

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held remotely via Zoom on
13th January 2022

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

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

*Absent

Also present:

P.C. K Evans	North Wales Police
P.C.S.O. Lauren Willdigg	North Wales Police
Ms. Emily Ash	North Wales Newspapers

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

113. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. Jones and L. Platt.

114. POLICE MATTERS

P.C. Kerry Evans gave an update on the Safer Streets project and advised that a bid was being prepared for the Safer Streets 5 project within the next few weeks. She commented that this time it would be slightly different and people in the wider community would be asked for suggestions on how the funding should be spent. Members asked if this could be for revenue and /or capital projects. PC Evans commented that she thought it could be for either providing there was a proven need. One suggestion made was for self defence training which had proved popular in the past.

Other matters discussed:

Off road bikes: This issue was being raised again as there are already problems in certain areas. Wrexham CBC Housing Department are in discussion with the Police over strategies and the Police are currently evaluating if the use of “smart water” has been successful. If so, there may be a need to request further funding to purchase more stock

Electric scooters: A Member reported that the driving of electric scooters on pavements and roads had become more prevalent especially since Christmas. P.C. Evans advised that the users need more education about their legal responsibilities and that it might be possible to include this as part of the next bike marking day.

Defibrillators:

P.C. Evans enquired if any progress had been made on the installation of a defibrillator adjacent to the Co-op. The Clerk advised that they had refused to have one sited on their

building. She offered to approach the hairdressers or Post Office nearby to see if they would agree to one being sited on their wall.

Antisocial behaviour – Colwyn & Crescent Road: This was again drawn to the attention of the Police and a request was made for more Police presence in the area. It was agreed that P.C. Evans would liaise with the Member raising the matter to obtain more information. It was also questioned whether the CCTV camera in the area was operational as it did not seem to move however the Police confirmed it was operational.

Community clean -up: P.C. Evans reported that there had been excellent community feedback regarding the clean up which took place in October/ early November and the Chair advised that a similar event in the Spring would be beneficial.

The Chair thanked P.C. Evans for her report and summarised the main priorities as being off road bikes and drug dealing/antisocial behaviour.

115. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 9th December 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Updates & matters arising:

116. DEFIBRILLATORS (PM11, 27, 40,56,75, 88 &101)

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator for Churchill Drive had been delivered and was awaiting installation. Discussions with McColls was still ongoing.

117. GRASS CUTTING RIVER GWENFRO (PM77, 89, 102)

The County Councillors for Queensway and Whitegate reported back on a meeting held with the Chief Housing Office who had agreed to have an initial grass cut undertaken. Discussions about the service level agreement Housing have with the Environment Department were still ongoing. Several Members referred to an email received from Wrexham Litter-pickers who highlighted the amount of rubbish discarded in and around the River Gwenfro and the amount they had cleared in recent months.

A Member reported that he had forwarded details to the Environment and Housing Departments as well as Public Protection and was awaiting their views.

It was agreed that the matter and responses would be reconsidered in February.

118 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (PM 108i)

Several Members referred to the recent Christmas lunch funded by a joint grant from the Community Council and Wrexham CBC. Many of the older people attending had made complimentary remarks and were pleased to attend the lunch provided on two days in December with 100 residents attending. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Mrs. P. Williams for organising.

119. DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

Agenda item 7 (part only) - Cllr M. King and Cllr J. Johnson – Personal and prejudicial as employees of funded bodies.

120. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr B. Cameron – Reported that Wrexham CBC had now secured funding to provide lighting on the newly completed footpath running from Kings Mill to Rubery Way and it was envisaged that work would commence shortly. Members expressed their thanks for this support

121. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Welsh Government. Eligible Community Council (General Power of Competence) (Qualifications of Clerk) (Wales) Regulations 2022

Letter advising that this matter had now been agreed and that to exercise the General Power of Competence, the specified qualification must be obtained by the Clerk as well as satisfying the other two criteria relating to the number of elected councillors and unqualified external audit reports.

The Clerk advised that other responsibilities being imposed in 2022 would be reported to a future meeting.

122. BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS & PRECPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23

The Clerk reminded Members that in November 2021 a budget workshop was held and it was agreed in principle to accept the draft budget subject to more detailed information being provided in January 2022. This was due to the fact that additional properties were to be transferred from Abenbury following the Boundary Commission Review which would increase the tax base. This information had now been received and amounted to 188 properties transferring which equated to 149 Band D equivalent properties. This has the effect of increasing revenue by £8940 based on the same level of precept as previously levied and took the draft budget from a £7576 deficit to a £1364 surplus. Members were reminded that the draft budget made no provision for the 2022 election costs, additional equipment costs associated with facilitating hybrid/face to face meetings or significant increases in energy costs although an uplift in excess of general inflation for energy had been included. The Clerk also provided a statement of income and expenditure to 31st December 2021 and a projected out turn in March 2022.

Following discussion, Members **RESOLVED:**

- (i) To inform Wrexham CBC that the precept requirement of 2022-23 is £60 per Band D equivalent property yielding £238,980 based on 3983 property tax base.*
- (ii) That existing service level agreements are agreed to continue for financial year 2022/23*
- (iii) That the costs of elections are met from balances*
- (iv) That the projected surplus of £1364 is added to the grant element of the budget but specifically earmarked for service for older people.*
- (v) That the draft budget as presented, subject to the above, be adopted.*

123. GWENFRO VALLEY PLAY REPORT PROVIDED BY WREXHAM CBC PLAY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The report was presented to Members under the terms of the service level agreement. Members were pleased to note the activities that had taken place and commented that parents were appreciative of the provision provided.

It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to the Play Development Team Manager

124. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: *There were no objections to the following applications*

- (i) **P/2021/1191 Units 3 & 4 Border Retail Park**
Variation of condition 18 of planning permission P/2000/0118 to permit the use of 350 sq.m. for the sale of food and drink for consumption off the premises.
- (ii) **P/2021/1199 Open space Hightown Road, Wrexham**
Installation of CCTV camera on 8m high steel column
- (iii) **P/2021/1200 Open space adjacent to Benjamin Road Play Area**
Installation of CCTV camera on 8m high steel column

Received following publication of agenda:

- (iv) **P/2022/0011 Land to rear of 100 – 134 St David’s Crescent, Wrexham**
Change of use of land to residential curtilage and erection of fence.

125. FINANCIAL MONITORING

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

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

126. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: *That the accounts for payment in January 2022 be approved:*

D.D.	Pace Telecom	Advice Service	* 405.01	
		General Admin	* <u>268.99</u>	674.00
D.D.	O2	Advice Service	* 40.43	
		Comm Agent	* <u>20.22</u>	60.65
7707PT D.	Sheridan (Sundry items)	Advice Service		37.95
7709	SLCC Membership	General Admin		215.00
D.D.	SSE	Prince Charles Rd	*	40.24

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
7110	Wrexham CBC	Play area repairs	*	833.38
7110	Wrexham CBC	Children’s services	*	8558.40
7111	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	* 11.51	
		Advice Service	* <u>11.51</u>	23.02
7112	Information Commissioner	General Admin		40.00
	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Road		36.62
7707PT D.	Sheridan	Sal adjustment		
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Jan)		
	Clwyd Pension Services	Pension contributions (Jan)		