

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held remotely via Zoom on
19th June 2025

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

Cllr B. Cameron (A/V)
Cllr S. Edwards (A)
Cllr L. Fellows (A/V)
Cllr M. Harrison (A/V)
Cllr J. Jolley (A/V)
Cllr C. Lloyd (A/V)

* Cllr L. Mort
Cllr D. Murray (A/V)
Cllr L. Platt (A)
Cllr D. Richardson (A/V)
Cllr P. Williams (A)

* Absent

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

Also present: County Cllr C. Harper, 2 members of the public

- 20.** The Chairman for the meeting was Cllr B. Cameron. The Clerk queried the fact that Cllr S. Edwards had entered the Zoom meeting twice, that is, on 2 devices and was told that this was due to him wishing to access documents during the meeting.
The Clerk informed Members that following advice from One Voice Wales it was recommended that agenda item 7 should be discussed in Part 2. It was proposed that item 7 was moved to part 2 of the agenda. Cllr B. Cameron asked that when the meeting went to Part 2 that everyone had their camera turned on. Cllr S. Edwards disagreed and said that this should have been discussed ahead of the meeting. He said that he had not had his camera on for many meetings and he had explained previously why that was: forcing him to put on his camera was unfair.
RESOLVED: *That agenda item 7 is considered as a Part 2 agenda item.*
- 21. APOLOGIES**
There were apologies for absence from Cllr L. Mort.
- 22. MINUTES**
RESOLVED: *That the minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th May 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record*
Update: None
- 23. DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS**
None
- 24. POLICE MATTERS**
The Clerk had provided the latest crime statistics held on the Police UK website which were for April 2025 and this was discussed.
Cllr B. Cameron had reported to the police the issues caused by the number of motorbikes driving through Tan-Y-Coed and Pentre Gwyn and Cllr J. Jolley had reported the problem of on street parking on street corners on Dale Street and Barons Road.

25. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr B. Cameron reported that the previous issues of parking on Frog Lane appeared to be resolved with the assistance of WCBC's Housing and Environment Departments. In addition he had arranged for the dropped kerbs on the road to be leveled out.

Cllr S. Edwards reported that he was dealing with an issue that a resident had with a taxi firm.

Cllr L. Platt reported that new trees had been planted and were being watered by WCBC. Also she had consulted with residents who had complained of overgrown bushes and litter causing rats to get into their gardens, and WCBC had been out to deal with the situation. She enquired if the Wrexham Litter Pickers had been thanked for their work in the area.

Cllr M. Harrison reported that he had requested some information from Wrexham Litter Pickers in order to draft a post but not received a reply. He would now draft a general post on Facebook to thank them.

Cllr D Richardson suggested that Councillors could join the litter pickers to help them and that he was happy to do so.

26. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) **Email from St Giles Church** – Request for sponsorship or donation.

(ii) **Email from WCBC** – Invitation to Mayors Civic visit to St Giles Church, Sunday 6 July 2025

(iii) **Email from North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner** – Review of CCTV in North Wales

(iv) **Email from Cadwyn Clwyd** – New Funding available for Wrexham Communities

RESOLVED: *That the correspondence was noted*

27. PUBLIC ACCESS TO MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO THE MEETING RECORDING ON YOU TUBE.

The Clerk had consulted with One Voice Wales with regards to public access to meetings and informed Members that there was no requirement for a member of the public wishing to attend the meeting to identify themselves. Cllr Edwards told Members that this information should have been shared earlier to ensure that members of the public could attend. The Clerk said that all members of the public who had contacted her had received the joining details for the meeting and so as far as she was aware no one had been excluded.

With regards to the meeting recording on YouTube the Clerk informed members that she had only received replies from four Members. The Clerk asked Members to decide if the four Members could have access to the recording. Cllr Cameron asked on the current position regarding the recording of meetings within the Council's Standing Orders. The Clerk replied that no recording (audio/visual) is allowed in the Standing Orders and it was previously decided that everyone would have access to the YouTube recording and then a decision would be made as to possible future recordings.

RESOLVED:

(i) *To note and accept the advice from One Voice Wales*

(ii) *That the Members that had asked for access to the meeting recording have it and help is given to others so that they can also see it and then a discussion can take place about future recordings of meetings*

28. ANNUAL PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORTS 2025 (PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED)

The Clerk reminded Members that the reports identify from a safety point of view the level of risks with regards to all playground equipment. Any issues are then addressed by the Council. It was important to also regularly maintain the equipment including seats, bins and fences to avoid costly repairs in the future and she recommended that a procedure was introduced for Councillors to decide on what work was required to ensure the longevity of the equipment.

RESOLVED: *That a playground committee would be set up and terms of reference produced. This would be discussed further at a future meeting*

29. PROPOSAL TO ADD ADULT GYM EQUIPMENT TO THE WHITEGATE PLAY AREAS

Cllr J. Jolley informed members that he had received information from WCBC which included costings of £11,000 to £25,000. The Council could apply for grant funding and WCBC were going to provide him with information on grant options.

