

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

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

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

*Absent

Also present: Police Sgt. Kelly Lewis

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

33. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Pat Williams who had tried to join the meeting but was having connection issues.

34. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th June 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Updates & matters arising:

35. GRASS CUTTING RIVER GWENFRO (PM 8, 23)

Members were pleased to note that the grass cutting had been carried out during July and this had improved the appearance of the area greatly.

36. HARWORTH GROUP – PRE-PLANNING CONSULTATION, LAND OFF CEFN ROAD. (PM 28)

The Clerk reported that an acknowledgement of the Community Council's representations had been received although no acknowledgement from Betsi Cadwalladr University Health Board to the Council's comments in terms of the pressure this development could put on health services.

37. DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

38. POLICE MATTERS

Sgt Lewis introduced PC Nathan Hutchinson to Members. He will be joining PC Kerry Evans to support Caia and Wrexham Town team.

A general discussion took place regarding how crime stats are recorded nationally. This shows a distorted picture particularly the category “Violence and Sexual Offences”. Sgt Lewis explained that each call is recorded as an incident even though they may be inter-related and only refer to one individual.

Members suggested that the Council contact the Police & Crime Commissioner and M. P’s highlighting our concerns. Sgt Lewis advised that she would try and break down the figures locally and report them back. It was agreed not to write until Sgt Lewis had carried out her analysis.

Sgt Lewis reported that locally, there was nothing of huge concern to report but was keen for the public to engage with the Police. Summer events are planned for the end of term, including bike marking which is always popular.

Members asked if Sgt Lewis could try and reinstate the periodic meetings held with the Inspector as Members found these useful. They also referred to ongoing issues at Colwyn Road which had previously been reported. One member referred to a recent incident at the Co-op Store on Prince Charles Road.

39. MEMBERS REPORTS

(i) Cllr C. Harper: Congratulated Wrexham County Borough Council’s “Project Impact” in winning 2nd place in the Tenant Partnership Advisory Service (TPAS) awards. Project Impact is targeted to support tenants in the Y Wern/ Bryn Hafod areas.

(ii) Cllr B. Cameron: Advised that an environmental clean up day was scheduled for the Whitegate area (Connor Crescent) on 21st July 2022. Other Councilors also advised of the following dates:

28 th Jul	Pont Wen
4 th August	Gwenfro
10 th August	Montgomery Road area
31 st August	St Giles Crescent
6 th September	Coed Aben

It was agreed to publish the dates on the Council’s website.

(iii) Cllr C. Lloyd: Attended the Pentre Gwyn Residents Association meeting and is involved with the Dementia Friends Group recently established gardening group.

(iv) Cllr D. Richardson reported that he had recently attended a remote training module (Councillor Induction) organised by One Voice Wales. The Clerk reminded Members that the monthly training schedule is now sent to all Members for consideration.

- (v) Councillor A. K. Gregory reported that the spotlight focused on the chat shelter off the Queensway had not been operational for a considerable time.
- (vi) Councillor L. Platt reported that there was still considerable concern regarding the operation of Hillcrest Surgery with reports of long delays in getting through to the surgery and getting an appointment and an apparent lack of doctors to support patients. Whilst reassurances were given by the Health Board it seemed as though the measures had not been introduced. Following a lengthy discussion, it was **RESOLVED:**
To request a meeting with the Practice Manager
To ascertain what measures had been implemented
That the membership of the meeting should comprise Cllrs M. King, L. Platt. A.K. Gregory and L. Haggarty

40. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) **Wrexham County Borough Council** – notification of an application for a premises licence at Gusto D’Italia, 13 South Arcade, Chester Street, Wrexham – **Noted**

41. PLAY EQUIPMENT – REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

The Clerk advised that the goal posts at St Giles/ St David’s Crescent had partially been removed and the remaining post needed replacement. These were bought by the Community Council in 2006. In addition, the set at Deva Way had been removed when the underground water attention tanks were being installed and had not been reinstated.

Some repairs to play equipment was also required due to wear and tear or vandalism namely replacement of a swing seat (£704.62) and safety matting (£262.84)

RESOLVED:

To authorise the repairs as outlined.

To obtain quotations for the replacement goal posts (Junior size)

42. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT (WALES) 2015

The Clerk presented the draft report for Members consideration. Following consideration, it was agreed to insert a paragraph referring to child poverty in the Community Advice Section. Subject to that amendment, it was **RESOLVED:** *To adopt the report.*

43. DRAFT REPORT BIODIVERSITY & RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY

The Clerk presented the draft report which has to be updated every three years.

RESOLVED: *To adopt the report.*

44. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (i) **P/2022/0542 15 Epsom Way, Wrexham.**
 Erection of first floor side extension

45. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The Financial Statement for period ending 30th June 2022 was submitted.

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

46. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

D.D.	Pace Telecom	Advice Service	* 410.24	
		General Admin	* <u>269.00</u>	679.24
D.D.	O2	Advice Service	* 42.88	
		Comm Agent	* <u>21.44</u>	64.32
7762	Inst Money Advisers	Advice Service	*	130.00
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Road	*	196.84
D.D.	SSE (Gas)	Prince Charles Road	*	322.52

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.	NATWEST Card (Indeed Jobs)	General Admin		15.05
7766	Wrexham CBC	Children's services	*	8724.00 (SLA play areas)
7766	Wrexham CBC	Children's services	*	1214.70 (Damage play areas)
7767	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	* 24.87	
		Advice Service	* <u>24.88</u>	49.75
7768	J. Hinds	Prince Charles Road		260.00
7769	Caia Park Partnership	Childrens services (YouthProv.)		4245.00 (Qtr 1 & 2)
7769	Caia Park Partnership	Mental Health Project		4113.00 (Qtr 1 & 2)
D.D.	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Road		36.31
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (July)		
	Clwyd Pension Services	Pension contributions (July)		
	Reported at meeting:			
	A. Davies	Salary July		
	J. Clays	Salary adj/expenses		

*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable

32. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

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

RESOLVED:

- (i) *To note and endorse the appointment of an Admin Assistant – duties commencing 19th July 2022*
- (ii) *Note that applications for the part time post of Advice Worker had been received and were currently being evaluated.*
- (iii) *That the action taken by the Chair in consultation with the Clerk regarding the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer post be endorsed and the closing date extended to 21st July 2022 be noted*
- (iv) *That subject to sufficient satisfactory applications, the candidates for posts (ii) and (iii) be interviewed and appointed by the group already established (Chair, Vice Chair, Cllrs P. Owen and Paul Williams)*