

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held remotely via Zoom on
14th April 2022

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

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

*Absent

Also present:

Insp. Luke Hughes	North Wales Police
Kate Adamson	Wrexham CBC
Alison Watkin	Wrexham CBC

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

142. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. B. Cameron

(Variation in agenda – It was agreed that Police matters would be taken as the next agenda item)

143. POLICE MATTERS

Insp. Luke Hughes gave a verbal report of the incident which occurred on the evening of Monday 11th April that centered around a property in Wynnstay Avenue. He advised that as the matter was still a live investigation, he could only give a broad update.

It was reported that a small gathering of individuals gathered outside a property which was then live streamed resulting in a larger crowd of approx 300 individuals congregating and being very vocal. There was a considerable Police presence at this time and subsequently six police vehicles were damaged, and two officers received minor injuries.

The Police and officers from Wrexham CBC worked closely throughout and on the Tuesday evening there were some issues resulting in two properties receiving damage and a car set on fire elsewhere within the community but that was possibly unrelated.

Ms. Kate Adamson and Alison Watkin who have responsibility for community cohesion and safety, briefly reported on the support given by the Council, in particular the Housing and Streetscene departments.

Insp. Hughes advised that two arrests had been made on the Wednesday morning and that the situation had now settled.

Members asked questions and made comments on the incident.

The Chair thanked the Police and Wrexham Council for their actions and felt that the decisions taken at every stage were the right ones and appropriate to prevent the situation escalating even further. He thanked Insp Hughes for keeping the Community Council informed.

144. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 10th March 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Updates & matters arising:

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

The Clerk advised that he had contacted McColls twice since the last meeting but had not received any replies. He referred to a published article in The Grocer which indicated that McColls were in financial difficulty and were looking for investors or a purchaser for the business. The situation was noted.

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

It was reported that a further remote meeting was held on 12th April 2022 and that a course of action was agreed and a further update meeting was to be arranged.

147. PURCHASE OF TREE GUARDS (PM137)

The Clerk advised that these had been purchased and installed.

148. DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Members interests.

149. MEMBERS REPORTS

There were no Members reports

150. CLERK'S VERBAL UPDATE

(i) Community Council Elections

The Clerk advised that the community council nominations had now closed and that three wards (Queensway, Whitegate and Wynnstay) had received nominations equal to the number of vacancies and therefore there would not be elections for community councillors in those wards.

The wards of Cartrefle and Smithfield had received more nominations than there are vacancies and so there would be elections in those wards.

Of the five county borough council wards all were contested except for Cartrefle ward.

(ii) Audit

The Clerk reported that the annual accounts had now been finalized and the internal audit conducted by JDH Financial Services had taken place on 12th April. Their report is awaited. Work is now underway to prepare information for the external audit.

151. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

**(i) P/2022/0239 Land south of Pont Wen
Creation of off -road parking area**

(ii) P/2022/0269 Tesco Extra, Crescent Road Wrexham

Works to trees protected by tree preservation order.

(Request that those trees removed are replaced at an appropriate location)

152. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The Financial Statements for period ending 31st March 2022 was submitted.

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

153. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

D.D.	Pace Telecom	Advice Service	*	406.27	
		General Admin	*	<u>268.99</u>	675.26
7738	Wrexham CBC	Play area repair	*		6990.19 Exp app Sept 2021
D.D.	O2	Advice Service	*	40.75	
		Comm Agent	*	<u>20.38</u>	61.13
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Rd	*		46.08
D.D.	Natwest Card (Zoom)	General Admin	*		14.39

 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 Rd		522.75
4472	Vision ICT	General Admin	*	210.00
4473	Abenbury C.C. 50% cost of Installing defibrillator	Amenity/Environ		123.84
4474	Designer Metal (Paid by Cllr M. King Reimbursement)	Amenity/Environ	*	810.00
D.D.	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Road		36.31
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Apr)		
	Clwyd Pension Services	Pension contributions (Apr)		

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

154. RETIREMENT FROM COUNCIL

The Clerk referred to the fact that Cllr A. Jeorrett was not seeking re-election to either the Community or County Borough Councils. He thanked Cllr Jeorrett for her contribution whilst a member of the council and appreciated her interest and involvement. The sentiments were echoed by the Chair and members.