RESOLVED: *To consider this item at the next meeting when Cllr Jolley had received further information from WCBC.*

30. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) **P/2025/0355** - 13A Yorke Street, Wrexham, LL13 8LW – Lawful development certificate for HMO existing use

RESOLVED: *There was no objection to the application*

(ii) **P/2025/0388** - 51 Kingsmills Road, Wrexham, LL13 8NL - Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side and rear extension

RESOLVED: *There was no objection to the application*

(iii) **P/2025/0418** – 18 Yorke Street, Wrexham, LL13 8LW – Removal of 4 chimney stacks

RESOLVED: *Cllr Jolly awaiting a reply from the planning department regarding the concerns he has raised.*

(iv) **P/2025/0391** – 35 Willow Bridge Court, Wrexham, LL13 8DX - Renewal of planning permission P/2024/1013 – Parking and operation of 2 private hire vehicles

RESOLVED: *There was no objection to the application*

(v) **P/2025/0426** - 10-12 Derby Road, Wrexham, LL13 8EA – Works to trees protected by tree preservation order WCBC 117

RESOLVED: *To ask for the inspection report on the wall with regards to alleged damage by the tree*

(vi) **P/2025/0427** - Land at Erlas Park, Cefn Road, Wrexham, LL13 9TT - Outline application for erection of up to 900 dwellings (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved)

County Cllr C. Harper had requested to speak on this application and she outlined her objections to it. The application was then discussed by Members.

RESOLVED: *That the Council object to the application on the grounds of the lack of school provision, the lack of infrastructure provision, the impact on road safety, particularly at and on the 'Greyhound' roundabout, the impact on other organisations in Caia Park, and the negative impact on the area*

(vii) **P/2025/0464** - 1 Salop Road, Wrexham, LL13 7AF - Advertisement consent for free standing sign (illuminated)

RESOLVED: *There was no objection to the application*

(viii) P/2025/0466 – Mecca Bingo Hall, Smithfield Road, Wrexham, LL13 8EN – Removal of existing signs and erection of replacement signage (illuminated and non-illuminated)

RESOLVED: *There was no objection to the application*

31. FINANCIAL MONITORING

The Financial Statement for the period ending 31st May 2025 was submitted.

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

32. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: *That the accounts for payment in June 2025 be paid:*

Accounts for payment June 2025

D.D	Enreach	Advice Service	*	518.27	
		General Admin	*	<u>172.75</u>	691.02
D.D.	O2	Advice Service	*	42.27	
		Comm Agent	*	<u>21.14</u>	63.41
D.D.	Natwest Card (Zoom)	General Admin	*		15.59
D.D.	Natwest Card (Fee)	General Admin			35.00
D.D	Avensure	General Admin	*		329.30
D.D.	SSE (Gas)	Prince Charles Rd	*		1548.36
D.D.	Siemens Financial	Advice Service	*	61.76	
		General Admin	*	<u>61.76</u>	123.52
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Rd	*		672.84
8165	J Clays (Sal)	Advice Service			
8166	L Lewis (Sal)	Advice Service			
8167	L Lewis (Sal)	Advice Service			
8168	K Davies (Sal)	Comm Agent			
8169	Zurich Municipal	General Admin			2441.74
8170	Graphic Office Systems	Advice Service	*	36.14	
		General Admin	*	<u>36.14</u>	72.28
8171	Besthost	General Admin			10.50
8172	Redstick Solutions	Advice Service	*		186.00
8173	Society Matters	Advice Service	*		82.80
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D.D	WCBC (Rates)	Prince Charles Rd			724.00
D.D	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Rd			40.52
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (May)			
	Clwyd Pension Services	Pension conts (May)			

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

33. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Cllr S. Edwards stated that he had explained at this meeting why he did not have his camera on and he had sent correspondence to the Chairman and the Clerk explaining medically why he needed certain adjustments at Community Council meetings. He said that Cllr. King was so concerned that people who have needs in terms of age are included, and he asked that Cllr King extended the same passion to the inclusion of people with disabilities. He considered that forcing people to put on their camera was not in the same vein and he questioned again why this was not communicated before the meeting. Cllr Edwards stated that he wanted it recorded in the minutes that he had made his needs abundantly clear and forcing people to put on their camera without prior notice was completely ignoring those and was discriminatory. Cllr. King stated that he was not forcing him to turn on his camera.

Cllr Cameron proposed that the Clerk asked One Voice Wales for guidance on whether cameras should be turned on during the discussion of part 2 items. He said there was no problem with Cllr Edwards having his camera turned off for the part II items. Cllr King said he did not have an issue with Cllr Edward's camera being turned off and was neutral on the issue.

RESOLVED: *That the Clerk obtains advice from One Voice Wales on whether cameras should be turned on for Part 2 agenda items*

RESOLVED: *To exclude members of the press and public due to consideration of confidential information contained with the next item of business.*

PART 2

34. STAFFING MATTERS

The Clerk and Chairman updated Members on employment and staffing matters and these were discussed.

35. To discuss allegations made on Facebook by Councillors with regards to misuse of Council funds.

There was a lengthy discussion with regards to the allegations made on Facebook by Councillors.

RESOLVED: *To defer making a decision on this item until the next meeting*