

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

**Report for the 2022-23 Grant Scheme**

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

Llanbister  
Kerry  
Llanbadarn Fynydd  
Beguildy  
Bettws-Y-Crwyn

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## 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.

## 2022/2023 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 21 applications were received from a broad range of community groups for the inaugural grant scheme totalling **£111,259.61**. 20 applications were successful.

A total of **£90,4308.40** was awarded:

- 11 projects were fully funded
- 9 projects were partially funded
- 1 project was not awarded funding

Unsuccessful groups were referred to PAVO for funding support.

The breakdown of awards for 2022/23 was:

### Llanbister Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Llanbister Community Hall	Llanbister Community Hub and Catch up Club	£12187.52
Friends of Llanbister School	Llanbister School ICT Development	£2999
Llanbister Best Kept Village Group	Blooming Llanbister	£450
Llanbister Show and Sports	Sports Capital Assets	£1771.78
Llanbister Community Council	Litter Signage and document security	£330.62

### Llanbadarn Fynydd Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Llanbadarn Fynydd Community Shop	New Fuel Pumps	£13500
St Padarn's Church	Graveyard Wall	£3000
Penithon Baptist Chapel	New Fron door to building	£1134.41

### Bettws y Crwyn Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Bettws y Crwyn Parish Hall Management Committee	Hall repair and refurbishment	£15540.96
Trustees of Black Mountain Chapel	Art and Music Festival 2022	£2040

### Beguildy Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Felindre Football Club	Ground works	£5000
Felindre Village Hall App 1	Adaptation to storage facilities and improvement to access	£1125
Felindre Village Hall App 2	Exterior decoration	£2800
Felindre Village Hall App 4	Insulation of village hall	£8075.11
Knucklas Community Centre	CCTV Installation	£1000
Knucklas Community Centre	Broadband Installation	£1842

## Kerry Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Dolfor Free Church	Flooring – second phase	£8640
Kerry Recreation Association	Connectivity and display project	£1620
Friends of St Michaels School Kerry	Home Economics room and storage	£7122
Dolfor WI	Provision of speakers	£252

### IMPACT OF THE GRANT SCHEME

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

**It has:**

- Supported projects for communities following the pandemic
- 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 improvement that improves safety and security 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
- 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 – external decoration**

“The work has massively improved the external appearance of the hall which had previously considerably deteriorated. It has helped to restore local pride in the venue and reinstated it as a viable place to hire for all types of events and celebrations.”



### **Felindre Village Hall – installation of new ceiling and heating system**

“It has reduced running costs for the users of the hall as the heating is now more efficient and heats the hall up much more quickly than the previous system. The new ceiling has totally updated the look and feel of the hall and made it an inviting venue to hire.”



### **Dolfor Free Church - flooring**

“Prior to the work being completed, members of the Church used dehumidifiers to help with the dampness in the building, these machines were on 24/7 and used a significant amount of energy. No such machines are needed now; in fact, the heating only needs to be put on for a short time as the insulation has made a huge difference. With the energy crisis this winter, members of the Church are very relieved to have been able to complete the project.”



### **Friends of St Michael's School Kerry - home economics room**

“The grant has allowed the friends to implement a new kitchen into the school which will be a permanent feature for many years to come. It has allowed the Friends to leave a legacy not only of our own children but for many more to come. By implementing bigger projects, it helps showcase what the friends can do for the school and the children encouraging more participation from parents.”



## Llanbister Best Kept Village – a space for reflection

“A strange year as life emerged slowly from lockdown, but being mainly outdoor work we were not too inhibited and, although a few had the bug or were being cautious, we managed several planting sessions with slightly fewer meetings than usual. We are grateful once again to the Garreg Lwyd Hill Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund.”



## Bettws y Crwyn Parish Hall Management Committee - kitchen refurbishment

“We now have a parish Hall kitchen that is easier and safe to use, and well equipped. Getting the grant to cover these major items meant we could use our own modest funding to add a new cooker, cooker hood and fridge freezer. It is now an attractive venue for community groups that regularly meet here.”



### **Penithon Baptist Chapel - new door**

“We have been wanting to change the door for a while. The grant has enabled us to do so quicker. Now we have a purpose made door for an old chapel. We can lock the door knowing fixtures and fittings are safe.”