

# **GARREG LWYD HILL WIND FARM**

## **COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

### **Report for the 2024 Grant Scheme**

**“Making a difference in our communities”**

Llanbister  
Kerry  
Llanbadarn Fynydd  
Beguildy  
Bettws-Y-Crwyn

## **Introduction**

Garreg Lwyd Hill Wind Farm provides a community fund which will see funding available to support local community projects every year during the lifetime of the wind farm. The fund is managed by a Community Fund Panel made up of representatives of the local community councils administered by Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO).

The community fund is open to applications from groups and projects which benefit the communities living in the following community council areas:

- Beguildy
- Bettws y Crwyn
- Kerry
- Llanbister
- Llanbadarn Fynydd

Consideration may be given to an application from outside the Area of Benefit at the discretion of the fund panel but only if it shows that such an application provides a demonstrable benefit to those communities within the area of benefit.

The panel consists of 2 representatives from each community council area. The panel operate under their terms of reference, which is reviewed annually.

## **2024 Scheme**

Applications were encouraged from the area of benefit via the PAVO website, press coverage, by community councils and word of mouth . A lead in time of 3 months was given.

The fund welcomed applications from organisations that would make a difference across a range of areas. The fund also encouraged projects that would give a wider benefit to the community.

A total of 33 applications were received from a broad range of community groups for the grant scheme totalling £247,775.79.

28 applications were successful. A total of £98,800.55 was awarded with a total of

- 13 fully funded projects
- 16 partially funded projects

4 projects were unsuccessful.

Unsuccessful groups were referred to PAVO for funding support.

## FUNDED PROJECTS 2024

### Beguildy

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Felindre Village Hall	Committee Room Heater	£3,238.42
	BBQ for outdoor events	£630.89
	Outdoor Events Gazebos	£1,392.99
	Scanner	£119.99
	Battery Leaf blower and Backpack sprayer	£542.38
Knucklas Community Centre	Notice Board	£1,023.60
Curlew Hotline (Powys) Community Interest Company [CIC]	Management for Wildlife on Beacon Hill	£1,500.00
Beguildy Community Council	BCC Speed Indication Devices	£8,136.60

Radnor YFC

'Motivating Members' project

£1000

## Bettws - y - Crywn

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Trustees of Black Mountain Chapel	Rescuing the boundary wall at Black Mountain Chapel. Stage 2 Rebuilding.	£4,715.00
Bettws - Y- Crwyn Parish Hall Committee of Management	Betts-y-Crwyn Parish Hall Repair and Refurbishment Phase 7	£9,372.52
The Bettws Triangle (2024)	The Bettws Triangle Art and Music Festival 2024	£4,776.00

## Kerry

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Dolfor Womans Institute	Armchair Yoga	£300.00
Sarn Young Farmers Club	Sarn YFC 85th Charity event	£2,500.00
Kerry Football Club	Kerry Community Changing Rooms	£8,100.00
St Michaels School, Kerry – Friends of the School (FOS)	Portable PA/lighting/projector system.	£2,805.00
The William Buckley Pugh Memorial Hall	Renovation of old school hall phase 3	£7,100.00

## Llanbadarn Ffynydd

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Llanbadarn Ffynydd Community Shop Association	Renewal of decking / customer area at the rear of the shop	£11,483.58
Llanbadarn Ffynydd Parish Church	Churchyard Path	£4,500.00
Llanbadarn Ffynydd Village Hall	Hall / bar upgrades	£4,790.00

## Llanbister

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Llanbister Best Kept Village Group	Husbandry/Pruning of Trees	£200.00
Cantal Young Farmers Club	Radnorshire Rally – Cantal Young Farmers Association Rally	£1,000.00
Llanbister Community Hall	Llanbister Community Hub/hall and Catch Up Club	£4,680.00
St Cynllo's Church	Renew Carpets in the church	£2,781.00
Llanbister Ti a Fii	Llanbister Ti a Fi growth & development	£1,400.00
Gravel Baptist Chapel	Repairs to school room (tea room)	£775.00
Llanbister Show and Sports	Llanbister Show and Sports Capital Expenditure 2024	£3,240.00
Llanbister Community Council	War Memorial Restoration	£760.00
Pound Baptist Chapel	Replacement Pathway to Chapel	£5,937.58

