

# CAIA PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

*A Voice for the Community*

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8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**TO: ALL COUNCILLORS**

Dear Councillor,

An Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held at 6.30pm on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

**The meeting will be held remotely via ZOOM** for the transaction of the following business.

Yours sincerely

*A Evans*

Andrea Evans

**Clerk of the Council**

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**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**  
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## **AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for absence.**
2. **Confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held remotely on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and update.**
3. **Declarations of Members' interests.**
4. **Police Matters, Police UK stats (Latest update January 2026)**
5. **Members' reports.**
6. **Correspondence**
  - (i) **Email from WCBC – Pride in Place Impact Fund 2025/2026 & 2026/2027**
  - (ii) **Email from WCBC – St. Annes Additional Community Governor Vacancy**
7. **To receive an update on the provision of grit bins within Caia Park.**
8. **To receive an update on the proposal from Cllr J. Jolley to add adult gym equipment to the Whitegate play areas**

9. **Requests for financial assistance:**
  - (i) **Caia Park Environmental Group**
  - (ii) **The Venture, Wrexham**
10. **Financial statement for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**
11. **Accounts for payment (attached).**  
**To approve accounts for payment in March 2026.**
12. **To exclude members of the press and public due to consideration of confidential information contained in the next item of business.**

## **PART 2**

13. **To receive an update on staffing matters.**

### **PRESS & PUBLIC**

If any interested party wishes to attend the remote meeting, please email the Clerk on [clerk@caiapark.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@caiapark.gov.uk) and an invitation to the Zoom meeting will be sent to you in advance of the meeting. (Please note this does not infer any right to speak or take part in the meeting without prior permission)

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Caia Park Community Council held remotely via Zoom on  
12<sup>th</sup> February 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 (A/V)  
Cllr J Jolley (A/V)  
Cllr C. Lloyd (A/V)

\* Cllr L. Mort  
Cllr M. Peters (A/V)  
Cllr L. Platt (A)  
\* Cllr C. Ridgeway  
Cllr G. Williams (A)  
Cllr P. Williams (A)

\* Absent

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

Also present: one member of the public

**119. APOLOGIES**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr L. Mort and Cllr C. Ridgeway.

**120. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** *That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record.*

**Update:** None

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

None

**122. POLICE MATTERS**

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

Cllr B. Cameron reported that the issue he had raised at the last meeting about motorbikes racing through the area and causing damage to grassy areas by churning up the ground was still occurring.

Cllr M. King reported that similar damage was being done at the Dunks around the football pitches and that he had been in touch with the police and the football club.

**123. MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr B. Cameron reported that he had visited the recent Dementia Group event being held at Pentre Gwyn Community Centre and it had been a great success. He thanked Cllr P. Williams and Cllr C. Lloyd for their work with the Dementia Group.

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

**Queensway Ward** – 1 written application for co-option had been received and this had been shared with Members. Following a discussion, a ballot was taken which resulted in Darren Williams being co-opted as Community Councillor.

**RESOLVED:** *That Darren Williams is co-opted as Community Councillor for the Queensway Ward*

**125. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (i) WCBC - Wrexham Youth Justice Service Mobile Youth Provision Launch Event Consultation - Noted
- (ii) Andrew Ranger, MP for Wrexham - Pride in Place Impact Funding - Survey Results - Noted

**126. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL WALES REPORT 2025/26**

The Clerk presented a report to Members extracted from the IRPW report. Some of the determinations were mandatory and others discretionary.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) To note the mandatory determinations 7, 43 and 45 - payments to be made in March of the year they relate to. The payment of £52 would be made available in full and not by claiming reimbursement.
- (ii) To adopt determinations 46 (travel), 47 (subsistence costs), 8 (compensation for financial loss), subject to prior authorisation by the Council.
- (iii) Not to adopt determination 49 (attendance allowance), 50 (additional payment to Mayor or Chair) or 51 (additional payment to Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair).

