

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held remotely via Zoom on  
14th March 2024

Cllr M. King (Chair) (A/V)

Cllr B. Cameron (A/V)	Cllr L. Mort (A/V)
Cllr S. Edwards (A/V) (from item 5)	Cllr D. Murray (A/V)
* Cllr A. K. Gregory	Cllr P. Owen (A/V)
Cllr L. Haggarty (A/V)	Cllr L. Platt (A/V)
* Cllr M. Harrison	Cllr D. Richardson (A/V)
Cllr J. Jolley (A/V)	

\* Absent

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

**150. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr M. Harrison.

**151. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** *That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record*

**Updates:** None

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

Cllr B. Cameron declared a personal and prejudicial interest relating to item 11(i), planning application P/2024/0088, as a neighbour of the applicant.

**153. POLICE MATTERS**

The Clerk had provided the latest crime statistics held on the Police UK website which were for January 2024. The Chairman informed Members that he had not yet had the opportunity to write to the Police Commissioner and the Chief Constable, but that he would do so. The Clerk had informed the police sergeant of the two possible locations for CCTV which had been requested by Members.

**RESOLVED:** *That the Chairman would contact the Police Inspector to see if their view of attendance at meetings via Zoom had changed, and to ask her to ensure that the published statistics were representative of the Councils' wards following boundary changes.*

**154. MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr B. Cameron - Reported that Gwenfro Valley were asking the Community Payback scheme if they could carry out work for them, and the Economy Team of WCBC were looking into what could be done to assist.

Cllr S. Edwards – Reported that concerns had been expressed to him that children cycling in the area were not wearing bicycle helmets.

**155. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) Wrexham County Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2024 – WCBC**

**RESOLVED:** *The Clerk would write to WCBC informing it that in the Community Council's view, it would be sensible to carry out a comprehensive review of parking in Wrexham.*

**(ii) Cllr. Mark Pritchard attending a Community Council meeting to discuss CCTV provision – WCBC**

*RESOLVED: The Clerk would inform Cllr. Pritchard that the Council accepted his offer to attend the next Council Meeting to discuss CCTV provision.*

**156. CO-OPTION OF CANDIDATE TO FILL AN EXISTING VACANCY**

**Cartrefle Ward** – 2 written applications for co-option had been received and these had been shared with Members. Following a discussion, a ballot was taken which resulted in Lesley Fellows being co-opted as Community Councillor. The Clerk would inform and thank the unsuccessful applicant for the interest they had shown in the vacancy.

**157. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE**

The draft terms of reference were discussed.

*RESOLVED: To accept the Terms of reference with the following amendments:*

- (i) 'The committee will meet at least twice in each council year and otherwise as required'.*
- (ii) 'To recommend an annual program of maintenance to the Council following receipt of the annual inspection reports'.*

**158. REQUEST FROM WYNNSTAY WARD COUNCILLORS FOR LITTER AND DOG FOUL BINS AT ST GILES CRESCENT**

Cllr. King informed Members that the green area at St. Giles Crescent was being developed into a play area, with plans to install benches and log walks. The lack of litter bins in the vicinity had been noted and therefore a request was being made for the Community Council to provide two litter bins and one dog foul bin for the area.

*RESOLVED:*

- (i) Cllr. King would speak to WCBC to find out the cost of purchasing and installing 3 bins, and to obtain their agreement to regularly empty the bins if they were purchased by the Community Council.*
- (ii) To consider this matter further once the information had been obtained.*

**159. CONCERNS RAISED REGARDING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECENT CONVICTION OF A FORMER COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR**

Questions were asked as to whether an assessment had been made to ensure that the Councillor had not taken advantage of his privileged position as a Community and as a County Councillor in relation to the offences. As the offences involved children, Members discussed whether all Councillors should be subject to DBS checks and whether the Council should adopt a safeguarding policy.

*RESOLVED:*

- (i) The Chairman would ask the monitoring officer of WCBC if an assessment had taken place following the conviction to ensure there had been no abuse of power and how to carry out such an assessment.*
- (ii) The Clerk would obtain advice from One Voice Wales regarding DBS checks and a Safeguarding policy.*

**160. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Cllr B. Cameron left the meeting during consideration of P/2023/0088.

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

- (i) P/2024/0088 – 10 Millbank Rise, Kings Mills, Wrexham – Single storey rear extension (in retrospect)**

**(ii) P/2024/0093 – 35 Willow Bridge Court, Wrexham – Parking and operation of 2 private hire vehicles**

**161. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The following applications were considered:

**RESOLVED:** *That the Council, in accordance with its powers under S137 and S139 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:*

- (i) Wrexham Litter Pickers - £200
- (ii) Advance Brighter Futures - £500
- (iii) Family Friends - £200
- (iv) National Eisteddfod - £50
- (v) Marie Curie Cymru - £50

**162. FINANCIAL MONITORING**

The Financial Statement for the period ending 29<sup>th</sup> February was submitted.

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

**163. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**Accounts for payment March 2024**

D.D	Enreach	Advice Service	*	488.10	
		General Admin	*	<u>162.70</u>	650.80
D.D.	O2	Advice Service	*	38.64	
		Comm Agent	*	<u>19.32</u>	57.96
D.D.	Natwest Card (Zoom)	General Admin	*		15.59
D.D	Avensure	General Admin	*		299.56
D.D.	SSE (Electricity)	Prince Charles Rd	*		317.81
7930	Neurobox	Advice Service	*		1548.00
7931	Hetleys	Advice Service	*		498.00
7932	The Venture	Childrens Services			17122.00
7933	Graphic Office Systems	Advice Service	*	28.58	
		General Admin	*	<u>28.57</u>	57.15
7934	A. Davies	Sal adj (Feb)			
7936	Hallam Heating	Prince Charles Rd	*		252.31
7937	SLCC	General Admin	*		78.00
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D.D	WCBC (Rates)	Prince Charles Rd			637.00
D.D	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Rd			38.29
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (February)			
	Clwyd Pension Services	Pension (February)			

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.

(Any accounts received after the publication of agenda will be reported at the meeting)

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable