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## Who & What is CARE?



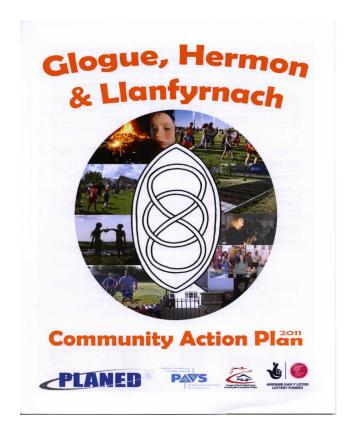
- Community benefit society
- Limited company
- Employer

- Volunteer directors
- Local residents & lay-people

# Origins – Action Planning



- Community action planning:
  - Tackling climate change
  - Protection from fuel poverty
  - Exploring renewables







#### **Community development & facilities:**

keep local communities alive by creating opportunities for young people and supporting the strong Welsh language culture of the area, and by improving community facilities

#### **Household improvements:**

help local people make their homes more energy efficient and combat the problem of fuel poverty







## Thanks...



Welsh Government Energy Service; Energy Savings Trust; Planning Inspectorate; Assembly Ministers; County Councillors; Seren Energy; Development Bank for Wales; Community Energy Wales; Renew Wales; Awel Aman Tawe; Transition Bro Gwaun; all the other community energy pioneers, Bill, Eirlys, Cris, Dan, Rhys, Chris, Marc, Mike, Aidan, Jess, parents, partners, siblings, lovers, friends, teachers, children, neighbours, ...



### 'Climate emergency' declared by Welsh Government







45 GW

200,000 kWh

168 MW

8 MW

1 GW





Power cuts

Connections

Our network

Customers & community

Smarter networks



#### Community Energy

Community energy refers to the delivery of community led renewable energy, energy demand reduction and energy supply projects, whether wholly owned and/or controlled by communities or through partnership with commercial or public sector partners.

Community energy groups are important stakeholders to us at Western Power Distribution. We are committed to working proactively with ours.

# Making community wind work in Wales?



- Lack of support from local planning authority
- Lack of joined up thinking in parliamentary & WG policy
- Removal of tax relief for investors
- Reduction in FITs
- Huge amounts of bureaucracy at every turn
- Empty words from Western Power Distribution
- Not acting like we're in a climate emergency

