

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held remotely via Zoom on
10th March 2022

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

Cllr B. Cameron (A/V)
*Cllr A. K. Gregory
*Cllr B. Halley
*Cllr C. Harper
*Cllr A. J. Jeorrett

Cllr J. Johnson (A/V)
* Cllr S. Jones
Cllr C. Lloyd (A/V)
Cllr L. M. Platt (A/V)
* Cllr C. Powell
Cllr Paul Williams (A/V)

*Absent

Also present:

P.C.S.O. Oliver Heard Edwards North Wales Police
Ms. Emily Ash North Wales Newspapers

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

127. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A.K. Gregory, B. Halley, C. Harper, A. Jeorrett and C. Powell

128. POLICE MATTERS

P.C.S.O. Heard Edwards submitted apologies for P Sgt. Kelly Lewis and the Clerk advised that the monthly Ward statistics extracted from the Police website were not available as it had not been updated since December. 2021

Other matters discussed:

Off road bikes: The P.C.S.O. provided an update on this item and detailed what progress had been made recently.

Defibrillators: Still working with some local shops to see if they will agree to house a defibrillator at their premises.

Drugs Activity: An update was provided on recent activity and raids that had taken place.

Staffing: Reported that a new PCSO had recently started.

129. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 13th January 2022 and the notes of the inquorate meeting held on 10th February be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Updates & matters arising:

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

Members expressed their frustration that there was no meaningful response from McColls over permission to site a defibrillator at their Holt Road store. It was agreed to make contact again and also, if necessary, involve Morrisons who now have the use of the shop.

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

It was reported that a meeting had been held with officers of Wrexham CBC and that another meeting was scheduled for 12th April 2022

132. DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Members interests.

133. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr B. Cameron – Reported that the lighting had now been installed on the newly completed footpath running from Kings Mill to Rubery Way and it was expected that the lights would be operational by the end of March.

Cllr L. Platt – Reported that the highway at Trevenna Way had been resurfaced and that some of the streetlights at Meadow Lea were not working.

134. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) **Domestic Abuse Safety Unit-** An appeal letter requesting support for the purchase of a mobile unit to visit communities. Requesting each of the community councils in Wrexham County Borough to donate £1000. Members felt that whilst combatting domestic violence was important, it was difficult to assess how much impact this proposal would have given the unit was only likely to visit communities once every six weeks. It was agreed to find out more information and possibly invite a representative to address the Council.

(Supplementary received after agenda circulated)

(ii) **Service Level Agreement – Play area inspection, repair and maintenance**

The Clerk reported that the service level agreement for 2022/23 had been received with the annual sum being within the budget estimate.

RESOLVED: *To renew the agreement for 2022/23*

(ii) **Local Government Pay Award 2021/22**

The Clerk reported that the Local Government NJC pay award for 2021/22 had now been settled at 1.75% which affects five staff.

RESOLVED: *To note the award and implement the new salary points.*

(iii) **Wrexham CBC** – Quote for repairs to vandalised play equipment at Bala Road. (£722.26) **RESOLVED:** *To have the work undertaken.*

(iv) **Wrexham CBC (Play Development)**

Advice of a reduction in charges for 2021/22 by 50% due to W.G. supplementary funding and the award of a £2000 grant following successful application to fund play area repairs - NOTED

135. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL FROM APRIL/MAY 2022

The Clerk presented a report outlining new powers and responsibilities coming into force. These included guidance on the general power of competence, requirements for multi locational meetings, participation at meetings and the requirement for the introduction of an annual report and training plan for members and staff.

It was noted that these two measures would be effective from the election of the new Council in May 2022 and would require significant member input.

136. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Clerk gave a verbal report outlining various key dates and advised that a quantity of nomination packs were now available from the Clerk or directly from the Electoral Office of the County Borough Council.

