

Cyngor Tref Llanwrtyd Town Council

Diamond Jubilee Pavilion, Llanwrtyd Wells



In late 2012, Llanwrtyd Town Council was fortunate in securing funding for a complete refurbishment of its ageing sports pavilion. The funding, totalling £45,000, was guaranteed by the SITA Trust and the Aggregate Levy Fund for Wales, and will provide a complete renovation both externally and internally. The remainder of the funding needed has been met by private donations, fund raising events and prize money from the Calor Village of the Year Award which was bestowed on the town in 2009.

The newly refurbished pavilion will offer showers and toilets, changing rooms, and a kitchen and meeting room. It is hoped that the upgrade will encourage the current sports groups and the formation of new ones. Also that the venue will be used for other functions and general community use, small seminars, celebration parties, exhibitions etc., plus providing excellent facilities for the campers that attend the many events held over the year in Llanwrtyd Wells.

Please see the 'Photo Gallery' for the journey through the work in progress to the completed work.

Llanwrtyd's Town Mayor, Cllr June Newman, said, "I am absolutely delighted to hear that the funding applications have been successful. The Town Council has been working hard for the past three years to address the poor condition of our pavilion, and it is extremely satisfying to know that our efforts have been rewarded."

Jools Granville of environmental funder SITA Trust, who recently awarded £25,000 to the project through its £1million Jubilee QEII Fields Fund, added "We're delighted to be able to help bring this dream to reality. We provide funding through Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) which has become even more vital to communities like Llanwrtyd Wells in recent times where other funding is so scarce."

The Aggregate Levy Fund for Wales (ALFW), which is administered by the Welsh Government, helps communities affected by quarrying operations. Since 2009 the Fund had provided almost £750,000 to improve the community facilities at Builth Wells and surrounding area.

Quarries such as Hanson's Builth Wells quarry and Bardon Aggregates Cribarth quarry pay a £2 levy for every tonne of aggregate which leaves the quarry, some of this money is used to support ALFW.

John Griffiths AM, the Welsh Government Minister responsible for the ALFW said 'I am delighted that we have been able to support this major refurbishment of Llanwrtyd Wells Pavilion and other community projects in the Builth Wells area. The ALFW is an important source of funding for communities affected by quarrying'.

The pavilion is situated on Dolwen Field which was dedicated as a QEII Field in Trust in 2012, a scheme forming part of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, thus protecting its status as a community area. Work on the Pavilion commenced in the early autumn 2012 and will be completed by the spring of 2013. All the work is being carried out by local tradesmen.

Alison Moore-Gwyn of Fields in Trust, who runs the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge said 'We are delighted that this site has been successful in the application to receive funding. It will be a fantastic chance to make improvements for the local community. We are thrilled that SITA Trust has set up two specific funds specifically for Queen Elizabeth II Fields. It is vital support to make the most of the sites being preserved for everyone to make the most of, now and in the future.'

Aggregate Levy Fund for Wales

The aggregate industry in Wales pays a levy on each tonne of material extracted. Some of the money raised goes towards helping communities affected by aggregate extraction, and environmental projects. Since 2002 the Fund has provided £16 million for such projects. The Fund is administered by the Welsh Government.

For information on how to apply for funding from SITA Trust call (01454) 262910 or visit www.sitatrust.org.uk. For information on how to apply to the Aggregate Levy Fund for Wales call 029 2082 3261 or email russell.dobbins@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

SITA Trust

SITA Trust is an independent funding body set up in 1997 to provide funding through the Landfill Communities Fund. To date SITA Trust has supported more than 3000 projects to a combined value of over £89 million.

Enhancing Communities - SITA Trust funding enhances communities in England, Scotland and Wales by supporting community driven projects to improve vital public recreation facilities such as village halls, community centres, sport, heritage, green spaces and play areas.

Enriching Nature - SITA Trust funding enriches nature by supporting biodiversity conservation projects in England's 9 Biodiversity Regions. Projects must focus on species or habitats identified in the UK BAP process.

The Landfill Communities Fund

SITA Trust receives its funding through HM Government's Landfill Communities Fund. Funding is donated by SITA UK, one of the nation's largest recycling and resource management companies.

1. Landfill tax was introduced in 1996 to encourage more sustainable ways of managing waste.
2. The landfill tax legislation also brought about the Landfill Communities Fund. This scheme allows landfill operators to voluntarily donate 5.6% of their landfill tax liability to environmental improvement projects.
3. The Landfill Communities Fund is independently regulated on behalf of HM Government's Revenue & Customs by ENTRUST.

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