

# CWM Community and Environmental Fund Newsletter - December 2011

## Grants awarded reach £1.25 million

Since its launch in 2007, the **CWM Community and Environmental Fund** has now awarded grants totalling £1.25 million to a wide range of community and voluntary sector groups across Carmarthenshire. These grants have helped to fund 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.

Funds for the 53 grants involved have been kindly provided by CWM Environmental Limited (CWM), through the Landfill Communities Fund (Cronfa Tirlenwi Cymunedau). A full list of the projects supported is given below and overleaf.

## 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 and enhancing the lives of communities living near landfill sites by providing new and improved amenities.

To be eligible for a grant, projects must be located within 10 miles of a landfill site. This means that most of the County is eligible. However, groups with projects in Cilycwm, Llandovery and Llangadog should contact GrantScape before applying to check that 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 needing a grant of between £5,000 and £50,000, you will find full eligibility details and information on how to apply at

<http://www.grantscape.org.uk/grantshome/applyforagrant/CWM1>

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

## Latest grant awards

Following GrantScape's Board meeting in November, the following seven groups have been awarded grants totalling nearly £130,000, subject to contract:

**Menter CWM Gwendraeth** has been awarded a grant of **£34,157** towards the conservation of Mynydd Llangyndeyrn on a landscape scale. It will implement a sustainable grazing regime across key areas of habitat on this Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), helping to increase its biodiversity and to protect its remnant prehistoric landscape. The project will also make the area much more accessible for leisure, heritage, archaeological and educational purposes - it boasts 10 nationally-important Scheduled Ancient Monuments.



**Canolfan Cymunedol Ystradowen Community Centre** will receive a grant of **£5,000** to help it purchase the Centre from Carmarthenshire County Council via the Community Asset Transfer Scheme. The group will be extending the day centre's facilities to the surrounding area, also providing an important community 'hub' facility for local people to use and enjoy. A major focus will be on improving people's health and well-being in its widest sense.

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**The Grasslands Trust** has been awarded **£35,000** to help it acquire Carmel National Nature Reserve (NNR) – “a jewel in Wales’ crown” and one of the UK’s finest wildlife areas. The Trust presently manages the NNR, so this grant will help it to secure and protect Carmel’s many habitats and wealth of wildlife in perpetuity. Local people and visitors from further afield will be able to enjoy this special place in ever greater numbers.



**Abergwili Community Council** will receive **£5,200**, enabling it to create a lovely new community orchard at the entrance to the village, overlooking the Gwili valley. It also aims to rediscover an historic cobbled farmyard buried under the grassland, known as “Gwili Villas”, creating a courtyard area with seating and raised beds. Local schoolchildren will be involved in the project.

**Llanelli Gymnastics Club** will receive **£20,000** towards its project to create a permanent, fully-equipped gym in Llanelli. The Club is the only one in the County that offers a wide range of gymnastics, from pre-school to elite level. The grant will, therefore, play an important role in helping it to develop its services and increase its membership base. This will enable many more people to participate in sport and healthy exercise.



**Burry Port Park Appeal** will receive **£20,000** towards an exciting new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and new play equipment for Burry Port’s Memorial Park. The project will help to revitalise the existing rather bedraggled Park, providing much-needed sports opportunities for older children and young people in particular. The selected design for the MUGA and playground has involved full consultation with local schools, youth groups and the local community.

**Amor Baptist Chapel, Llanfynydd** has been awarded **£10,000** to demolish its existing old toilets and replace these with new community facilities. Two rotten windows in the vestry, which is used for community meetings and functions, will also be replaced with new UPVC units.



## Some Recently Completed Projects

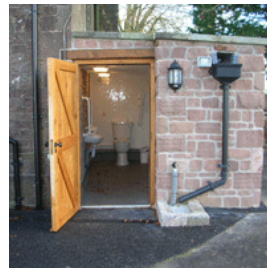
**Llanfynydd School PTFA's** lovely new community sensory garden

**Carmarthen Wanderers Cricket Club's** spacious new pavilion and changing rooms

**Ferryside Village Forum's** exciting new playground

**Llanddarog PCC's** new toilets at St Twrog's Church

Councillor Terry Evans of **Llannon Community Council** in Tumble Hall's high-tech new boiler room



## Full list of projects that have received grants from the Fund

Since the CWM Community and Environmental Fund's launch in April 2007, some £1.25 million has been awarded to 53 projects. The successful projects are listed below:



Project	Grant amount
Abergwili – Gwili Villas Community Orchard	£5,200
Amor Baptist Chapel, Llanfynydd – New Toilets and Windows	£5,000
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
Burry Port Memorial Park Multi-Use Games Area	£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
Canolfan Cymunedol Ystradowen Community Centre – Purchase	£5,000
Carmel Nature Reserve Ancient Woodland Restoration	£24,337
Carmel Nature Reserve Extension	£17,695
Carmel Nature Reserve – Purchase	£35,000
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
Castle Woods – Habitat Creation and Visitor Enhancements	£25,000
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
Ferryside Village Hall – Modernisation	£20,700
Hall Street Methodist Church, Llanelli – New Accessible Building	£25,000
Idole Field Project	£5,000
King George V Playing Fields, Newcastle Emlyn	£40,000
Llanddarog Village Hall Internal Improvements	£3,528
Llanelli Gymnastics Club – Permanent, Fully-equipped Gym	£20,000
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
Mynydd Llanydeyrn – Landscape Restoration	£34,157
National Botanic Garden of Wales - Regency Lakes	£150,000



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National Wetland Centre Wales–Restoring of Millennium Wetlands	£22,070
National Wetland Centre Wales - Saline Lagoon Restoration	£34,935
Neuadd y Tymbl – Pride in our Community	£50,000
Pembrey Country Park - Sea buckthorn clearance	£10,000
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
The Venue, Carmarthen – Phase Two (Carmarthen Youth Project)	£14,695
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

## Project feature - Felinfoel Recreation Ground Redevelopment

On 19th October, Tina Conyard, CWM's Administration Manager attended a ceremony marking the opening of a brand-new £982,000 community hub building for Felinfoel. This now provides much-needed facilities for community sports, health and fitness, and learning and development, as well as for conferences and functions. In fact, the facilities are considered to be amongst the best (if not the best) in South Wales.

The Felinfoel Community Resource Centre, as the building is now known, is also the new home for the local Community First team who play a key role in supporting and advising the local community (<http://www.felinfoel-cf.org.uk/>)

This major project was delivered in partnership between Felinfoel Communities First Executive Committee and Llanelli Rural Council. It was supported by a £50,000 grant from the CWM Community and Environmental Fund.