# IMPACT OF THE GRANT SCHEME

**The grant scheme has made an impact at various levels and in different ways.**

**It has:**

- Continued to provide a highly valuable and popular source of localised funding within the area of benefit
- Enabled small to large requests for funding helping groups to apply for only what they need
- Provided a useful source of match funding for larger scale projects
- Provided valuable capital funding to help ensure that the fabric of essential community buildings and facilities is maintained and that they are fit for purpose, and giving them a new lease of life, enabling them to raise an income through hiring by user groups
- Supported the physical improvement of community buildings
- Provided funding that has benefitted all age groups within the community, directly and indirectly
- Provided further funding for phased projects in the community
- Supported local businesses and craftsmen providing equipment and services
- Raised awareness within communities of what their local community organisations are trying to achieve, and encouraged people to get involved with them
- Helped to reduce heating costs of community buildings
- Helped rental appeal for user groups
- Helped to ensure community buildings are used all year round
- Enabled fundraising activities to take place
- Enabled groups to make links with other organisations locally and regionally
- Support for local wildlife and community involvement in supporting wildlife

# Felindre Village Hall



“The grant enabled the purchase of two outdoor gazebos - one large, one small for outdoor community events; enabled us to provide a BBQ at numerous outdoor events instead of relying on borrowing a BBQ; and enabled us to purchase a scanner to supplement our existing printing equipment.”

“There have been more outdoor events organised since the purchase of the gazebos, which has resulted in increased social activity across the generations.

It has enabled us to run more events with hot food provided, including a walking football and rounders tournament, potato growing competition and Macmillan coffee morning.

The BBQ is also available for other community groups and individuals to borrow, which is encouraging more events to be organised, helping to reduce the rural isolation in our community.”

# Bettws-y-Crwyn Village Hall



**“The grant money has enabled us to carry out the electrical moving of all electrical switches and fuse boards. WPD cables were replaced. The National Grid meter is now outside the building. Strip lighting has been replaced with LED’s and a fire alarm system has been installed.”**

**“The grant is making a huge difference to our community because the Hall is being used a lot more and because of the grant monies that we have received we have been able to refurbish the Hall and make it a safer and more enjoyable space to be in.**

**The electrical rewiring has made the Hall safe for community use, and all the lights and heaters are switched off at the right time..**

**Without the grant we would not have been able to provide such a welcoming and safe place.”**

# Llanbadarn Fynydd Community Shop



The grant enabled us to take away the old decking, tidy up the old space and make a more square area of decking for customers to use., as the previous decking at the rear of the shop has started to rot and was unsafe. The project was a renewal of this decking with composite - the idea being it will be more durable.

“This has been brilliant as it a lovely, fresh and clean space to be enjoyed by customers. It is a great space for customers to enjoy the setting of the shop.

It has helped to continue having an outdoor space for customers who like to come and have lunch. It also is a useful space for passers by who enjoy stopping for refreshments.”

# Llanbister Show and Sports



The grant has enabled the acquisition of a set of horse jumps. As they are durable the Show will be able to use them for many years. As an integral part of the show the horse jumping section enhances the ambiance of the show and also potentially increases footfall.

**“The grant facilitates the provision of the Llanbister Show and Sports which attracts many members of the community. The coming together of residents in a joint enterprise enhances the community identity particularly so shortly after the strains of the winter and the lambing season.**

**The horse section has both adult and youth classes so benefits all ages within the community.”**

# Sarn Young Farmers Club



The grant enabled the hire of a marquee for the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Sarn YFC.

The grant brought together all previous and current members to celebrate the last 85 years.

It has brought previous members back into touch with their club giving their support. It also allowed Sarn YFC.

It allowed us to raise money for the Samaritans, who help communities and families with mental health struggles everyday.”