
URGENT NOTE: Solar Project

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Hello Wyn

Our understanding, since the last email we sent to the Council members regarding this project, is that some token offer has now been made by the developer to appease each of the three affected communities. We also understand that a suggestion has now been proposed by Llanelli Rural Council, proposing a joint approach from the three affected community councils that would better serve the communities to negotiate a more lucrative deal. Assuming Llangennech and Bryn Council have accepted / will be accepting this opportunity, please find attached part of some research that may aid the council in at least having a start point to go into such discussions.

The document is taken from an open source and, despite being a draft, we must assume reflects an educated approach to presenting what may well be an attainable target in terms of ensuring the three communities gain the benefits deserved from such a once-in-a-generation development of national significance. (Some information has been highlighted by the LBSA, as we see relevant).

Based on applying the attached methodology, our understanding is that the three communities would stand to gain (based on the proposed 38MW output of the project) a total sum of £1.14 million. As per the method, this sum would be split on the basis of the project's land coverage; since (according to the Planning documentation) 24% of the overall coverage is within the Llangennech ward, applying this scenario would equate to a £273.6k share, either to be taken as a lump sum, or distributed equally over 5 years.

While we appreciate these figures may sound fanciful while the document has yet to be published by the Neath-Port Talbot (NPT) council, we are convinced the draft must've been deemed as well-researched and educated guidelines produced by a professional opinion from a NPT council employee or consultant. Based on this being accurate, at worst our community could expect far more than the proposed £20k share, while certainly surpassing the sum requested for the Bryn Park's connecting tarmac paths, as was proposed previously as a community benefit.

As previously stated, the document was freely available via an internet search. We sincerely hope this will help to aid discussions.

Finally, has anyone taken up the offer from Simon Clement (Llangennech Cricket Club Vice-Chair) to meet and communicate the S106 process? I have spoken with him since that meeting in February where he made the offer, and I would urge the council to do so, since much of the process has changed from the previous system (whereby I understand a pre-mediated % was distributed), now with an onus on the local councils to be proactive in negotiating and supplying evidence of need in order to attain required levels of funding for their projects.

Regards

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