**127. PROPOSAL FROM CLLR J. JOLLEY THAT THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL PURCHASES GRIT BINS AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF INSTALLATION**

The provision of grit bins was discussed, and it was noted that WCBC is responsible for the provision and refilling of grit bins. Cllr J. Jolley informed Members that he had experienced difficulty in obtaining grit bins for his ward, due to the current criteria used by officers of WCBC for establishing if a grit bin is required at a certain location. He said that it was very difficult to obtain a new grit bin.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk would request the following information from WCBC:

*The locations of WCBC grit bins in the 5 wards of Caia Park Community Council;*

*The policy/criteria for WCBC providing grit bins;*

*How the criteria was decided upon;*

*When the policy/criteria was introduced; and*

*The process for requesting grit bins from WCBC*

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

Cllr J. Jolley informed Members that he was due to attend a site meeting with an officer of the WCBC and a play area contractor to obtain a proposed plan and estimated costings.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr J. Jolley will report back to Members with more information following his meeting.

**129. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (i) P/2025/0573 - Car Park, Tesco Stores Ltd, Crescent Road, Wrexham, LL13 8HF – Erection of freestanding restaurant with drive thru facility, car parking, landscaping and associated works.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council objects to the application on the grounds of highway safety, a potential increase in ASB, increased litter issues and increased traffic.

**130. FINANCIAL MONITORING**

The Financial Statement for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 was submitted.

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

**131. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**Accounts for payment February 2026**

D.D.	Enreach	Advice Service	*	531.03	
		General Admin	*	177.01	708.04
D.D.	O2	Advice Service	*		62.93
D.D.	Natwest Card (Zoom)	General Admin	*		16.79
D.D.	Avensure	General Admin	*		329.30
D.D.	WCBC (Trade waste)	Prince Charles Rd			32.40
8237	Redstick Solutions(training)	Advice Service	*		105.00
8238	WCBC (Ins & Ma in P/G)	Childrens Services	*		9249.00
8239	WYPP	Childrens Services			18373.00
8240	WCBC (Election)	Election	*		5579.49
8241	Information Commissioner	General Admin			52.00
8242	Nightingale House	S137 Grants			500.00
8243	L Lewis (Sal)				
D.D.	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Rd			42.88
	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Feb)			
	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pen contributions (Feb)			

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

**132. 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****133. STAFFING MATTERS**

The Clerk updated Members on employment and staffing matters, and these were discussed. The post of Advice Manager was about to be advertised and the Clerk advised Members that the Staffing & HR Committee would need to meet to decide on the recruitment process once applications were received.

*RESOLVED: That the Clerk would contact the Members to arrange a suitable date for a meeting.*

**CAIA PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**POLICE CRIME STATISTICS 2025/26**

Category	Cartrefle										
	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
Violence & Sexual Offences	11	10	14	12	11	13	13	7	11	11	
Anti-social behaviour	3	6	5	8	7	6	9		5	6	
Drugs							1			1	
Criminal damage and arson	11	4	5	1	2	6	7	2	6	5	
Public Order	1	1	1	2		1	1	2	1	2	
Shoplifting			1				2	1	1	1	
Other theft	2		2	4	2	2	1	3	2		
Bicycle theft					1						
Possession of Weapon						1					
Burglary							2	2		5	
Vehicle crime		1				1			1		
Robbery					1						
Theft from a person											
Other crime		1	1	1			1	1			
<b>Total for month</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	

Category	Smithfield										
	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
Violence & Sexual Offences	21	25	28	15	22	22	15	22	17	33	
Anti-social behaviour	18	12	9	13	13	5	8	8	8	16	
Drugs		3	2	1	1	2			6		
Criminal damage and arson	4	4	4	5	5	6	4	10	8	5	
Public Order	9	10	4	8	3	8	2	6	3	4	
Shoplifting	16	27	15	39	11	38	36	20	15	40	
Other theft	4	2	2	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	
Bicycle theft				1	1			1			
Possession of Weapon		2			2	1			1		
Burglary	6	2	2	1	3	5			2	2	
Vehicle crime		2	2	3	1		1		2	1	
Robbery								1		1	
Theft from a person	1								1		
Other crime			3				1	1	1	1	
<b>Total for month</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>107</b>	