137. PURCHASE OF TREE GUARDS

The Chair requested that members consider buying three tree guards to protect some newly acquired trees in the Wynnstay Ward. He reported that these could cost, in total, up to £1000. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED:** To agree to the purchase from the savings made on the play provision SLA. (The Chair to advise the Clerk of the source and purchase details)

138. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (i) **P/2022/0139 6 Hill Rise, Wrexham**
Works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order WMBC 41
- (ii) **P/2022/0137 16 Bryn Estyn Road, Wrexham**
Single storey side extension

(Supplementary received after agenda printed)

- (iii) **P/2022/0213 Rear of 18-24 Portal Avenue, Wrexham**
Demolition of garages

RESOLVED: *That an objection be raised to the following application:*

- (iv) **P/2022/0235 Hand Hotel. 85, Holt Road, Wrexham (Community of Acton)**
Advertisement consent for digital display sign
Object – Potential distraction to passing motorists and the proximity of the busy Hullah Lane junction. Potentially prejudicial to highway safety

Items below circulated by email in February– no objections received (For information)

- (i) **P/2022/0024 Units 3 & 4 Border Retail Park**
Erection of 4.8m fence and change of use rear service yard to external garden centre
- (ii) **P/2022/0088 60 Tan y Coed, Wrexham**
Formation of vehicular access
- (iii) **P/2022/0093 Pizza Hut, 1 Market Street, Wrexham**
Advertisement consent for two illuminated fascia signs

139. APPLICATIONS 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:

Marie Curie	£50
Family Friends	£100
Llangollen Int Musical Eisteddfod	£100
Wrexham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Assoc	£100

140. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The Financial Statements for period ending 31st January 2022 and 28th February 2022 were submitted.

RESOLVED: That the financial statements for the periods be received and adopted.

141. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment in March 2022 be paid

D.D. Pace Telecom	Advice Service	* 406.02	
	General Admin	* <u>268.99</u>	675.01
D.D. O2	Advice Service	* 40.43	
	Comm Agent	* <u>20.22</u>	60.65
D.D. SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Rd	* 12.25	

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)

7730	WCBC	School Crossing Q3	2425.00
7731	CPAG	Advice Service	157.00
7732	Assoc of Local Council Clerks	General Admin	10.00
D.D.	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Road	36.62

M. Morris	Sal adj (end of year)
L. Mills	Sal adj (end of year)
D. Sheridan	Sal adj (end of year)
J. Carter	Sal adj (end of year)
J. Clays	Sal adj (end of year)
H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Mar)
Clwyd Pension Services	Pension contributions (Mar)

Presented at meeting:

7733	Family Friends	Donation	100.00
7734	Llangollen Eisteddfod	Donation	100.00
7735	Wrexham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners	Donation	100.00
7736	Marie Curie	Donation	50.00
7737	K. Davies	Community Agent (expenses)	66.34

Accounts paid in February (for information following circulation)

D.D.	O2	Advice Service	*	40.43	
		Comm Agent	*	<u>20.22</u>	60.65
7715	Offa C.C.	s137 Donation			500.00
D.D.	SSE Elect	Prince Charles Rd	*		204.76
7716	Petty cash	General Admin/Advice Service			80.00
7717	Disability Rights UK	Advice Service			116.85

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D.D.	Natwest card (Zoom)	General Admin	*	14.39	
D.D.	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Road		36.62	
7718	Caia Park Partnership	Childrens services SLA		2060.00	Q4
D.D.	Siemens	General Admin	*	114.00	
7719	DCM Roofing Services	Prince Charles Road		90.00	
7720	WCBC	SLA Play Dev Team		7767.10	
D.D.	Pace Telecom (Jan)	Advice Service	*	454.96	
		General Admin	*	<u>296.28</u>	751.24
7722	The Venture	Children's services SLA		8070.00	2 nd Payment
D.D.	SSE (Gas)	Prince Charles Road	*	694.52	
7721	Child Poverty Action Group	Advice Service		69.50	

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