

**GARREG LWYD HILL WIND FARM
COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

Report for the 2018-19 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.

A panel was formed prior to the grant scheme going live, consisting of 2 representatives from each community council area. The panel operate under their terms of reference, which is reviewed annually.

2018/19 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 30 applications were received from a broad range of community groups for the inaugural grant scheme totalling £205,059.69. 21 applications were successful.

A total of £89,578.00 was available for award:

- 13 projects were fully funded
- 8 projects were partially funded
- 9 projects were not awarded funding

Unsuccessful groups were referred to PAVO for funding support.

The breakdown of awards for 2018/19 was:

Llanbister Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Pound Baptist Chapel	Electrical Refurbishment of the chapel to enable local community to use the building	1,066.98
Llanbister Community Council	To provide a defibrillator in the village of Llanbister	1,364.00
Llanbister Community Hall Committee	Funding for clearing a site in Llanbister for a new community hub	5,000.00
Llanbister Methodist Chapel	For new double glazed windows at the chapel	2,251.70
Teme Ithon Action Group	Funds for security fencing for a new play area at Llanbister CP School	5,933.00
Llanbister Show & Sports	Costs for Llanbister Show & Sports	1,494.92

Llanbadarn Fynydd Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Llanbardarn Fynydd YFC	To provide support for key activities throughout the YFC Calendar	2,000.00
Wellingtonia Centre	Funding for painting the exterior of the centre	5,250.00
Llanbadarn Fynydd Shop Committee	To employ a member of staff to man the shop enabling it to stay open longer	9,696.00
Llanbadarn Fynydd Community Shop	Funding for two new signs for the community shop	969.60

Bettws y Crwyn Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Bettws-Y Crwyn WI Choir	Funding for the purchase of uniforms for the choir	1,049.00
Bettws y Crwyn Parish Hall Committee of Management	To provide funding for new windows in the parish hall	13,300.00
Trustees of Black Mountain Chapel	Refurbishment for the Chapel, electrics, lime plastering, insulation for roof space	3,566.60

Beguildy Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Felindre FC	To provide changing rooms & shower facilities at the football club	16,315.60
Heart of Wales Line Travellers' Association	For the purchase of field gates, signage and posts to upgrade the rights of way on the Hearts of Wales line trail from Knighton to Knucklas, Lloyney, Pool Hill, Gravel and Llanbister Road	1,610.00
Knucklas & District Community Centre	Equipment for indoor curling and yoga mats to be used at the centre by the community	795.00

Kerry Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Kerry Eisteddfod Committee	Costs and publicity for Kerry Eisteddfod	613.00
Kerry Baptist Church	To provide funding for a bi-monthly support group for people living with dementia and their carers	350.00
Dolfor Community Hall	Funding to extend the current car park at Dolfor Community Hall	9,249.50
Dolfor Indoor Bowling	Funding for a new mat, 3 jacks and 12 sweatshirts	700.00
Friends of St Michael's School	To purchase new ICT equipment for the school	7,003.10

IMPACT OF THE GRANT SCHEME

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

It has:

- Provided a new, highly valuable and popular source of localised funding within the area of benefit
- Introduced some community groups to the process of applying for funding, undertaking projects, reporting on projects and managing spend
- 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 is maintained and that they are fit for purpose
- Provided funding that has benefitted all age groups within the community

- Provided funding for activities and equipment enabling people to stay within their communities and participate in activities that they enjoy and benefit from
- Supported local businesses and craftsmen providing equipment and services
- Raised awareness within communities of what their local community organisations are trying to achieve

Feedback from some of the organisations receiving grant funding:

“Friends of St Michael’s School, staff, governors and the learners at St Michael’s are extremely grateful and thankful for the resources that this fund has been able to provide for the benefit of so many learners at the school. This fund is invaluable to us in providing proper and efficient resources that the school so desperately needs”

Friends of St Michael’s School, Kerry

“The consequence of having our own marquee enabled the Sports to generate a small surplus and avoided the fear of all treasurers of running at a loss”.

Llanbister Show and Sports

“We believe the community has seen an improvement with staff being able to ensure that they are able to spend the time with some of the elderly members of the community. The shop has seen a great improvement with changes being made around the shop, better stock management and keeping the premises cleaner. This has to be due to the extra willing hands, on which the money has allowed us to gather.”

Llanbadarn Fynydd Community Shop

“We have installed new, craftsman made windows in our Parish Hall – they look very good and appropriate in this Victorian building. They are double glazed and we are already feeling the benefit of this – the Hall is much warmer!”

Bettws-y-Crwyn Parish Hall

“Following purchase of equipment, indoor curling sessions are available on a fortnightly basis or on demand.”

Knucklas & District Community Centre

The 2018 – 19 grant scheme has made a big impact, and enabled groups to deliver projects that directly benefit the residents living in the communities that fall in the defined area, both in the short and long term.

Photos from Grant Recipients



Dolfor Community Hall



Heart of Wales Line Walking Trail



Felindre F.C.



Dolfor Indoor Bowling



Bettws y Crwyn WI Choir



Friends of St Michael's School, Kerry



Llanbadarn Fynydd YFC



Llanbister Community Hall



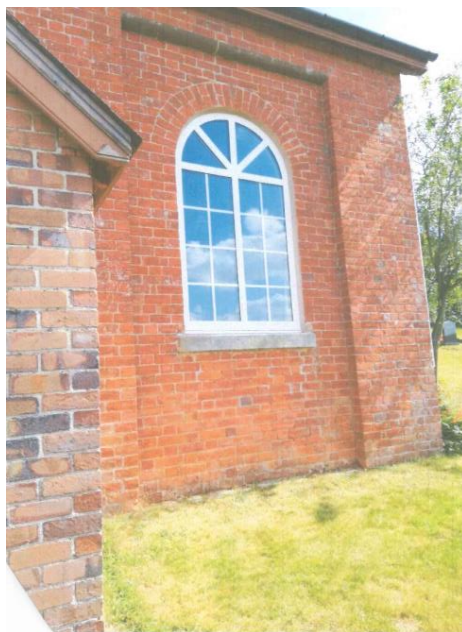
Llanbister Community Council



Bettws y Crwyn Parish Hall



Black Mountain Chapel



Llanbister Methodist Chapel