Category	Queensway										
	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
Violence & Sexual Offences	9	10	14	20	12	15	14	20	5	12	
Anti-social behaviour	11	10	5	9	10	10	9	9	7	5	
Drugs	2						1				
Criminal damage and arson	5	6	6	8	12	21	10	6	4	2	
Public Order	2	2		1	2	2	2	1		2	
Shoplifting	2	4	2	7	2	3	5	3	1	5	
Other theft	1	1	1	2	1	1		1		1	
Bicycle theft						3					
Possession of Weapon			1				1				
Burglary	3	1	3	2	2	3			1	4	
Vehicle crime	2		1	1	2	2		1		2	
Robbery	1	1		1							
Theft from a person				1							
Other crime			2	1	1		1	1			
<b>Total for month</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33</b>	

Category	Whitegate										
	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
Violence & Sexual Offences	17	18	20	24	15	23	15	9	6	14	
Anti-social behaviour	9	5	9	7	9	6	4	4	3	6	
Drugs	2	1	1		1	1		1		1	
Criminal damage and arson	5	6	10	7	4	3	2	3	4	7	
Public Order	2	2	3		2	5	5	1	2	5	
Shoplifting	1					2				1	
Other theft	1	3	2		1		5	3	1		
Bicycle theft						1				1	
Possession of Weapon				2	1	1				1	
Burglary	3	3	1	4	2	1			1	2	
Vehicle crime		1	1	3	1			2		2	
Robbery							1				
Theft from a person									2		
Other crime	1		4		1	2	1	1		2	
<b>Total for month</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>42</b>	

Category	Wynnstay										
	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
Violence & Sexual Offences	6	10	10	10	9	14	6	3	6	9	
Anti-social behaviour	6	4	2	5	4	2	2	5	3	3	
Drugs		3	1			1	1		1	2	
Criminal damage and arson	10	1	11	2	5	14	10	6	5	3	
Public Order	1	1		1	1	2	1	1		5	
Shoplifting	1			1		1	2	1	1		
Other theft	1	2	1	2	1	1		1	2	1	
Bicycle theft		1			1	1	1				
Possession of Weapon						1					
Burglary	2		1	2		2			4	1	
Vehicle crime				2	3	1	1	1	2	2	
Robbery			1								
Theft from a person					1						
Other crime	1	1		2		1	2		2		
<b>Total for month</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	

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Tuesday, 24 February 2026  
[grants@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:grants@wrexham.gov.uk)

Dear Clerk,

Pride in Place Impact Fund 25/26-26/27

On behalf of Wrexham County Borough Council, I am pleased to confirm that there will be an opportunity for all Town & Community Council's to access up to a total of £44,117.00 of Pride in Place Impact Funding for the period 2025/26- 2026/27.

An application pack will be provided to all Town & Community Councils via email no later than w/c 9 March 2026. In order to meet the UK Government's reporting deadlines we are asking Town & Community Councils to submit their applications within the month of April 2026. Should your Town or Community Council not wish or not be able to take up the allocation of funding, it would be appreciated if you could confirm this in writing by 31 March 2026.

To try and assist Town & Community Councils, we will be phasing the collection of information required within the application process. The first phase focuses on the project, community engagement and finances. We will then return with further queries over more technical matters such as procurement and standard matters of due diligence.

On receipt, the application will be assessed and an offer letter confirming the award will be provided, you must sign this letter and return it to in order to allow access to funding.

To assist you with the preparation of your application, we have provided some information below that you will need to consider.

The Pride in Place Impact Fund programme has been designed by the UK Government and has three objectives, which are:

**A. Community Spaces-** Creating, extending, improving or refurbishing existing community facilities and enabling community organisations to control or have ownership of underutilised but valued local assets

**B. Public Spaces**- Enhancing the physical environment in public spaces examples of such initiatives include new or improved green spaces or public squares, improved outdoor play, sports and leisure spaces, installing street furniture, public art or wayfinding.

