

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

Report for the 2021-22 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.

2021/2022 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 28 applications were received from a broad range of community groups for the inaugural grant scheme totalling **£170,033.22**. 25 applications were successful.

A total of **£92,048.02** was awarded:

- 8 projects were fully funded
- 17 projects were partially funded
- 3 projects were not awarded funding

Unsuccessful groups were referred to PAVO for funding support.

The breakdown of awards for 2021/22 was:

Llanbister Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Cylch Ti a Fi Llanbister	Subsidised organised trips	£384.82
Friends of Llanbister School	Continuation of play & ground development	£4,269.79
Llanbister Best Kept Village Group	Blooming Llanbister	£250.00
Llanbister Community Council	War Memorial improvements	£1,250.00
Llanbister Community Hall Committee	Llanbister Community Hub Phase 2	£5,000.00
Pound Baptist Chapel	Replacement windows	£7,060.00

Llanbadarn Fynydd Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Llanbadarn Fynydd Community Shop	Additional CCTV & replace lighting	£1,000.00
Llanbadarn Fynydd Community Shop	Resurfacing the forecourt	£11,000.00
Llanbadarn Fynydd Parish Church	Church roof repairs	£2,000.00
Llanbadarn Village Hall - Wellingtonia	Internal decoration - phase 2	£2,561.34

Bettws y Crwyn Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Bettws y Crwyn Parish Hall Management Committee	Phase 4 repair & refurbishment	£16,161.34
Newcastle & District Garden Society	Clun Forest Community fruit press	£300.00
Trustees of Black Mountain Chapel	Pilot programme of events 2021	£100.00

Beguildy Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
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Felindre Football Club	New football pitch - electric line diversion	£16,313.76
Felindre Village Hall App 1	Large Table Trolley	£301.82
Felindre Village Hall App 2	Battery Strimmer	£295.00
Felindre Village Hall App 3	Replacement window furnishings/blinds	£1,350.00
Felindre Village Hall App 4	Replacement seating	£2,023.50
Knucklas Community Centre	Replacement entrance doors	£1,800.00
Hope House	Hydrotherapy pool refurbishment	£500.00

Kerry Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Dolfor Free Church	Flooring Fund - 1st Stage	£6,930.00
Friends of St Michaels School Kerry	Developing areas for mental & physical health	£2,278.57
Kerry Bowling Club	Room To Manoeuvre - Space expansion	£830.36
Kerry Community Council	Kerry Public Toilet Renovation	£6,929.00
St Michaels Church Kerry	Community Project	£1,158.72

COVID has continued to have an impact on all communities who benefit from the grant scheme, but the funding has enabled groups to start up again, make improvements to their community buildings and face the new normal.

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, following a difficult time during the pandemic
- Provided funding that has benefitted all age groups within the community, directly and indirectly
- 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, and encouraged people to get involved with them

Feedback from some of the organisations receiving grant funding:

Felindre Village Hall

“The grounds of the hall are maintained by the hall committee by local supporters – all on a voluntary basis. Previously we have relied on committee members bringing their own petrol strimmers; the new purchase has allowed us greater flexibility getting people to help us and enabled us to store the equipment on site.”



“We removed the old curtains which had degraded due to age and sun degradation. The new blinds have greatly enhanced the appearance of the hall and will provide greater ease of they need to be removed for events or for cleaning purposes.”



Trustees of Black Mountain Chapel

“We held a weeklong art exhibition with a music event in the afternoon each day. The event was very well received and everyone said how lovely it was to be back with our respective friends and communities again. The shelter made all the difference to the comfort of the performing choirs and the volunteers providing al fresco refreshments.”



Sue Harris conducting members of Clun Sing choir at Black Mountain Chapel



John Kirkpatrick and the Carols Choir performing under the shelter. (located in front of our new shed!)

Dolfor Free Church

“The floor boards were removed and as we suspected many of the boards were damp and rotting. The builder allowed for sand infill, damp proofing, insulation and a liquid concrete screed. People are commenting how the church felt warmer and healthier with no dampness.”



Kerry Bowling Club

“The shed has provided so much additional space for us, and allowed us to free up the changing rooms, as a dedicated space for members and visiting teams.

The shed has fitted into a corner space of the grounds and has been painted to fit in with the surrounding environment. All the clutter has been removed from the changing rooms, and all trip hazards removed. This was particularly important this year, given the social distancing and Covid-19 requirements.

In addition to the above, we have held bowls training days with the local primary school for the first time. The removal of the clutter allowed the school children to be able to change footwear in a spacious and tidy setting. The schoolteachers welcomed the space, as it acted as a shield from the weather and a safe environment to monitor the pupils.

So the grant has been a tremendous success and we can't thank Garreg Lwyd Hill Wind Farm enough 😊”.



St Michael's Kerry

“We used the grant funding to replace the carpet in the tower room at the church and to buy café tables. We decided to rename the tower room the Bell-Tower café and to open to the public every Saturday morning, which has been very successful. We decided to be as eco-friendly as possible with no plastic, and china cups, jugs for milk and sugar bowls etc. and tea pots, using Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar. We will be dividing profits made between church funds and local charities.

The café has also been used twice weekly after services for refreshments and for events such as the village turning on of the Christmas Tree lights, with stalls etc. in the village square and churchyard, and we hosted a craft fayre in the autumn for local independent small businesses. We recently hosted our first pop-up shop during the café opening hours on Saturday and are hoping this will be a regular feature with different stalls / shops each week. The café project has been hailed a success by the diocese and is being featured on the website in a section called This Works!”



Bettws y Crwyn Parish Hall

“We have stabilised and resurfaced our car park. Access to the hall is up a steep slope and car parking by the hall is limited. A significant part of the area for parking is on a slope and is cracking and falling away. Because we are a scattered community, car access is required and maximum parking close to the hall for elderly and disabled is a necessity. The car park area has now been repaired, stabilised so that it is structurally sound, resurfaced and has crash barriers around the edges.”



Bettws parish hall
car park - before



Bettws parish hall
car park, after
stabilising +
resurfacing . 2021

Llanbister Best Kept Village

“We thank you for your previous support and await the start of this year’s growing season with enthusiasm, when we expect the fruits of our labour to become more visible as earlier planting becomes established and supplemented by the result of more recent efforts.”



▲ Working party by the War Memorial (planting shrubs)

Planter and around tree ▼





▲ 'Gateway' trough (Summer)

