

Cae Chwarae Pen-bont Rhydybeddau

Mae stori'r Cae Chwarae yn dechrau tua deng mlynedd yn ôl pan ddaeth Ann Edwards, sy'n fam i dri o blant, i'r casgliad fod ar blant Pen-bont Rhydybeddau angen lle diogel i chwarae, gan fod y ffordd drwy'r pentref yn gul a pheryglus. Galwodd gyfarfod o holl drigolion y gymuned i weld a oedd modd gwireddu ei breuddwyd, ac yn y cyfarfod hwnnw penderfynwyd ethol pwyllgor a fyddai'n gyfrifol am sefydlu cae chwarae yn y pentref. Gyda chymorth y Comisiwn Elusennau, aethpwyd ati i lunio cyfansoddiad a chofrestrwyd y corff newydd yn elusen fel y gellid gwneud cais am grantiau i ariannu'r cynllun.

Er mwyn ennyn diddordeb pawb yn y gymuned yn y fenter, cynhaliwyd cystadleuaeth ar gyfer y plant lleol i gynllunio arwydd ar gyfer y cae chwarae. Mae'r cynllun buddugol i'w weld ar yr arwydd wrth y fynedfa. O gynnwys y plant yn y paratodau, y gobaith oedd y byddent yn dod i ystyried y lle fel eu heiddo hwy ac na fyddent yn gwneud unrhyw ddifrod yno.

Y cam nesaf oedd mynd ati i gynllunio'r cae chwarae ei hun ac i gael amcangyfrifon o brisiau'r cyfarpar yr oedd ei angen. Bwriwyd ati ar unwaith gyda'r gwaith caled o godi arian. Cynhaliwyd llu o weithgareddau yn y pentref a chafwyd cefnogaeth wych gan y gymuned leol. Er hynny, profwyd ambell siom. Gwnaethpwyd dau gais aflwyddiannus i'r Lotri Genedlaethol, gan golli amser gwerthfawr. Drwy lwc, gwahoddwyd Ann Edwards i ymuno â phwyllgor Cronfa Eleri, cronfa a sefydlwyd gan y cwmni a gododd y melinau gwynt yn Bont-goch ac sy'n cyfrannu £10,000 y flwyddyn i gymdeithasau lleol. Nid oes amodau ynghlwm wrth yr arian hwn, cyhyd â bod y gymdeithas sy'n gwneud y cais yn cydymffurfio â meini prawf Cronfa Eleri a bod y pwyllgor o'r farn eu bod yn haeddu'r arian. Mae hyn yn fendith gan fod llawer iawn o gyrff ariannu yn mynnu bod arian cyfatebol ar gael cyn trosglwyddo unrhyw swm o arian, ac mae hyn yn gallu gwneud pethau'n anodd iawn i gymunedau bychain.

Wedi inni dderbyn arian gan Gronfa Eleri gallem ddefnyddio hwnnw fel arian cyfatebol wrth wneud cais i gyrff eraill. Llwyddwyd i gael grant gan Gyngor Sir Ceredigion yn ogystal â chan rai cyrff ariannu eraill. Yn araf deg llwyddwyd i godi digon o arian i gwblhau rhan gyntaf y cynllun, sef cae pêl-droed pump-bob-ochr, siglenni a ffrâm ddringo. Roeddem yn ffodus fod gennym ddau wirfoddolwr, Allan Langley a Meirion Edwards, a oedd yn fodlon gwneud y gwaith paratoadol o lefelu'r cae a gafwyd ar les gan y Cyngor Cymuned lleol. Bu'r ddau'n gweithio'n galed am oriau lawer yn paratoi'r cae cyn i'r cwmni ddod i osod y cyfarpar.