**C. High Street and Town Centre Revitalisation**- making these areas more attractive and welcoming places where people congregate and encourage economic activity. Examples of initiatives that could be funded are shop frontage improvements, adaptations that bring properties back into use, street scape improvements, public art, trails and wayfinding, and creating or improving infrastructure for regular markets

Pride in Place Impact Funding is **CAPITAL** funding only. Capital Expenditure is mainly used for acquiring or maintaining fixed assets. Any queries relating to the definition of capital expenditure should be discussed with the Council in advance, to avoid ineligible spend. Examples of eligible spend, as set out by the UK Government include:

- Funding to take ownership of a disused asset or building
- Funding to refurbish or improve an asset already in community ownership examples of eligible items are: new and improved toilets/kitchens/windows/doors, energy saving methods, moveable furniture is not eligible
- Funding to refurbish or improve assets owned by public bodies for community activity.
- Funding to create, improve or refurbish art galleries, theatres, museums, libraries, cultural or heritage sites, sports facilities
- Creating or improving parks/community gardens, this would include landscaping works, planting schemes, park benches, accessible path surfaces lighting as examples.
- Creation or refurbishment of play areas, sports pitches or outdoor gyms
- Providing new street furniture or re-painting of public spaces
- Provision of new lighting and adaptations to reduce the fear of crime
- Public art, including trails and signs that reflect local culture and history, this may include information and interpretation
- Provision of public toilets and adaptations including the provision of changing places facilities
- Regeneration of High Streets and local shopping areas by shop front improvement schemes, grants to bring properties back into use.
- Creation and refurbishment cycleways and shared paths
- Improvements to a canal towpath, riverside walk or other leisure space
- Creating or refurbishing a pavilion or bandstand to support cultural, heritage, sporting and creative events
- Provision of infrastructure that supports street markets.

To deliver your project, your application must demonstrate that your project(s) have been identified through community involvement and engagement. You will also need to explain how the community will be involved in the activation and delivery of the project(s).

There are 6 main outputs of the funding, and your project must deliver outputs under at least one of the outputs (as identified by the UK Government) to receive funding. They are:

- Amount of community, culture, sports or heritage space created or improved – in m<sup>2</sup>
- Amount of commercial space completed or improved – in m<sup>2</sup>
- Amount of Green & Blue space created or improved – in m<sup>2</sup>
- Number of amenities / facilities created or improved – no. of amenities or facilities
- Number of green retrofits to non-residential buildings and / or facilities – no. of buildings and / or facilities.
- Amount of public realm created or improved - in m<sup>2</sup>

Please note that approved projects need to be fully completed, including submission of final claims **by 12th March 2027 at the latest.**

Don't hesitate to contact us at the [grants@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:grants@wrexham.gov.uk) email address should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



Ian Jones

Dros Dro Prif Swyddog Yr Economi a Chynllunio  
Interim Chief Officer Economy and Planning  
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Siriol Wrecsam, Wrexham County Borough Council

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**Re: St. Annes Additional Community Governor Vacancy**

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From Clerk <clerk@caiapark.gov.uk>

Date Sat 14/02/2026 20:13

To Maxine1 Jones <Maxine1.Jones@wrexham.gov.uk>

Dear Maxine,

This will be an agenda item and considered by Members at the next Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Kind regards,

Andrea

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**From:** Maxine1 Jones <Maxine1.Jones@wrexham.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 10 February 2026 07:50

**To:** Clerk <clerk@caiapark.gov.uk>

**Subject:** St. Annes Additional Community Governor Vacancy

Good Morning,

Can you please advise if you have a candidate for the Additional Governor Role at St. Annes as the school have a Governor who wants to stay on the Governing Body and apply for the Additional Community Governor position.

Would you be happy to consider Peter Williams for approval at your next Community Council Meeting?

If you are happy to add to your agenda, I will ask Peter to send his details and a brief outline of his experience he brings to the Governing Body to be considered at the meeting.

