



Parc Cynog Community Fund Launch Event Community Feedback Report

Introduction

On June 18th 2011 an open day was held at Parc Cynog Wind Farm to launch the Parc Cynog Community Fund.

Nuon Renewables, who operate Parc Cynog Wind Farm, have been working with the local community to develop the community fund, and a number of directors have been appointed to administer the fund locally. The launch of the fund was the result of much work by these local representatives to establish a body to manage the fund.



It was agreed by the directors that a launch day would be held to bring the community together to learn about the fund. Most importantly, it was also seen as a good opportunity to get the local community involved from the very beginning in guiding the priorities for the fund, and giving them the opportunity to offer feedback and ideas.

Around 170 people attended the launch. Those who attended were given the opportunity to provide feedback in two ways – through a short questionnaire and/or through adding their idea to an “ideas wall”. 28 individuals completed a questionnaire and there were 44 ideas placed on the wall.

Summary of Feedback

The feedback provided during the launch event both through the Questionnaire and the ‘Wall of Ideas’ is outlined in this report.

- General trends can be seen through the feedback from local residents, which include ***the importance to them of the beauty and unspoilt nature of the landscape***, including the coastline and beaches, the countryside and rural environment. The area’s ***strong community spirit, low crime rates, and the friendliness of the people*** are also clearly important.





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- Visitors and local people alike noted their **appreciation for the beauty of the area and their enjoyment of local walks.**
- **Local initiatives that were inspiring to the local community were generally those that involved children**, such as the good work of local primary schools and groups such as the boxing club, youth club and Showbusters. Other individuals felt that the work of **senior citizens clubs in the area were inspiring.**
- The **regeneration of Pendine was considered to be an important issue**, with local community halls and churches considered valuable assets to the community. Some comments were offered on what people would like to see in the future, which included general improvements to the church and **ensuring that the area is tidy and well kept.**
- A range of concerns about the area were outlined, including **concerns about the environment (from climate change to litter on the beach), a lack of activities for people - particularly young people - "out of season", and the potential impact of new infrastructure** such as roads and housing.
- Some of the suggestions for ways in which the fund should be used included **providing entertainment for the younger population (especially in winter), supporting specific planned activities, as well as supporting the work of existing groups.** Some ideas were also offered for **new amenities locally (such as cycle paths) and a desire for funding to be provided to improve community facilities such as the church, community halls and public toilets.**
- A clear **majority stated that they people are happy with the presence of a wind farm in their area.**
- The local community expressed an **appreciation for the early work of the community fund and its directors with a clear "keep it up" message** coming back from the feedback.
- Supporting projects and activities that support **community cohesion and welfare is the clear priority from the feedback.**



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Questionnaire Feedback – Full Record

Q1. How have you heard about the Parc Cynog Community Interest Company Fund?		
Possible answers	Number of Individuals	Comments
Local media	6	Carmarthenshire Journal
Website	2	Nuon website
Leaflet / invitation	6	Via school
Someone else	13	Derek Allen
I was not aware of the fund until now	7	

Q2. Have you visited the Parc Cynog Wind Farm?		
Possible answers	Number of Individuals	Comments
Yes, I "touched a turbine" at the Launch event	15	
I've been very close to the wind farm, I walk the new permissive paths introduced as one of the initiatives associated with the scheme	2	Never had the opportunity to visit as it has not been made to the public about the 'woodland walks' etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly (once a week or more) 	1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occasionally (once a month) 	1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once or twice 	5	
I see the turbines regularly from a distance	8	I live in the area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel past them on a route I travel regularly (one a week or more) 	16	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel past them on a route I travel regularly occasionally (once a month) 	3	
I'm a visitor and am seeing them for the first time	1	
Other	5	I live beneath them Wanted to get closer; beautiful

Q3. Overall, how do you feel about the presence of the Parc Cynog Wind farm?		
Possible answers	Number of Individuals	Comments
1 - I'm not at all happy it's here	1	
2	0	
3	1	I think there are much better alternatives
4	0	
5	2	
6	2	Indifferent
7	2	
8	4	
9	4	I live pretty much next door and still do not hear about any events only via school. Very much in favour of renewables
10 – I am very happy it's here	9	Need electricity. Better than open-cast coal mine or (nuclear) power station.



