

Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm appoints community investment fund administrators

- **Community and Voluntary Support Conwy appointed as fund administrators**
- **Panel of local representatives to be recruited who will be responsible for shaping the future direction of the fund**
- **The fund will be worth over £19 million to local communities throughout the lifetime of the project**

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innogy Renewables UK have appointed Community and Voluntary Support Conwy (CVSC) as the community investment fund administrator for their Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm. This is an exciting next step in the delivery of the Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Community Investment Fund which will invest £786,000 per year (index linked) throughout the lifetime of the wind farm, into its neighbouring communities.

The 96MW₋ project located near Denbigh will also produce enough renewable energy for the equivalent domestic needs of up to 63,800 average¹ UK households per year.

CVSC are a local charity with extensive grant making experience and a proven track record of supporting local communities. Their first task will be to recruit a volunteer panel of local representatives who will play a critical role in finalising the criteria and structure of the fund, making decisions about funding applications and shaping the future direction of the fund. CVSC will also be appointing a full-time fund manager who will be responsible for all aspects of administering the fund including supporting applicants as well as the decision-making panel.

Wendy Jones from Community and Voluntary Support Conwy said;

“We are absolutely delighted to have been awarded the contract to administer the Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Community Investment Fund. We have a robust but flexible approach to grant delivery and we are looking forward to working with the communities to deliver the benefits of the fund effectively.”

Katy Woodington from innogy said;

¹ Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlating to longer term historical weather data using meteorological models seeded with data obtained from satellite, surface-based and airborne measurement systems. The calculations are based on an installed capacity of 96MW.

Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4100 kWh. This figure is supported by recent domestic electricity consumption data available from The Digest of UK Energy Statistics and household figures from the UK National Statistics Authority.

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“CVSC have been appointed following an extensive community consultation exercise and a rigorous tender process. We are really excited to be working with them and can’t wait to see this fund start benefitting communities neighbouring the wind farm. I would urge anyone with an interest in getting involved in the fund panel to consider making an application. CVSC are looking for people from all sorts of backgrounds and experiences who share their passion and enthusiasm to maximise the impact of this exciting fund, ensuring it leaves a real positive legacy in the area.”

You can find further information on the fund including more details about the panel members’ role, how to apply and the revised area of benefit at www.innogy.com/clocaenogforest. The fund managers role will be advertised on the CVSC website at www.cvsc.org.uk

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