Kind Regards

*Maxine Jones*

Governor Support Advisor

Swyddog Ymgynghorol Llywodraethwyr



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# CAIA PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## APPLICATION FORM FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Local Government Act 1972 Sections 137 & 145)

### Name of group/organisation

Caia Park Environmental Group

### Details of main contact

**Title**

Miss

**First Name**

Dorothy

**Surname**

Mitchell

**Position held**

Chair

**Tel No**

07751 988578

**Address for correspondence**

66 Gwenfro  
Wrexham  
LL13 8TW

**What does your organisation do?**

Caia Park Environmental Group promotes Environment Sustainability in the community in order to do this.

We organise events in the community and environmental education such as tree planting, river work, litter and recycling, carbon reduction, health and wellbeing, through community activities such as bike rides, walking river cleans and gardening.

We support Local Environmental issues and wildlife.

**How many people are involved with your group****Committee members**

5

**Volunteers**

10

**staff**

None

**Is the group affiliated to another organisation (if so please state)**

AVOW

**Is the group a charitable body or registered charity?**

No

**What does your organisation want to do with the grant from the Community Council?**

We have run a garde competition since 1996 with the Community Council. We have now completed the gardening competition for 2025 and wish to hold a presentation evening for people to receive their awards. The competition is open to the whole of the community for Caia Park to participate. We will continue to promote an event which is well established in the Community.

**Please give a breakdown of costs**

	£
Trophies and award	£300.00
Refreshemtns	£100.00
Room Hire	£100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£500</b>
<b>Total amount requested from the Community Council</b>	<b>£500</b>

**How many people from Caia Park will benefit from this project?**

130+

**Have you applied to other organisations for funding**

No

**If so have you been successful (amount)**

N/A

**As well as completing this application form a copy of the group's accounts for the previous year must be submitted. In the case of new organisations a projected income and expenditure statement will be accepted with a recent bank statement.**

**Name of person making the application**

DOROTHY MITCHELL

**Signature**

*D. Mitchell*

**Date**

26 February 2026

**If you have difficulty completing this form please contact The Clerk of the Council at the Community Council Offices, Prince Charles Road, Wrexham LL13 8TH to whom the completed form should be returned. (Information from this form will be shared with Community Councillors to enable them to consider your application)**

# CAIA PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## APPLICATION FORM FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Local Government Act 1972 Sections 137 & 145)

### Name of group/organisation

THE VENTURE (WREXHAM) LIMITED

### Details of main contact

Title

Mrs

First Name

Julie

Surname

Humphreys

Post Held

Administrator

Tel No

01978 355761

### Address for correspondence

The Venture (Wrexham) Limited  
Garner Road  
Wrexham  
LL1 3 8SF

### What does your organisation do?

This application is for funding to support two organisations - Gwenfro Valley Adventure Playground and The Venture. Both are based in Caia Park and are very familiar to most Caia Park Community Council Members. Both organisations have received generous and vital funding from the Community Council for many years towards their open access play services which we hope will continue because it represents our most reliable and essential source of funding.

Sadly, most Adventure Playgrounds in Wales have closed over the last 20 years. Whereas there are still nearly 70 in London, there are only 3 left in Wales, all of which are in Wrexham - one in Plas Madoc and two in Caia Park.

Adventure Playgrounds are often seen as the most effective, low cost, non stigmatising form of family support, and played a vital role during Covid and now during a continuing cost of living crisis. Whilst they provide a place where children can play freely and safely and can take part in a wide range of activities, such as sport, art and craft and den building, most importantly they provide a place of sanctuary and renewal for hundreds of local children, young people and parents/carers, creating a sense of belonging, self worth and purpose, often not found elsewhere.

Although the Venture has developed a wide range of additional services over its 47 year history, such as an Early Years Centre, youth club and various health and education projects, most of Gwenfro Valley's existence since it began in 2006 has been during 14 long years of austerity, the longest in British history, and as a consequence has often struggled just to survive. Despit this they have developed a range of additional services such as support for early years and parents and a youth club.