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Q4. Please tell us how you would describe your relationship with the area:		
Possible answers	Number of Individuals	Comments
Live in / near (within 2.5 miles) of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eglwys Gymmin - Laugharne - Llanmiloe - Pendine 	7 7 7 8	
Live in Camarthenshire, between 2 – 20 miles away from the Parc Cynog Wind Farm Regularly use services in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eglwys Gymmin - Laugharne - Llanmiloe - Pendine 	1 2 6 4 6	
Historic / family connection	10	I have lived here all my life
Professional / work interest	4	Live on a warming planet Now retired
Visitor	0	
Have holiday home in the area	1	
Other	4	



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6. If you are a visitor, please tell us what attracts you to this area?

Stunning scenery. Quiet in winter.

I was born here and return to visit family; the beach; the local walks.

7. Please tell us of any local initiatives that you think are especially positive or inspiring:

Lunches on Tuesdays at Red Roses and on Thursdays at Llanmiloe.

Redevelopment of Pendine.

Beach and new build of houses in Pendine.

PTA, senior citizens, churches, good primary schools, etc.

Broadband for all the children in the area.

Eglwys Cymmin Community committee organising events for local people.

Entrance regeneration scheme.

The development in progress in the village is a worthwhile project and will enhance the approach to the village. The construction of a play area in the vicinity of the church by the council is a valuable resource for local children.

Showbusters

People giving up their time to work with local children.

Llanmiloe Community Hall have developed some great projects for the young people of the area. Pendine and Llanmiloe Boxing Club opened 2 years ago. 6 year olds and up attend, 40 people at a time, 3 times a week.

The public footpath as well as all the improvements that are taking place.

Llanmiloe Community Hall. Upkeep of the local area in general.

Pendine Boxing; Laugharne Youth Club; Zumba.

Llanmiloe boxing.

Repairs of local churchyard wall (church grade 2*)

Tidying up parts of Pendine eg, entrance to the beach.



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8. What concerns, if any do you have about the area (e.g. environmental / social / economic / cultural etc.)
Need broadband in Red Roses; No local votes before wind farms are set up.
All the above.
Climate change; Energy security; Energy cost; Fuel poverty.
Can't believe they are shutting the toilets in Pendine.
Not a lot to offer the young people of today to be involved in.
None
New or additional housing developments
New roads; new housing.
Beach environment - litter; Park on beach - offensive to environment. Lack of community cohesion in Pendine.
Other development in the interest of tourism.
Environmental
Promotion of Pendine as a resort appears at risk by the threat to public toilets. Cocklers at Ginst Point are a public health hazard unless facilities are provided.
I would like the strong community spirit to be passed onto the younger generation.
Communication.
Pendine is geared up for visitors in the summer but what is there for local people out of season? Can local people have cheaper electricity from the wind turbines? Are there any cultural activities in the area?



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9. Please tell us the names of any local groups, clubs or voluntary organisations of which you are a member.
Abergwili Community Council
Neighbourhood watch, St. Johns ambulance, senior citizens association.
Eglwys Cymmin Community Council
Assistant cub leader for Laugharne sea cubs and sea scouts.
British Legion, Rugby clubs, sailing and church.
Laugharne boat club
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Pendine and Llanmiloe boxing club ABC. Pendine and Llanmiloe fitness gym.
Showbusters. Llanmiloe Community Hall
Tony Salmon Swimming Club for the disabled. Stroke Association. Laugharne Civic Trust.
Llanddowror Community Council.
Zumba fitness.
R.B.C.

Q10. List in order of importance (1 being most important, 4 the least important) the aspects of community life which the fund seeks to address (if you think all aspects are equally important you can score them all equally):				
Possible Answers	1 – most important	2	3	4 – least important
Supporting community welfare & cohesion	12	10	0	2
Supporting social projects	4	6	5	8
Supporting Environmental projects	6	6	5	6
Supporting projects seeking to bring economic benefits to the area	7	3	10	3



