

# CYMUNED SUPPLEMENT

*Newyddiadur Cymuned Pennant Community Limited Newsletter*

*Registered Charity in England & Wales (1144653)*

*Issue Rhifyn 142*

*Chwefror February 2023*

## CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

### WINTER FUEL SUPPORT SCHEME

The Welsh Government Fuel Support Scheme is part of a £90m fuel support package to address immediate pressures on living costs.

Applications for the scheme will be open from 9am 26 September 2022 to 5pm on 28 February 2023.

Eligible households can claim a one-off payment of £200 from the local authority to provide support towards paying their fuel costs. This payment is in addition to the Energy Bill rebate being offered by UK Government and the Winter Fuel Payment normally paid to pensioners.

An eligible household is defined as a single person or a couple who are responsible for paying the fuel costs of their home.

A payment can be made under the scheme if the applicant meets all 4 of the conditions below.

#### 1) Benefit Entitlement Condition

The applicant or their partner is in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits below at any time between 1 September 2022 and 31 January 2023.

Council Tax Reduction (CTR)

Universal Credit

Income Support

Income Based Job Seekers Allowance

Income Related Employment and Support Allowance

Working Tax Credits

Child Tax Credits

Pension Credit

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Attendance Allowance

Carers Allowance

Contributory Based/New Style Jobseekers Allowance

Contributory Based/New Style Employment and Support Allowance

Armed forces Independence Payment

Constant Attendance Allowance

War Pension Mobility Supplement

OR

A qualifying person in the household is in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits below at any time between 1 September 2022 and 31 January 2023.

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Attendance Allowance

Armed forces Independence Payment

Constant Attendance Allowance

War Pension Mobility Supplement

A qualifying person is defined as someone who:

Occupies the householder's home as their primary residence; and

Is a dependent child or adult living with the applicant or their partner; and

Is in receipt of one of the 6 aforementioned benefits

2) Fuel Liability Condition

The applicant or their partner are responsible for the fuel costs at their property whether payments are made through pre-payment meter, direct debit, monthly or quarterly bill. The fuel received can be on or off grid.

3) Residence Condition

The property must be the primary residence of the applicant or their partner and must be in Ceredigion.

4) Payment Condition

Only one payment will be made to the household for the duration of this scheme. If you have already received a payment, then any subsequent applications will be rejected. In cases where eligibility has been met through a qualifying person, payment will be made to the householder liable for council tax or the fuel costs.

If you think that you meet all the above conditions, then click on the button below to begin your application. You will need the following information to complete your form:

Council Tax Reference Number

Housing Benefit / Council Tax Reduction Reference Number

National Insurance Number

Bank Details

Payments are made under the Local Welfare Provision and will therefore be disregarded in the assessment of all means tested benefits and are not taxable.

**It would appear that there is no other option, indicated on the website, for applications to be made other than on-line.**

## **CEREDIGION CARERS FUND 2022**

The Ceredigion Carers Fund is now open for applications.

Who can apply to the Ceredigion Carers Fund?

The Ceredigion Carers Fund is for unpaid carers. An unpaid carer is someone who looks after a friend or family member who cannot manage on their own because they have a disability, physical or mental illness or are affected by substance or alcohol misuse.

Do you look after someone? You can apply for the Ceredigion Carers Fund if you or the person you care for lives in Ceredigion.

You can apply for up to £150 to spend on something that will help to improve your health and wellbeing.

Easy to apply - no assessments

You decide what to spend it on

Open to carers of all ages (adults and young carers)

More than 1 carer per household can apply

Closing date: March 31st, 2023, or before (if funding runs out)

If you have applied for the fund within the last 12 months, you will need to wait a full 12 months before applying again.

How to apply

You can apply on your own or together with family members in your household who are carers. If you are applying as a family or household, everyone included on the application must spend the money on the same thing. If family or household members want to spend the money on different things, each carer and young carer must complete a separate application form.

**You can also apply by completing the application form that can be downloaded and printed. You can return the application form by email or by post.**

**If you do not have access to the internet to apply online, you can phone Ceredigion County Council on 01545 574200 to ask for an application form.**

If you need help to fill in the application form, you can ask a professional worker such as a social worker or support worker to fill in the application form for you. You can also contact Ceredigion Carers and Community Support Team for advice on 01545 574200 or by email at [connecting@ceredigion.gov.uk](mailto:connecting@ceredigion.gov.uk). We will speak to you about who is the most appropriate person to help you complete the application.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Malcolm Sumner, Penbryn, Brynhyfryd, Pennant, Llanon, Ceredigion, SY23 5PH

Tel. No. 07967-116632

[www.cymunedpennantcommunity.org.uk](http://www.cymunedpennantcommunity.org.uk)

Email: [cympencom@gmail.com](mailto:cympencom@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/cymunedpennant>