In recent years both organisations have been feeding all the children who attend their open access play sessions during school holidays through the Holiday Hunger Project, begun 9 years ago by St Mark's Church. For the last 3 years it has been run through a team of volunteers at the Venture and funding from a variety of sources including St Marks, the Foodbank and the Venture. Recognising that very many children were also going hungry during term time as well, prompted the Venture to seek substantial capital funding for a new, commercial standard kitchen, as well as food and wages for a cafe coordinator so that children could also be fed during term time. This has been extremely successful, with over 7,000 hot meals being served free to hundreds of mal-nourished children over the last 12 months.

**How many people are involved with your group?**

**Committee members**

10

**Volunteers**

15

**Staff**

16

**Is the group affiliated to another organisation? (if so please state)**

AVOW, WCVA and Play Wales

**Is the group a charitable body or registered charity?**

Registered Charities

**What does the organisation want to do with the Grant from the Community Council?**

This grant application is intended to benefit both Caia Park's two open access play providers - Gwenfro Valley and the Venture. It seeks to repeat the current project, funded over the last year by the Community Council, which has provided resources to maintain the infrastructure of the two adventure playgrounds and to extend the Venture's existing term time free food programme to Gwenfro Valley as well. As a result of the Community Council's funding, both aspects of the current programme have been extremely successful in maintaining the two adventure playgrounds as well as providing over 1,400 meals for Gwenfro Valley children. Both organisations have continued as always to seek funding from a variety of sources to maintain the provision which together serves over 1,000 children each year. However, as most public sector organisations have experienced, the financial environment has worsened over the last year, especially for third sector organisations, with an increasing number failing to survive, including here in Wrexham. Both organisations are having mixed success with its grant applications to various bodies and this joint application is therefore to provide further assistance in helping to sustain two important aspects of our work.

**1) MAINTENANCE**

Each adventure playground needs constant maintenance in order to keep them safe as well as interesting and challenging to the children and young people who use them. We are seeking a financial contribution toward the continued employment of the current maintenance worker who works at both Gwenfro Valley and the Venture. Whilst the 6 hours at each site doesn't cover the whole cost, it would again be an extremely valuable contribution, especially given how difficult it is to obtain funding for this unglamorous but essential work.

**2) FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN**

There has been a holiday hunger project running at the Venture for nearly ten years, including in recent years supplying Gwenfro Valley. Run by St Mark's Church for some years it has been run entirely from the Venture team of volunteers and supported particularly by Wrexham Foodbank. Recognising that very many children were also going hungry during term time, the Venture decided to try to expand its free food programme throughout the year, feeding children after school during term time. A commercial kitchen was eventually installed and funding obtained for staffing and food. The current funding from the Community Council has enabled the term time food provision to be extended to Gwenfro Valley by providing additional resources for the Cafe Coordinator. As we anticipated, we were able to attract additional funding for food and equipment for Gwenfro Valley, including a new commercial fridge, staff training, and public health registration. Whilst funding is now in place for the ensuing year for food and equipment, more help is needed as a contribution towards employing the cafe coordinator.

**Please give a breakdown of costs**

	£
<b>Maintenance Post 2 x 6 hpw for 52 weeks</b>	<b>9,238.32</b>
<b>Café Coordinator 10 hpw for 52 weeks</b>	<b>10,275.20</b>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>19,513.52</b>
<b>Total amount requested from Community Council</b>	<b>19,513.52</b>

**How many people will benefit from this project?**

400 + 600

**As well as completing this application form a copy of the group's accounts for the previous year must be submitted. In the case of new organisations a projected income and expenditure statement will be accepted.**

**Name of person making the application**

Julie Humphreys

**Signature**

*J Humphreys*

**Date 06/03/2026**

**CAIA PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Financial Statement for the Period Ended 28th February 2026**

