**Background on Grant Panel and Person Specification for Panel Members**

The Brenig Wind Ltd Community Benefit Fund administration is overseen by a Grants Panel of individuals living, working, or volunteering in the area. The panel operates under an agreed terms of reference and meets a minimum of twice a year to assess grant applications and make recommendations to Brenig Wind Ltd as to which project should be supported.

Cadwyn Clwyd formed the panel in October 2019 following an open invitation for interested individuals. The panel comprises of 8 members, with 2 local authority representatives and the 6 remaining spaces are drawn from people who live, work or volunteer in the area of benefit.

The panel has a cross sections of dynamic individuals who are active in the area and are committed to making a difference within the area.

Cadwyn Clwyd’s ethos is firmly rooted on partnership working, and as such has two local authority officers working alongside Cadwyn Clwyd officers to provide ongoing support to communities and groups.

In a relatively short period of time, the Brenig Wind Ltd Community Benefit Fund, Cadwyn Clwyd and the Brenig Grants Panel have ensured the successful setting up and delivery of a successful grants programme. The Community Benefit Fund has supported a wider ranging community projects in the catchments area and has delivered the following:

£333,362.00 Brenig Fund awarded to support projects and community groups

53 Community Groups supported

55 Projects supported

55 Community grants

**The following provides a specification of the skills, experience and knowledge of required by panel members.**

1. A thorough knowledge of the geographical area and its communities
2. A sound knowledge and understanding of the issues, challenges and opportunities facing the area
3. Excellent interpersonal skills in building relationships with public, third and community sector bodies and representatives
4. Expertise in facilitation of community projects, forums and/or decision-making panels, focussed on building consensus and/or development and delivery of local projects.
5. Experience of working with voluntary committees & boards, either as a member or in a support role.
6. Practical experience or knowledge of applying for or distributing funds (e.g.: conventional grant-making, participatory grant-making, commissioning)
7. Strong reading, numeracy and analytical skills, and the ability to process information accurately.
8. Enthusiasm, flexibility and the ability to work effectively as part of a team.
9. ICT literate and access to ICT.