

CORRESPONDENCE FILE 2

Placeplan Committee

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Subject: Green Energy - Gwynt y Mor outline

Hi all

Apologies for the cold contact! I'd like to present a possible project outline to you around green energy / energy saving / reducing Abergele's carbon footprint linked to the Place Plan. Nothing set in stone, nothing confirmed just some initial ideas and thoughts. As green energy / carbon emissions, national and local targets move up the political agenda RWE (owners of the Gwynt y Mor windfarm) are interested in developing new projects under this heading. A number of internal meetings have taken place recently exploring possible options with the following mooted as a possibility, - please bear with me ! Given GYM has invested in the Abergele Place Plan Co-ordinator is there scope to develop a new pilot project through this avenue ? The thought process being :

- Stage 1 : Identify and list community owned or managed buildings in the town eg ITICA, Abergele Rugby Club, Gwrych Castle etc
- Stage 2 : Contact management committees of each and invite them to attend a green energy / energy saving education and awareness session(s)
- Following the session(s) identify any groups interested in progressing energy ideas to -
- Stage 3 : Undertake an energy survey and report on each building to ascertain requirements (include best locations to install electric car charging points)
- Prioritise buildings together with costs to undertake improvements
- Stage 4 : Submit proposals to GYM for consideration

This is very much a chicken and egg situation. No specific mandate can be given to the scheme by the grants award panel, but no consideration can be given either unless a proposal is submitted by an eligible community organisation. There also has to be a caveat in that such an exercise could easily swallow the entire Gwynt y Mor budget for a year. However, there is the potential to create a model from which other communities, organisations can learn / follow and potential funding made available through GYM

As we see it there would be three constituent partners :

1. Abergele Town Council Place Plan Co-ordinator
2. A specialist company engaged to undertake the education/ awareness programme and energy survey reports
3. Gwynt y Mor as potential funders

I'd welcome any thoughts you may have on the matter

Kind regards

Neil

Ps Congratulations on your new appointment Charlie. I look forward to our next visit to Pentre Mawr where I expect to see state of the art facilities and pitches !

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