Budget to 31-Mar-25	Actual to 31-Mar-25	BUDGET HEADING	Budget 2025-2026	Actual to 28-Feb-26
		<b>INCOME</b>		
271,932	271,932	Precept	291,528	291,528
2,500	3,667	Interest on Investments	2,700	2,318
1,000	1,000	Rent/letting fees: Prince Charles Rd	1,000	500
-	1,449	Sundry Income	0	1,842
7,360	7,959	Community Advice Service	7,728	0
12,000	11,462	Community Agent	12,000	0
0	0	Play grant via WCBC	0	0
0	0	Grant - Low Carbon Pilot	0	0
0	2,413	Grant - Access to Work	0	0
0	0	Reserves	0	0
<b>294,792</b>	<b>299,882</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>314,956</b>	<b>296,189</b>
		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
5,000	17,061	S.137 Donations	5,000	1,665
1,364	1,000	S.137 Donations older People	1,364	1,500
44,973	43,363	General Administration	46,200	36,470
122,634	109,773	Community Advice service	128,438	61,850
21,558	18,243	Prince Charles Road	23,825	20,589
1,000	2,000	Amenities & Environment	1,000	0
		<b>Children's Services:</b>		
9,158	9,158	CPP outreach SLA	9,525	9,525
14,737	15,089	Play areas	15,693	15,415
3,000	269	Repairs play areas	2,500	939
18,869	11,880	School crossing	18,533	0
17,666	17,666	Gwenfro Valley SLA	18,373	18,373
17,981	17,981	Venture SLA	18,700	18,700
0	0	Footway Lighting	0	0
0	0	Traffic Calming	0	0
9,681	9,635	External Grants Comm Agent	12,000	4,780
0	300	Sundry Exp.	0	13,400
0	0	Elections	0	4,884
0	118	Chairs Purse	300	0
0	0	Mental Health Project	0	0
0	364	Councillor Allowances	52	0
0	40	Councillor Training	0	0
0	3,330	Low Carbon Pilot	0	0
<b>287,621</b>	<b>277,270</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>301,503</b>	<b>208,090</b>
	22,612		13,453	

2024/25			2025/26	
Estimate to 31-Mar-25	Actual to 31-Mar-25		Estimate to 31-Mar-26	Actual to 28-Feb-26
336,955	336,955	Balance at 1 April 2025	359,567	359,567
<u>294,792</u>	<u>299,882</u>	Total Income	<u>314,956</u>	<u>296,189</u>
631,747	636,837		674,523	655,756
287,621	277,270	Total Expenditure	301,503	208,090
<u>344,126</u>	<u>359,567</u>	Balance at 31 March 2026	<u>373,020</u>	<u>447,666</u>

## Accounts for payment March 2026

D.D.	Enreach	Advice Service	*	531.17	
		General Admin	*	<u>177.05</u>	708.22
D.D.	O2 (Sept)	Advice Service	*		62.93
D.D.	Natwest Card (Zoom)	General Admin	*		16.79
D.D.	Natwest Card (Indeed)	Advice Service			75.10
D.D.	Avensure	General Admin	*		329.30
D.D.	WCBC (Trade waste)	Prince Charles Rd			32.40
D.D.	Siemens Financial Services	General Admin	*	76.76	
		Advice Service	*	<u>76.76</u>	153.52
D.D.	SSE (Gas)	Prince Charles Rd	*		2921.27
D.D.	SSE (Elect)	Prince Charles Rd	*		1136.01
8246	The Venture	Childrens Services			18700.00
8251	WCBC (Cleaning Dec & Jan)	Prince Charles Rd	*		994.94
8252	Graphic Office Systems	General Admin	*	33.65	
		Advice Service	*	<u>33.66</u>	67.31
8253	CPP (Repair Cafe grant)	S137 Grants			265.00
8254	SR Electrical	Prince Charles Rd	*		96.00
8255	CPP (Qtr 4)	Childrens Services			2381.25
8256	DCM Roofing	Prince Charles Rd			450.00
8257	J Evans (Krystal x2, postage, stamps)	General Admin		69.99	
		Advice Service		<u>24.04</u>	94.03

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.	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Prince Charles Rd			42.88
	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax NI (Feb)			
	Clwyd Pension Services	Pension contributions (Feb)			

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

\*Figs include VAT which is reclaimable