the consultation period would have expired. No objections had been received from Members to the following:

P/2021/0566	105 Kingsmills Road, Wrexham	New vehicular access
P/2021/0567	111 Kingsmills Road, Wrexham	New vehicular access
P/2021/0568	113 Kingsmills Road, Wrexham	New vehicular access
P/2021/0565	Land adjacent to 21-25 Tower View, Wrexham	Formation of off-street parking area
P/2021/0578	Land adjacent to 26 – 30 Tower View, Wrexham	Formation of off-street parking area
P/2021/0570	Land adjacent to 13 Ferndale, Tower View, Wrexham	Formation of off-street parking area

51. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The Financial Statement for period ending 30th June 2021 was submitted.

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

52. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Accounts for payment July 2021

D.D.	Pace Telecom	CAS	*	387.05	
		General Admin	*	<u>258.03</u>	645.08
D.D.	SSE Elect	Prince Charles Road	*		76.92
D.D.	O2	CAS	*	40.63	
		Community Agent	*	<u>20.32</u>	60.95
7648	Vision ICT	General Admin	*		807.01

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	
7650	Wrexham CBC	Play area maintenance*		8558.40	
7651	Caia Park Partnership	SLA payment 2		2060.00	
D.D.	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Road		6.61	
7650	Wrexham CBC (Trade waste)	Prince Charles Rd.	*	164.50	(Reported at Mtg)
7652	Vision ICT	General Admin	*	150.00	(Reported at Mtg)

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

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable