

BRENIG NEWS

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BRENIG WIND LTD COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND



The Brenig Fund is driven by the 16 wind turbines that are turning on Mynydd Hiraethog around Llyn Brenig and which came on stream 18 months ago to generate enough power for over thirty thousand homes a year.

The Brenig fund provides funding for community development projects aimed at delivering local benefits for people living in Denbighshire & Conwy. To date £200,000 has been distributed to a range of organisations from the refurbishment of local village halls and a sailing club.

Lowri Owain of Cadwyn Clwyd, fund administrators said:

“It is important that as many people as possible are aware of the opportunities, because this a huge opportunity for the communities in and around the Brenig area and we have set up a grants panel of local people drawn from the area to make the decisions on funding.”



INTRODUCTION

The Brenig Wind Ltd Fund Panel is chaired by Llyr Jones, who farms near Llanfihangel GM, and he said:

"The fund is worth £150,000 a year over 25 years, which adds up to fantastic opportunity for the people of these communities that are living with the wind turbines.

As a committee we meet up to three times a year to review the applications and I believe it's a very fair system, which is about value for money for the people, especially the children and young people of these rural communities."

David Heelan, of Brenig Wind Ltd, said:

"We are delighted to be able to support local community groups and community enterprises. Community benefits and assistance are central to company objectives, and as a new development within the area, we look forward to working with and supporting more local enterprises and groups going forward for the long term and becoming increasingly involved in the local community."

BRENIG WIND LTD - DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE

In December 2018 Cadwyn Clwyd held consultation events and an on-line questionnaire to gather the community's views on the priorities of the fund and its area of benefit. The Brenig Wind Grants panel was formed following an open call for expression of interest from individuals in the local area in September 2019. Two grant rounds have been held with community groups invited to submit funding applications. The first round of the fund was opened September 2019, the second in January 2020.

The Brenig Wind Ltd Fund has supported:

34

COMMUNITY
GROUPS

36

COMMUNITY
PROJECTS

£198,735

COMMUNITY
GRANTS

£25,000

ADDITIONAL GRANT
LEVERED



BRENIG WIND LTD PROJECTS SUPPORTED....

Brenig Wind Ltd Community Benefit Funds are making a real difference and impact in the local community. All projects have come from the communities in the Brenig Wind Ltd area of benefit in Denbighshire & Conwy. David Heelan of Brenig Wind Ltd said:

"The company is delighted to support projects in villages and communities in the area. These projects show the support we have for the area and we look forward to continuing to support these communities and continue to develop a positive relationship going forward for the benefit of local residents"

HERE ARE SOME PROJECTS WHICH THE FUND HAS SUPPORTED SO FAR....

IT Equipment for Cyfeillion Ysgol Carreg Emlyn

Cyfeillion Ysgol Carreg Emlyn received £3,780 to buy 15 ipads. The ipads will be used by the after school club's - Computer Club. The ipads will enable the children to learn coding skills, film and create pictures as well as play games. They are also available for wider community use.

New E-Bikes for Clwb Beicio Hiraethog

The community cycling club have received Brenig support to expand on their e-bike cycling activities and add to their current community activities. Clwb Beicio Hiraethog received £6,897 to buy 3 new electric bikes. These bikes will enable the club to broaden their activities and provide a service for all types of cyclist within the community no matter what their cycling ability.

Improvements to the village hall - Neuadd Goffa Plwy Bylchau, Groes

Neuadd Goffa Plwy Bylchau (Bylchau Village Hall) received £8,524 to make improvements to the hall. These funds will allow the community to invest in improving the fabric of the community hall at Groes to meet requirements for the 21st century.

Development for new community building - Nantglyn Community Council

Nantglyn has identified a need for a new hub in the village following the closure of the school many years ago and by accessing Brenig wind farm funding the community's hope is that they will have an up to date building/facility for the whole community. Nantglyn Community Council received £3,000 to continue with development proposals and a feasibility study for a community building. The Brenig funds have also enabled the community to access a further £7,000 of LEADER Rural Development Plan funds for this exciting project.

New Equipment for Cymdeithas Chwaraeon Bro Aled

Cymdeithas Chwaraeon Bro Aled (Bro Aled Sports Society) received £8,000 to buy a ride on mower. The mower is being used on the community sports pitch to keep the area tidy, allowing anyone in the community to access the green area for recreation.

Clwb Peldroed Nantglyn

Clwb Peldroed Nantglyn received £632 to buy new kits. Nantglyn Football Club have been competing in the Llandyrnog Summer League and surrounding areas since 1992. The club has a squad of around 35 players.



Llyn Brenig Sailing Club

Llyn Brenig Sailing Club received £3,800 to develop and modernise the club. The sailing club are carrying out a feasibility study and survey to assess various options for this site, to develop a tourism hub/facility for community use. The Brenig fund has also enabled the club to secure a further £5,000 of LEADER Rural Development Plan funds for the project.

Antur Cae Cymro Community Pub and Shop

Antur Cae Cymro Village Association is a community run shop and pub based in the village of Clawddnewydd serving the residents of Clocaenog, Derwen, Clawddnewydd and the surrounding areas. Antur Cae Cymro received £21,000 for a co-ordinator. The co-ordinator will manage and enhance the day to day operation and has more recently played an active role in supporting the community with essential services, such as shopping deliveries and hot meals during the current Covid pandemic.

New sound system and projector for Canolfan Addysg Uwchaled

The Canolfan Addysg Uwchaled Community Center in Cerrigydrudion is well used and hosts a large number of events during the year. The centre received £9,627 Brenig grant to upgrade the sound system and projector. The user friendly audio system will enrich the experience for anyone who wants to hold or attend activities at the community centre.

Denbigh Community First Responders

Brenig funds of £3,077 awarded to Denbigh Community First Responders will enable the group to increase the level of service by ensuring more equipment and volunteers are available at any one time. The first responders provide a vital service in a very rural area and have proven invaluable in their response and support during the difficult period of the Covid pandemic.

Flying High in Denbigh

Funding of £714 provided will re-launch Flying High in Denbighshire to encourage new members and non-ambulant users. They have 2 new trampolines and a hoist, so now have room for 40 disabled members including 8 non-ambulant users. This is a massive increase in capacity as they were only able to accept 24 members and all had to be able to access the trampoline themselves.

Canolfan Gymunedol Betws GG Community Group

Canolfan Gymunedol Betws GG (Betws GG Community Centre) Community Group received £4,500 for a feasibility study to create a village hall on the grounds of the primary school site. The funding will provide a study to inform the community council of the best way forward. Brenig funds have also enabled the community to draw down an additional £11,500 of LEADER Rural Development Plan funds.

Cor Meibion Bro Aled, Llansannan

Cor Meibion Bro Aled (Bro Aled Male Voice Choir) received £9,064 to purchase modular staging system and trailer. The funding awarded to Cor Meibion Bro Aled will allow them to purchase a staging system replacing the loose boxes as steps used to create different tiers for the singers to stand on them. The staging will also be available for use by the whole community to benefit from it.

Village Improvements - Clocaenog Community Council

Clocaenog Community Council received £5,906 for village improvements. Brenig funds will enable the community to improve the appearance and surroundings of the village by renewing and relocating the existing village noticeboard, provide seating in the village and re-clad the existing bus shelter to make it weatherproof.

Forest School at Cylch Meithrin a Ti a Fi Llanrhaeadr

Cylch Meithrin Ti a Fi Llanrhaeadr (Community Nursery Group) received £8,949 to extend Cylch & Ti a Fi from 3 days to 5 days a week through the introduction of a forest school. The funding will allow Cylch Meithrin Llanrhaeadr to extend the Cylch to 5 days a week as there is demand from parents to extend the service. This will be done under the theme of Forest School allowing them to provide educational activities for children outdoors in all weathers.

Clocaenog Red Squirrels Trust

Brenig Funds of £1,519 have been awarded to the Clocaenog Red Squirrels Trust to purchase cameras and other equipment. The Trust is run by volunteers and the funding provided will allow the trust to expand on the work already been done over the last couple of years, they have successfully protected and reinforced the population with captive-bred animals. Success has been determined using a range of methods including radio-tracking and Remote Frequency Identification readers.

Applications for the third round are now being invited, with a closing date of **7th August 2020**. Application forms are available from brenig@cadwynclwyd.co.uk or on www.cadwynclwyd.co.uk

FUNDING GUIDANCE



*Asiantaeth Datblygu Gwledig
Rural Development Agency*



The Area of Benefit:

- The area of benefit are those communities in Denbighshire and Conwy which are closest to the Brenig Wind Ltd site.
- Communities within 10km radius from Brenig Windfarm will form the area of benefit.
- Projects in the outer area of 15km radius may be supported, provided they clearly demonstrate how they can benefit communities within the inner 10km area.
- A map of the area of benefit is available on www.cadwynclwyd.co.uk

Grant Thresholds:

- a small grant up to £10,000
- a large grant £10,000 to £50,000

Who Can Apply?

- Voluntary, community groups
- Community Councils / Town Councils
- Social enterprises provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis (including credit unions)
- Co-operatives
- Community owned enterprises
- Companies limited by guarantee
- Community interest companies and development trusts
- Charities
- Third sector organisations
- Social firms

Brenig Wind Ltd Community Benefit Fund is administered by Cadwyn Clwyd.
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