

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held remotely via Zoom on
15th January 2026

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

Cllr B. Cameron (A/V)

Cllr S. Edwards (A/V)

Cllr L. Fellows (A/V)

* Cllr F. Hardman

Cllr J Jolley (A/V)

Cllr C. Lloyd (A/V)

Cllr L. Mort (A/V)

Cllr M. Peters (A/V)

Cllr L. Platt (A)

Cllr C. Ridgeway (A)

Cllr G. Williams (A/V)

Cllr P. Williams (A)

* Absent

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

(A) = Audio presence

Also present:

104. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Cllr F. Hardman.

105. MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th December 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record.*

Update: None

106. DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

All Personal and Prejudicial relating to **Item 7** - To consider budget detail for 2026/27 and agree precept levy:

Cllr M. King - (Children's services element of budget) as an employee at The Venture, Trustee of Caia Park Partnership (SLA providers)

Cllr C. Lloyd - (Children's services element of budget) as a Trustee of Caia Park Partnership (SLA provider)

Cllr P. Williams - (Children's services element of budget) as a Trustee of Caia Park Partnership (SLA provider)

Cllr S. Edwards - (Children's services element of budget) as an employee at The Venture (SLA provider)

Cllr M. Peters - (Children's services element of budget) as a volunteer at The Venture (SLA provider)

Cllr L. Fellows - (Children's services element of budget) as a volunteer at The Venture (SLA provider)

Cllr L. Platt - (Children's services element of budget) as an employee at The Venture (SLA provider)

107. POLICE MATTERS

The latest available crime statistics to the end of November 2025 had been circulated to Members.

Cllr B. Cameron reported that he had recently contacted the police about the problem of motorbikes racing through the area and causing damage to grassy areas by churning up the ground.

108. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr B. Cameron reported that the planning application for the installation of a bio flue burner near Gwenfro School had been rejected by WCBC and the application had been subject to a “call in” by the Welsh Government.

Cllr L. Platt reported issues in the woodlands area at the Dunks. Trees had been cut down; Fires started; and Fly tipping had increased. She had reported this to WCBC and was awaiting a reply.

Cllr C. Ridgeway reported that he had received complaints from residents about the mess made by contractors working near Moorlands Avenue. He had emailed WCBC twice about this, and it had been cleaned up.

109. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) WCBC – Wrexham City Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) 2026 Consultation
RESOLVED: Individual Councillors could make a response if they wished, and the Council supports the introduction of a new order.

110. BUDGET DETAILS FOR 2026/27 AND PRECEPT LEVY

A budget workshop had been held on 18th December 2025 for Members to consider the budget for 2026/27. The Clerk presented the budget report including the latest proposed figures.

During the workshop Members were advised that:

- The pay award for 2026/27 was estimated at 4%.
- Children’s Services SLAs were estimated to increase by 4%.
- The employer’s pension contributions for 2026/27 would be funded from the pension fund surplus.
- It was anticipated that during the year, the Council would enter into a new contract for IT/telephone services to reduce costs and obtain a better service. Computer equipment was old and should be updated.
- There was no provision for additional expenditure to satisfy the face-to-face and remote attendance at meetings (hybrid meetings), although this could be funded from capital reserves depending on the type of equipment purchased.
- Necessary repair and maintenance work on the building had been identified. Where applicable, expenditure would be made from the capital reserve. Any expenditure classed as revenue would have to be met from the £1000 budget or reserves.
- There was no budget currently for the provision of Christmas light for 2026.
- The tax base used in the budget proposal was 4027.

The proposals were discussed.

RESOLVED:

- (i) *That the Clerk would inform Wrexham CBC that the precept requirement for 2026/27 was £75 per Band D equivalent property yielding £302,025 based on a property tax base of 4027.*

111. UPDATE ON THE PROPOSAL FROM CLLR J. JOLLEY TO ADD ADULT GYM EQUIPMENT TO THE WHITEGATE PLAY AREA

Cllr J. Jolley updated Members, and this was discussed.

RESOLVED: *That Cllr J. Jolley would report back to Members when he had additional information.*

112. TO APPROVE THE DRAFT UPDATED STANDING ORDERS.

The current Standing Orders and the new draft Standing Orders had been sent to Members in December 2025 for their consideration, and for them to advise the Clerk of any proposed amendments before the meeting so that decisions on adoption could be made. The Clerk had received some responses, including a 10-page response that day from Cllr S. Edwards. As Members and the Clerk had not had sufficient time to read and consider the document, it was proposed that the item was deferred.

RESOLVED: *That the item is deferred.*

113. TO REVIEW THE DECISION MADE ON 13TH MARCH 2025 THAT THE DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR USE OF THE ZOOM CHAT FACILITY BE ADOPTED

The Clerk had circulated to Members the draft guidance that had been adopted in March 2025 together with the decision that was made at that meeting. It was proposed that the decision made previously was again approved.

RESOLVED: *That the draft guidance for use of the Zoom Chat facility was again approved.*

114. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) **P/2025/0917** - 11 Rivulet Road, Wrexham, LL13 8DT – Change of use of building from Class C3 (dwelling) to Class C4 (house in multiple occupation – 4 persons)

RESOLVED: *That the Council objects to the application on the grounds of potential overcrowding in the area and concerns that the property would not hold 4 multiple occupation units.*

115. FINANCIAL MONITORING

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

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

116. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: *That the accounts for payment in January 2026 be paid:*

Accounts for payment January 2026

D.D.	Enreach	Advice Service	*	531.03	
		General Admin	*	<u>177.01</u>	708.04
D.D.	O2 (Sept)	Advice Service	*		62.93
D.D.	Natwest Card (Zoom)	General Admin	*		16.79
D.D.	Natwest Card (Indeed)	General Admin		29.33	
		Advice Service		<u>88.00</u>	117.33
D.D.	Avensure	General Admin	*		329.30
D.D.	WCBC (Trade waste)	Prince Charles Rd			32.40

8231	CCP (Qtr3)	Children's Services			2381.25
8232	WCBC (Cleaning Nov)	Prince Charles Rd			497.47
8233	L Lewis (Sal)	Advice Service			
8236	Pentre Gwyn Older Peoples Gp	S137 Grant			1000.00
D.D.	WCBC (Rates)	Prince Charles Rd			724.00
D.D.	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Rd			42.93
	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Jan)			
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pen contributions (Jan)			

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

117. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

PART 2

118. STAFFING MATTERS

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

The Staffing & HR Committee will discuss certain matters further when it meets.

RESOLVED: *That the Advice Managers post would be advertised.*