

**CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR REGENERATION, LEISURE,  
CULTURE & TOURISM  
13/12/2023**

<b>Cabinet Member:</b> Cllr. Hazel Evans	<b>Portfolio:</b> Cabinet Member Decisions Meeting for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism
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**Subject:**

Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Round 2 Applications.

**Purpose:**

To provide an overview of applications submitted under Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Round 2.

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

To approve 6 applications submitted to Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Fund:

- Black Mountain Centre – Cwarter Bach - £14,000
- Glynhir Golf Club – Llandybie - £2,735.10
- Dawnsyr Penrhyd – Llandybie - £7,339.20
- Penybanc Welfare Association – Saron - £12,000
- Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli – Penygroes - £15,000
- Mynydd Sion Chapel - Penygroes - £5,760

Total - £56,834.30

**Reasons:**

Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Fund is administered by Carmarthenshire County Council's Bureau. Approved projects support the development of sustainable communities within the eligible wards.

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**Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):**

None

**Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):**

N/A

**DECISION MADE:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

CABINET MEMBER

DATE:

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## SUBJECT

Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Round 2 Applications

### SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

#### **Purpose:**

To consider 6 applications submitted as part of the Mynydd y Betws Community Benefit Fund.

#### **Background**

Carmarthenshire County Council's Bureau manages the Community Benefit Fund on behalf of ESB (Electricity Supply Board).

ESB has committed to providing a community support fund for the benefit of communities near Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm over a 25 year period. Carmarthenshire receives £86,500 each financial year up until 2038.

#### Level of Grant Available:

- Tier 1 - £500 - £5,000 – Up to 90% grant
- Tier 2 - £5,001 - £15,000 – Up to 80% grant

Mynydd y Betws Community Benefit Funding provides capital and revenue funding for new and innovative projects which address the following themes:

- Recreation
- Education
- Health
- Environmental
- Energy Efficiency / Sustainability
- Culture

All projects must be delivered within the following electoral wards in the Amman area:

- Ammanford
- Betws
- Garnant
- Glanamman
- Llandybie
- Penygroes
- Saron
- Tycroes
- Cwarter Bach

Round 1 submissions were assessed by the Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Grant Panel in June and presented to Cabinet Member Decisions Meeting for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2023. From an available budget of

£117,122 (which includes slippage from the previous year), 6 projects were awarded funding totalling £55,985.

The Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Grant Panel agreed to launch Round 2 on October 1<sup>st</sup> with an available budget of £61,137. 11 applications were received by the deadline. Each application has been assessed and considered by the Mynydd y Betws grants panel before being presented to Cabinet member for final decision.

**Recommendation:**

Following assessment by the panel, 6 applications are recommended for approval in line with the budget available:

- Black Mountain Centre – Cwarter Bach - £14,000
- Glynhir Golf Club – Llandybie - £2,735.10
- Dawnsywyr Penrhyd – Llandybie - £7,339.20
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Please refer to Annex 1 for full details.

**OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THEIR PROS AND CONS**

The option of not approving these projects in whole or part is open to Cabinet member. However non approval will mean that local communities within the Mynydd y Betws area will lose out on the opportunities identified.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED**

**No**

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration, Policy & Digital

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

## 1. Policy and Crime & Disorder

The Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund complements other funding streams being delivered by Carmarthenshire County Council and other external funders which increases investment into the area.

The Bureau is satisfied that the grant award recommendations are in line with published policy and strategic direction of the authority, in particular the Corporate Strategy and Well-being Objectives. The grant awards will also support the Authority's Vision Statement by Making our communities and environment, healthy, safe and prosperous places to live.

## 2. Legal

All successful applicants will be issued with an offer letter setting out the Terms and Conditions of the grant scheme.

## 3. Finance

The budget available for Round 2 is £61,137.

The Bureau is satisfied there is sufficient budget available in 2023/24 to support the proposed recommendations.

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration, Policy & Digital

1. **Scrutiny Committee** – N/A
2. **Local Member(s)** - Amman area elected members are fully supportive
2. **Community / Town Council** - as per Annex 1
3. **Relevant Partners** - as per Annex 1
4. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** - as per Annex 1

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information**  
**List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund	MYB-23-07 MYB-23-09 MYB-23-11 MYB-23-12 MYB-23-13 MYB-23-15	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP