

14 December 2009

Department of Energy & Climate Change

Re: Low Carbon Communities Challenge - Y Morfa Leisure Centre

In writing both as a former resident of Towyn during the 1990 Flood Disaster (when Dr Anderson played a full part as a community leader), and as the present Chief Officer of this organisation, I would like wholeheartedly to endorse this application.

I attended the recent Wales Council for Voluntary Action conference on climate change with Dr Anderson and Mr Bill Darwin, the Chair of Kinmel Bay & Towyn Sports Association's Board of Directors, and was happy to exchange some thoughts and notes with them both.

I feel confident that the partnership-based, whole-community-involvement approach outlined in the application hits all the right notes and is backed up by a serious commitment both to the immediate community and to the wider responsibilities in terms of helping to steer coastal and inland communities that face serious flood risk in the right direction, i.e. a thoroughly constructive and forward-thinking one.

In particular the CVSC would like to see itself helping with the setting-up of a Flood Warden service in partnership with Conwy's emergency services, and we endorse the suggestions made by Dr Anderson as to the need for some form of professional co-ordination here, probably using offshore wind farm benefits moneys in some way – this being an excellent basis on which to build trust for the wider low-carbon-transition agenda.

Sincerely



David Taylor
Chief Officer