
URGENT NOTE: Solar Project

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Cc: Councillors & Surveyor

Good evening Wyn,

Thank you kindly for forwarding the information. I'd also like to thank the Surveyor for communicating his views. As was stated in the meeting on Monday, I'm sure we're all aware that it is more of a goodwill gesture and there is no obligation on the developer to contribute anything as it does not come under the same criteria of section 106. However it appears the developer has, on more than one occasion, indicated a willingness to do so. Our research proves this is a common occurrence on large renewable schemes (i.e. solar, wind farms) whereby developers, who are routinely not local to the area, acknowledge that their schemes will have a big and lasting impact on the community and thus agree to such contributions.

The matter of community benefits has been identified in correspondence by Llanelli Rural Council, Llannon Community Council and Carmarthenshire County Council in their Local Impact Report. So, if I may, ask Llangennech's Community Councillors to clarify how they intend to continue to liaise with the developer? And, in the event that planning permission is granted by Welsh ministers, how will this community secure its fair share of benefit contributions along with the other two affected community councils?

In reading through the information we do appreciate that the Planning Inspectorate is unlikely to directly discuss the matter at topic hearings, however if this council is not able to liaise with the developer, how will you know what is being discussed? Do none of the councillors consider that not having a seat at that table to represent and liaise alongside the other two community councils could be detrimental to the potential share of any community benefits, if the plan is approved?

We look forward to your response.

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