

CARE Information Sheet – March 2013

What is CARE?

CARE is Cwm Arian Renewable Energy; a community benefit society bound to regulations which guarantee that any profits gained from its activities will be redistributed for community benefit. CARE was developed from a renewable energy interest group formed as part of a community visioning forum originally set up by PLANED in 2004.

CARE is run by a volunteer committee of competent project managers who live locally and have a proven commitment to their community. The society is open for other members to join.

What is CARE doing?

CARE intends to erect 2 turbines of a maximum height of 77 metres to the tip of the blades, on land at Trefawr farm, Llanfyrnach. They will be a bit bigger than those of the corporate owned 11 turbine cluster near Blaenwaun (Dyffryn Brodyn).

A planning application for the CARE turbines was submitted in December 2012, with the council making all documents available in mid March 2013.

Why does CARE want to put turbines up?

The main objective has been to establish the most cost effective method of producing grid connected electrical power, which can be sold to make a profit which will benefit residents within a 5km radius of the turbine site. This includes the villages of Hermon, Glogue, Llanfyrnach, Tegryn and the surrounding areas closest to the turbines.

Generating energy from renewable sources, like wind turbines, also satisfies another of CARE's objectives (and an objective of the Welsh Government) – to reduce carbon emissions with a view to slowing climate change and improving the environment.

What will CARE do with the profit?

It has been intended from the outset that all surpluses made from the sale of generated power be used for the improvement of the community. Some of the income will be used for maintenance and management fees, plus rent to the landowner.

All surpluses from the scheme will be offered as grants and/or loans to carbon reducing activities in the following areas;

- a) enterprises
- b) community development
- c) household improvements

It is hoped that the money distributed within the community will help to implement carbon reduction and energy efficiency measures. This may in turn offer employment opportunities and develop other commercial activity locally, as well as improving community facilities and activities.

Where can I find out more about CARE?

You can contact members of CARE for any further information about the turbines project.

- E-mail; hollycross42@gmail.com
- Phone; 07804 055807
- There is also some information on the community association website; www.cwmarian.org.uk

How do I see the planning application?

CARE's application number **12/0862/PA**.

All documents relating to the application are now available from Pembrokeshire County Council.

- Direct link (if receiving this information sheet by e-mail);
<http://planning.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/swiftlg/apas/run/WPHAPPDETAIL.DisplayUrl?theApnID=12/0862/PA&backURL=%3Ca%20href=wphappcriteria.display?paSearchKey=313206%3E%20Criteria%3C/a%3E%20%3E%20%3Ca%20href=%27wphappsearchres.displayResultsURL?ResultID=1089313%26StartIndex=1%26SortOrder=APNID:asc%26DispResultsAs=WPHAPPSEARCHRES%26BackURL=%3Ca%20href=wphappcriteria.display?paSearchKey=313206%3E%20Criteria%3C/a%3E%27%3E%20Results%3C/a%3E>
- Website; www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk - follow links from the homepage to 'Environment' then to 'Planning'.
- Phone; (01437) 764551 to request hard copies of the documents, or speak to Ceri Jones, the planning case officer.