Yn ystod y blynyddoedd wedyn cwblhawyd ail a thrydedd ran y prosiect ac erbyn hyn mae gennym gae pêl-droed, trac beicio, ffrâm ddringo, llithren, siglenni a chylchdro. Llwyddwyd i godi oddeutu £32,000! Mae hyn yn anhygoel o ystyried maint y pentref, ac yn dangos beth y gellir ei gyflawni pan fydd pawb yn cydweithio â'i gilydd. Mae pawb yn helpu i gadw'r lle'n lân ac yn daclus a bob haf cynhelir diwrnod o hwyl i'r gymuned, pryd y cynhelir gemau, gêm bêl-droed gyfeillgar, adloniant, lluniaeth ac ocsiwn. Mae hwn yn ddigwyddiad poblogaidd iawn ac yn dangos bod pobl yn gwerthfawrogi ein gwaith. Rydym ni fel pwyllgor yn hynod ddiolchgar i bawb am eu holl waith caled ac yn gobeithio y bydd y gefnogaeth yn parhau. Diolch yn fawr.

Ann Edwards, Cadeirydd, Cae Chwarae Pen-bont Rhydybeddau

Pen-bont Rhydybeddau Play Area

The story of the Cae Chwarae starts about ten years ago when a member of the Trefeurig community, mum of three children, Ann Edwards, thought that the village needed a safe place for all the community children to play. The village of Pen-bont Rhydybeddau is a small, rural close knit community. The children of the village had nowhere to play except on the very narrow and dangerous road. So Ann decided to hold an open meeting to see if there was any interest in trying to get a community area within the village which everyone could enjoy and use.

At the open meeting it was decided that a body should be set up specifically to be responsible for setting up the Cae Chwarae. At that meeting a committee was appointed and, with guidance from the Charities Commission, a constitution was drawn up. The body was registered with the Charities Commission; this would then allow it to apply to certain bodies for funding. Then the hard work of raising the money needed to build a play area began!

We decided right from the start that we wanted everyone to be involved in designing the play/community area and so we held a competition for the local children to design a sign for the area. Including the children would hopefully give them pride in their area and hopefully no-one would want to vandalise or damage the area making it their space as much as a community area. The winning design was made into the sign that we have at the entrance of the area today. We then set about designing the actual play/community area. Plans were drawn up and quotes were received for the equipment etc.

A lot of local events were held and the local community supported each event wholeheartedly. Everyone wanted the play/community area and therefore everyone worked hard to support and help raise the necessary funds. We did have a couple of set backs - we applied to the National Lottery twice and both times were not successful. That lost the project valuable time. We then had a lucky break as Ann Edwards was asked to join a funding group called Cronfa Eleri. This is an organisation set up by the company which built the windmills at Bont-goch and which contributes £10,000 a year to local organisations within the surrounding area. This has been a godsend as the money is catch free - as long as the organisation asking for funding complies with Cronfa Eleri's criteria; if the Cronfa committee pass the application then the requesting body gets the money without having to match fund or anything like that. This is valuable as so many funding bodies ask for match funding before they give you a penny and this can be very hard for a small community seeking to raise the amount of money required before the funding body will give you their money.

We were able to use the contribution from Cronfa Eleri as match funding for other funding bodies. We were successful in getting a grant from Ceredigion County Council as well as some other charitable funding bodies. Slowly over the years we raised enough money to complete phase one of the plan – to make a five-a-side football area, install a set of swings and a climbing frame. We were very lucky in that we had two very good volunteers in Allan Langley and Meirion Edwards who very kindly did all the preparation work and hard labour to level the field we had leased from the local Community Council. Without them we would not have the area we have today - they worked for hours getting everything ready for the company to come in and install the first phase equipment.

Over the next few years phases two and three were completed and the play/community area now consists of a football pitch, tarmac cycle track, climbing frame, slide, swings and a

roundabout. Altogether we have raised an amazing £32,000 approx which we think is brilliant for such a small community – it just goes to show that when everyone gets together anything can be achieved! Everyone helps keep the area clean and tidy and everyone respects and enjoys the area. Every summer we have a fun day where we have games, a friendly football match, entertainment and refreshments and an auction. The event is always well-attended and I think this is a reflection on what people think of our community area. We as a committee are very grateful for all the hard work of everyone who helps keep our area going in every way. Long may it continue. Thank you.

Ann Edwards
Chairperson
Cae Chwarae Pen-bont Rhydybeddau Play Area.