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<p>11. Do you have any specific project ideas that you think the fund should support? They could be your own ideas, project being developed by a group with which you are involved, or a local project you have heard about that you think merits support. Please tell us here.</p>
<p>Marros Riding Centre is planning a Free event with the exception of food. We are hoping to get the local community together. From a real life carousel (with horses), pony rides, guest stalls etc. We have the space why not use it!</p>
<p>More community projects for all young people to be involved in. Eg. woodland walk - benches, woodcraft etc.</p>
<p>Supply low energy/long life, light bulbs to all senior citizens free of charge. This will help keep electric consumption down and lower running costs of the pensioners.</p>
<p>Broadband to pay for about £20,000.</p>
<p>Laugharne cubs and sea scouts and explorers has children from aged 8-18 from Pendine, Llanmiloe and Laugharne. Our scout hut could do with a renovation; we could do with a storage facility in Pendine and always need new equipment. The schools of Tremolet and Llanmiloe both need tired buildings renovated.</p>
<p>Cycle path Pendine - Laugharne.</p>
<p>The local church e.g. Pointing of graveyard wall. The local congregation work very hard in funding the requirements. Cutting the graveyard church quota etc. Used extensively by the village for christenings, weddings, funerals, etc.</p>
<p>Showbusters, boxing club</p>
<p>We need to build the community closer with education days involving healthy lifestyle and fitness.</p>
<p>I would like funding for the community hall and the local drama club; I would like funding to be used as a vehicle to bring families who are unable to go on holidays and days out.</p>
<p>We tried to walk your forest walk with my wife's disability scooter!! We were lucky to get back without rescue. Could this path be upgraded to make it accessible for disability scooters - bridge over stream, access gates not kissing gates and some (minimum) re-grading and slight widening at 'pinch points.' It could be a great opportunity to open this path up for wider use.</p>
<p>St. Teilo's Church, Llandowror - repair pocket park, Llandowror and update. Tabernacl Chapel in Llanddowror is empty and with some refurbishment could be used as a well needed (desperately needed) community hall - used for the local choir, council meetings, sports association and community association, all of whom have nowhere suitable to meet.</p>
<p>Fitness</p>
<p>The public toilets in Pendine look in need of a paint; an art project; a beach festival.</p>



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Q12. Do you think that certain elements of the local population should be supported above others, e.g. people/groups engaged in creating or improving opportunities for:		
Possible answers	Number of Individuals	Comments
Children under 16	8	
Youth (16-25) groups	10	Less crime will be done if young people were involved in projects.
Older people 65+	8	
Socially disadvantaged people	5	
Physically disadvantaged people	6	
Education and training	4	
Enhancing/preserving the local environment	11	
Enhancing/preserving the local economy through developing social enterprises	7	
Local mobility and access	6	
Other, give details	3	It should be available for all

13. Please send any other message you may have for the Directors of the Community Interest Company, about the fund and its mission, here:
Great work. Keep it going. Delegate.
Thank you!
Spread your fund widely so that all benefit not just a few.
Support the kids, they are our future.
All charity and volunteer run groups have been started without funding and all need help. Llanmiloe community hall needs support or a great resource will not be able to continue. The boxing gym needs additional funding to develop.
I would like to be considered for funding so that the local community will continue to flourish.
Keep it up
Great idea. Needs a lot of work.



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Wall of Ideas

To fund family away days	Public toilets to stay open for public to use please	Extra equipment for Pendine boxing club.
Barn dance	Low climbing wall for Llanmiloe school please!	What about a project for teenagers across the area?
Improve all parks – no dogs	New roof for Llanmiloe please!	Repoint church yard wall – Pendine church
Extra equipment for Laugharne cubs and sea scouts and explorers	New roof for Llanmiloe Community Centre	Broadband for all in Red Roses – Children and Adults
We only have dial up – see Alan James	Community website for Red Roses etc. See Alan. J	Allotments, allotments, allotments
Pendine Beach summer activities on beach for children	Cooking Club	New equipment for Llanmiloe play area as it is rubbish
Canoe club sea kayaks	Help fund computers at Tremolet school	Have a 'festival of speed' in Pendine
Jobs for local people	New floor for boxing club at Llanmiloe Community Centre	Fund pay energy bills of community halls
Internet cafe and community space	More equipment for all the schools	New roof for Llanmiloe Community Centre hall
Stage lighting for Showbusters drama group	'Surf' festival	Equipment for Llanmiloe school playgroup and mother and toddlers
Surfing lessons – yes please!	New stage, equipment and floor for Llanmiloe Showbusters drama group	Free low energy light bulbs for all OAP's
When the road changes, include footpath from Red Roses to Llanteg where grass verge is. Lack of footpaths!!	Mountain biking tracks	Round house meeting please for teens etc. Llanmiloe front park
Please keep public toilets open on Pendine Beach	Free fitting of hand rails and grab bars for OAP residents	Village community hall please (pretty please)
Gym equipment for Red Roses Village Hall	Upgrade Llanmiloe children's playground	Extra salt boxes to assist winter snow and ice clearance!
IT equipment computers for Tremolet school please!!	Diamond Jubilee community event – please contact Marros Riding Centre	