

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held remotely via Zoom on  
9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Cllr M. King (Chair) (A/V)  
Cllr Pat Williams (Vice Chair) (A/V)

* Cllr B. Cameron	Cllr P. Owen (A/V)
* Cllr S. Edwards	*Cllr L. Platt
* Cllr A. K. Gregory	Cllr B. Pritchard (A/V)
Cllr L. Haggarty (A/V)	Cllr D. Richardson A/V)
Cllr B. Halley (A)	Cllr Paul Williams (A/V)
Cllr C. Harper (A/V)	Cllr A. Wright (A/V)
Cllr C. Lloyd (A/V)	

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

**20. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. B. Cameron, S. Edwards, A.K. Gregory and L. Platt.

It was **RESOLVED:** *To authorise absences for Councillor B. Cameron for the forthcoming year for any absence whilst he undertakes Mayoral functions as Mayor of Wrexham County Borough.*

**21. CHAIR FOR MEETING**

Although Cllr King was present it was agreed that Cllr Pat Williams (Vice Chair) would chair the meeting given Cllr King was suffering from a throat infection. (Cllr Pat Williams in the chair)

**22. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Ordinary meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Updates & matters arising:**

**23. GRASS CUTTING RIVER GWENFRO (PM 8)**

It was confirmed that the first cut would take place in July.

**24. CRASH BARRIER WHITGATE RD/PONT WEN.**

The Clerk reported that nothing further had been heard although it was likely to be a scheme as an environmental improvement for Pont Wen.

**25. DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS**

There were no interests declared.

**26. POLICE MATTERS**

Sgt Lewis had emailed her apologies for non-attendance just prior to the meeting so was not present to explain the Police crime stats as requested in May.

As there was no Police presence, the meeting moved on to the next item of business.

**27. MEMBERS REPORTS**

(i) Cllr Pat Williams: Made reference to an invitation to attend a Foodbank event to be held at St Margaret's Church Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> June from 7-8pm. It was agreed to circulate details to Members.

(ii) Cllr B. Halley  
Referred to the Jubilee celebration tea parties and the respite holiday for older people at Llandudno, both of which were very much enjoyed and appreciated.

**28. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) Harworth Group - Pre planning application consultation for the development of land off Cefn Road, Wrexham**

Members reported that extensive publicity had taken place regarding this proposal. The Clerk advised that the Community Council, as a consultee, were invited to comment on the proposals prior to a planning application being submitted to the Local Planning Authority. He gave some background information on how the site came to be considered and included in the Draft Local Development Plan which the previous community council had objected to in 2016 as follows:

“Caia Park Community Council considered the preferred strategy at their meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

The Members present unanimously supported the following resolution in respect of the strategy which I would be grateful if you could regard as their response to the consultation.

That Caia Park Community Council objects to the growth levels set out for Wrecsam in the Local development Plan preferred strategy, whilst acknowledging that these housing numbers are being forced on Wrecsam by Welsh Government / Planning Inspectorate.

We object to the use of flawed population projections, there is no local need for the level of housing proposed and we have serious concerns about the impact of this level of development on local roads, the hospital, doctors, schools and other general infrastructure, as well as the impact on our environment and the destruction of our green barrier.

Secondly, we object specifically to the inclusion of green fields adjacent to the Cefn Road, including Ysgol Morgan Llwyd school playing fields, and proposals for 1,300 new houses. Such a level of development would have a huge impact on congestion locally as well as destroying our open green space. “

It was agreed to respond to the consultation as follows:

- The Community Council did not support the inclusion of this land in the draft Local Development Plan and still maintain their objection to it being developed. The LDP enquiry has not reached its conclusion on housing need or proposed allocated sites and so any proposals in advance of the final report are **premature** particularly given the site has certain features such as the use of best and most versatile agricultural land, the need to consider mineral deposits and how that will be handled etc.
- The real concerns about how the strain on services will be addressed (schools and medical facilities) particularly if the whole of key strategic site 2 is developed “peacemeal” or in a minimum of three phases. Who takes the legal responsibility in ensuring a new school is provided, for example, if it is reliant on funding from the other two sites?
- The pressure this development would put on the Cefn Road (Greyhound roundabout) if allowed **before** the new road through the estate and terminating on the roundabout on the A534/A5116 is constructed.
- The medical facilities in and around the site are severely lacking. Two of the nearest surgeries at Hillcrest and Borrass are, in the opinion of Members, dysfunctional at best. A clear statement from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board should accompany any planning application.
- A clear statement on the effect on phosphates entering the Dee should also be submitted as this is a serious issue highlighted by both the LPA and NRW.
- The loss of green spaces and the effect on the landscape

It was further agreed to inform Besti Cadwaladr University Health Board of the current consultation in case they had not been informed.

## 29. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (i) **P/2022/00498 Delta Dance Academy, Queensway, Wrexham.**  
Erection of covered area
- (ii) **P2022/0504 18 Yorke Street, Wrexham**  
Removal of chimneys (in retrospect)

## 30. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The Financial Statement for period ending 31st May 2022 was submitted.

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

## 31. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**RESOLVED:** *That the accounts for payment in June 2022 be paid*

D.D.	Pace Telecom	Advice Service	* 406.27	
		General Admin	* <u>268.99</u>	675.26
D.D.	O2	Advice Service	* 42.88	
		Comm Agent	* 21.44	64.32
7757	Pentre Gwyn Older People’s Group (Jubilee Party	s.137 donation		1000.00
7758	Caia Environmental Group	s.137 donation		610.00

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	527.00
D.D.	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Road	36.31
7760	Wrexham CBC	Prince Charles Rd (Waste)	168.00
7761	Galleon Supplies	Prince Charles Road *	141.60
	Agreed at meeting		
7759	Zurich Municipal Insurance	General Admin (Insurance)	2190.78
D.D.	Natwest Card (Zoom x2)	General Admin *	28.78
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (June)	
	Clwyd Pension Services	Pension contributions (June)	

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

### 32. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The Clerk presented a report which was not for publication as it contained exempt information relating to staffing matters

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) *That the action taken by the Chair and Vice Chair in consultation with the Clerk be endorsed and note that the part time posts of Admin Assistant and Advice Worker were in the process of being advertised.*
- (ii) *That the Council receive notification of the retirement of the Clerk with effect from September 2022 and  
A working group be established to consider the replacement of the Clerk comprising:  
Chair and Vice Chair, Cllr. P. Owen and Cllr. Paul Williams*