

Major Investment Secured to Transform Cemaes Playing Fields

Community-led project begins February 2nd

Llanbadrig Community Council is delighted to announce that construction work to transform the playing fields in Cemaes will begin on **2 February**, following the successful securing of funding from **Cronfa Padrig, the National Lottery Community Fund, NRS and Menter y Pentre**.

The project, which is expected to take **up to two months to complete**, will deliver a fully renewed and inclusive play area and Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), ensuring a safe, accessible and inspiring space for children, families and the wider community for generations to come.

This milestone marks the culmination of extensive **community-led engagement**, with children and young people at the heart of the design process. Over the past year, Llanbadrig Community Council has worked closely with local residents, Cemaes primary school, families and specialist organisations to shape a project that genuinely reflects local needs and aspirations.

The playing fields are the **only dedicated outdoor play space for families in Cemaes** and sit at the centre of a wider community hub that includes the Hwb, gym facilities and walking routes. Previous investment has already improved access to the site, making it fully accessible for wheelchair users and families with pushchairs. This next phase focuses on renewing outdated equipment, addressing long-standing safety issues and creating a modern, inclusive environment that can be enjoyed year-round.

Councillors leading the project say the transformation would not have been possible without strong partnership working and the commitment of funders who recognised both the **social value** of the project and the strength of the community's involvement.

"This project has always been about listening to our community, especially our children and young people. Seeing their ideas turn into reality is incredibly powerful, and we're proud to be delivering a space that reflects their voices and supports the wellbeing of the whole community." Lowri Jones, Community Councillor, Llanbadrig Community Council.

The new facilities will include improved play equipment, an upgraded MUGA that is safer and more resilient to weather, and inclusive features designed to support children of all abilities. The project also supports wider wellbeing goals by encouraging physical activity, social connection, outdoor play and active travel.

The playing fields are already a popular destination for local families and visitors, and the upgraded facilities are expected to attract increased footfall, benefiting local businesses and supporting Cemaes as a welcoming, family-friendly place to live and visit.

"Cronfa Padrig trustees are particularly pleased to be a major investor in this project to reinvigorate and extend opportunities for children's play and exercise in Cemaes. The involvement of our local children in the design of the facility should ensure that they are used

well, and the quality of the design should create an asset that will benefit families for a long time into the future.” Rob Owen, Chair, Cronfa Padrig

“NRS, a world leader in safely decommissioning the UK’s first-generation nuclear sites, including Wylfa, is proud to support this community-led project in Cemaes. Our £10,000 contribution towards the £200,000 scheme reflects our commitment to helping create sustainable, thriving communities around our sites. The new facilities will provide an inclusive, accessible space for children and families, supporting wellbeing and helping to strengthen Cemaes as a community that meets the needs of its residents now and in the future.” NRS.

“The redevelopment of the Cemaes Playing Fields will provide an amazing resource for the village - as a place of play and also maintaining a much loved open space. The team from Menter y Pentre Cemaes Village Venture are delighted to be able to contribute to this important community project. We are able to do so through the continued support of our wonderful volunteer team, the 30+ local stockists & artisans who sell with us and, of course, local residents and visitors who purchase goods from us. Since opening in 2009 we are proud to have donated to a very wide range of local projects & groups, annual village events and local charities. We will be keenly following the development of the new area and wish the team well as the project commences.” Menter y Pentre.

Llanbadrig Community Council has appointed **Creative Play**, a North Wales-based company with over 30 years’ experience, to deliver the works. The company has worked closely with the community throughout the design process and will manage the installation from start to finish, helping to minimise disruption and ensure high quality, long-lasting results.

Looking ahead, the Council hopes the revitalised playing fields will not only support everyday play, but also provide a flexible space for community events, activities and future enhancements.

“It’s been a pleasure to work on getting this fabulous play project idea to become a reality. The journey has been fantastic with the help of the community council and the wider community. Creative Play are excited to get the installation started and can’t wait to see the finished play areas and the new Multi Use Games Area. I look forward to seeing the children enjoying these fabulous play spaces for years to come!” Tim Broster, Creative Play.

Llanbadrig Community Council would like to thank everyone who contributed ideas, attended events, completed surveys and supported the project along the way. This investment stands as a powerful example of what can be achieved when a community, funders and partners work together with a shared vision.