



Peniel Community Hall



CWM Community and Environmental Fund Newsletter - December 2010

Grants awarded reach £1 million

Total grants awarded to community and voluntary sector groups in Carmarthenshire through the CWM Community and Environmental Fund have now reached an amazing £1 million.

Funds for the 40 grants involved have been provided by CWM Environmental Limited (CWM), through the Landfill Communities Fund (Cronfa Tirlenwi Cymunedau). The grants themselves have been used to finance major improvements to a variety of public amenities around the County, including parks, community centres, religious buildings, nature reserves, children's play areas and sports facilities. A full list of the 40 projects the Fund has supported is given on the back page.

Fund background and finding out how to apply

The CWM Community and Environmental Fund was launched by CWM and GrantScape in April 2007. Its objective is to support projects in Carmarthenshire delivering significant environmental benefits, creating local jobs, and enhancing the lives of communities living near landfill sites by providing new and improved amenities.

To be eligible for a grant, projects must, therefore, be located within 10 miles of a landfill site. The good news on this score is that almost the entire County is eligible. However, groups with projects in Cilycwm, Llandovery and Llangadog should contact GrantScape before applying to check whether they fall within the funding area.

The Fund has approximately £200,000 available each year which is distributed through two funding rounds. If your group has a community project requiring a grant of between £5,000 and £50,000, you will find the Fund's full eligibility criteria and details of how to apply at <http://www.grantscape.org.uk/grantshome/applyforagrant/CWM1>

Alternatively, you can contact Andrew Budd, GrantScape's Grant Manager with responsibility for the Fund, on 01908 247638.



English Baptist Church, Carmarthen

Latest grant awards

Following GrantScape's Board meeting in November, the following five groups have been awarded grants totalling just over £140,000 subject to contract:

Towy Community Church has been awarded a grant of **£50,000** towards its major regeneration project "Xcel Carmarthen". This will provide an exciting new multi-purpose community facility, including a large state of the art ten-pin bowling alley, by transforming the now redundant 4,111 m² St Ivel cheese packing plant in Johnstown. It will also create up to 20 local jobs.



Xcel Carmarthen

Carmarthen Wanderers Cricket Club will receive a grant of **£25,000** to help fund the construction of a substantial new timber-clad pavilion and clubhouse. This will replace the Club's existing building which is 30 years old and is now too small to meet the needs of all its users. The new facility will include two separate changing rooms, an umpire's room, communal room, kitchen, bar and toilets.

Llanfynydd School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association has been awarded **£6,798** to create a new community garden for the village. This will include sensory planting, vegetable and fruit beds, and fruit trees and flowers. A sheltered area, seating, paving and interpretation will also be provided.

Llannon Community Council will receive **£50,000** to renovate and update their well-used community hall in Tumble, ensuring its ongoing sustainability and appeal. The project will include an upgraded heating system, a new downstairs gent's toilet, a stairlift to the upstairs lounge and redecoration of the main hall and foyer.



Tumble Hall

The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales will receive **£8,724** towards its conservation project at Castle Woods, near Llandeilo. This will help to restore the wildlife value of these ancient woodlands by undertaking key habitat management works. It will also improve visitors' access to and enjoyment of this nationally important nature reserve.



Castle Woods

Featured Projects

Bancyfelin Royal Visit

The opening of Bancyfelin's new £80,000 Games Area received the royal treatment as HRH The Duke of Edinburgh performed the ceremony. The official opening event was held on a very wet morning on 29th April, but despite the rain hundreds of local residents turned out to see the royal visitor.

His Royal Highness was introduced to all project partners as part of the proceedings, including CWM's Managing Director, John Rees. The CWM Community and Environmental Fund provided a grant of £50,000 towards the cost of the scheme which was the largest single grant awarded to the project.



The scheme is a significant achievement for a small rural community and has been delivered by the Bancyfelin Education Community Trust. The Games Area provides an all-weather surface for use by the entire community for various sports activities. Floodlighting has been installed to ensure maximum usage of the facility.

Felinfoel Recreation Ground Redevelopment

On 12th October John Rees, CWM's Managing Director, attended a ceremony at Felinfoel Recreation Ground to mark the start of works on a brand-new £938,000 community hub building. This will provide much-needed facilities for community sports, health and fitness, and learning and development, as well as for conferences and functions.



