

Porth Wen Community Benefit Fund

Information and Guidelines for the Annual Fund

English:

Fund Overview: Monies for the Fund come from the Porth Wen Solar Farm

The Fund has £14,000 available for the Communities of Cemaes and Amlwch. £11,200 has been allocated to Cemaes and £2,800 has been allocated to Amlwch. There is a single application round each year.

The Annual Fund will allow applicants to apply for grants between £500- £2,000 per application.

We expect applications to demonstrate a minimum of 20% match funding. This must be a financial contribution, as donations in-kind will not be considered. For example, if the total project cost is £2,000, you can apply for £1,600 from this Fund, with the remaining £400 to be sourced from other funds.

If you are unable to provide at least 20% match funding, please explain the reason in the finance section of the application form. You will still be considered for the fund.

Successful applicants cannot apply for the grant in consecutive years. For instance, if a group or individual is awarded a grant in 2025, they will not be eligible to reapply until 2027. This ensures fairness by giving more individuals and groups the opportunity to benefit from the grant each year.

Eligible organisations include community groups and individuals, Town Councils, and voluntary organisations from the Amlwch and Cemaes areas.

Applicants must have a bank or building society account in the name of the organisation in place before applying for a grant.

Exclusions

Grants will not be available for:

- Commercial organisations
- Private membership-based sports clubs and facilities, unless membership is open to the public without undue restrictions (e.g., not by invitation or nomination-only organisations)
- Projects that benefit only one individual
- Projects that incite racial or religious division, conflict, or hatred, or that support party political campaigns or causes
- Retrospective Funding: Funding can only be requested for projects or expenses that will begin after the panel has made a funding decision and you have received formal confirmation of approval
- Works that are considered a statutory responsibility, such as works to public highways, public car parks, or works at schools that fall under the responsibility of the Local Education Authority
- Activities that conflict with the interests of the funder. For example, we can't fund any projects or organisations that are anti-renewable energy.

Project Themes:

To qualify, projects must align with at least one or more of the following themes. Projects fitting these criteria will receive priority:

- Education and Training
- Biodiversity and Habitat Conservation
- Contribute to Vibrant, Healthy, Successful, and Sustainable Communities
- Promote Community Spirit and Encourage Community Activity
- Improve Outdoor Spaces
- Support Employment in the Area

Please ensure that your application clearly demonstrates how your project addresses one or more of these themes in the project overview section of the application form.

Judging criteria

The panel will assess applications based on the following criteria:

- **Community Benefits:** How the project brings benefits to the community through one or more of the themes listed above (e.g., biodiversity, community spirit, education, history, etc.).
- **Community Resilience:** The potential of the project to develop community resilience by supporting new and creative ideas.
- **Welsh Language:** The project's contribution to nurturing and promoting the Welsh language.
- **Practicality:** The feasibility of the project, considering timeframes and financial resources available.
- **Additional Considerations:** The panel will also consider factors such as the applicant's ability to deliver the project, value for money, the use of local contractors, and the number of people within the area who will benefit from the project.