Front Elevation Plan - Courtesy of Pembroke Design Ltd

The ambitious project is being delivered in partnership between Felinfoel Communities First and Llanelli Rural Council. A well-deserved grant of £50,000 has been awarded from the CWM Community and Environmental Fund to support the project, and works will be complete by late spring 2011.

Waun Sidan Play Area

A neglected play ground in Waun Sidan, Pembrey has been given a new lease of life following a £75,000 project to provide a play area for youngsters and a ball area for older children.

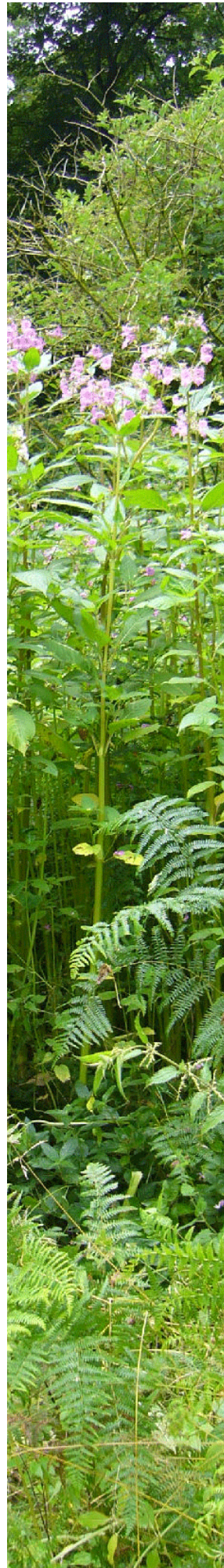
The scheme was helped along with a grant of £7,500 from the CWM Community and Environmental Fund.

An official opening of the new area was held on 16th April. The sun shone and local residents came along to see the children of the community trying out the new equipment for the first time.



Full list of projects that have received grants from the Fund

Since the CWM Community and Environmental Fund's launch in April 2007, £1 million has been awarded to 40 projects. The successful projects are listed below:



Project	Grant amount
Bancyfelin, All-weather Surface Installation	£50,000
Bethesda Congregational Church Hall	£5,220
Blaenau Children's Centre Specialist Outdoor Play Area	£23,176
Brechfa Forest - Keeper's Entrance Improvement Works	£5,200
Brynaman Community Centre - Phase 4	£20,000
Bwlch Newydd Baptist Church, Conservation and Repair	£6,000
Bynea Square Enhancement Scheme	£19,000
Cae'r Efail, Porthyrhyd, Sensory Garden and Play Area	£20,000
Carmel Nature Reserve Ancient Woodland Restoration	£24,337
Carmel Nature Reserve Extension	£17,695
Capel Dewi Old School - New Workshop and Store	£17,250
Carmarthen Athletics Track - Provision of Additional Floodlights	£23,000
Carmarthen Wanderers Cricket Club - Community Pavilion Project	£25,000
Carmarthenshire Dock, Llanelli - Phase 2 Interpretation	£9,000
Castle Woods Restoration Project	£8,724
Cawdor Hall Clocktower, Newcastle Emlyn	£15,765
Cross Hands Public Hall - Improvement Scheme	£11,000
Drefach Cricket and Football Club - Drainage of Playing Field	£20,000
Felinfoel Recreation Ground - Redevelopment	£50,000
Ferryside Play Park - Providing a New Playground	£25,150
Idole Field Project	£5,000
King George V Playing Fields, Newcastle Emlyn	£40,000
Llanddarog Village Hall Internal Improvements	£3,528
Llanelli Water Vole Action Group - Morfa Berwig Project	£27,962
Llanfynydd Community Sensory Garden	£6,798
Llangain, Green Castle Woods	£18,150
Llansteffan Multi-Use Games Area	£27,497
National Botanic Garden of Wales - Regency Lakes	£150,000
National Wetland Centre Wales - Saline Lagoon Restoration	£34,935
Neuadd y Tymbl - Pride in our Community	£50,000
Peniel, Provision of a new Community Facility	£36,000
Ramoth Baptist Church - Replace and Replacement Scheme	£20,000
St. David's Church, Llanarthney - Restoration	£17,500
St Twrog's Church, Llanddarog - Toilet Provision for the Disabled	£15,000
Trallwm Hall Refurbishment Project	£50,000
Waun Sidan Play Area Provision	£7,500
Wesley Methodist Church, Carmarthen	£8,300
Whitland Memorial Hall - Renovation and Modernisation	£14,816
Xcel Carmarthen	£50,000
Ystradowen Children's Play Park	£11,500