

Case Study Template

Arbed ERDF – phase 2

Community Benefit Project Caerau, Maesteg, Bridgend

Main Focus of case study

Secondary focus

Huw Irranca-Davies and Janice Gregory visit to the arbed 2 ERDF scheme in Caerau, Maesteg and to see the Community Benefit Project in the area

Scheme Manager

Melin Homes

Original Situation

The community centre in Caerau, Maesteg, Bridgend was not used by the local community. The energy bills were high and the rooms were cold. The community centre is run by a volunteer group 'Caerau Community Trust.'

Before



How has Arbed made a difference to the situation?

As part of the projects commitment to community benefits and collaborative working relationships the arbed team in conjunction with our suppliers and contractors

- Rockwool
- Gibson's STS
- Thomas Holdings

have dramatically improved the exterior appearance of the community centre.

This has meant that the community centre is

- aesthetically more welcoming to the local community
- seen an increase in use from the local community
- the insulation will save the centre money on fuel bills and has made the building a lot warmer
- This saving in money will be used to improve the interior of the building and promotion of activities

Because of the improvements to the exterior of the centre Shadow Minister of Food and Farming Huw Irranca-Davies and AM of Ogmore Janice Gregory were interested in the work the arbed 2 ERDF scheme had carried out and the community benefit project and its effect on the community. An event was planned to show case the projects work in Caerau, Maesteg and the community centre. This was held on 29th August 2014.

Huw Irranca-Davies said of the day

“An excellent event today, and many thanks for the invitation.”

The event enabled the arbed 2 team to show case the work in the local area and the community benefit project.

The event saw local people, the Caerau Community Trust, Communities First, Local Council, arbed 2 ERDF Contractors, Welsh Assembly, Local business and suppliers to the project all come together to celebrate the achievement collaborative working can achieve.



Paul Gibson of STS said of the arbed 2 ERDF scheme

" As a local Bridgend business we have benefitted hugely from ARBED. It has allowed us to employ a further 28 people and given us the stability to invest in the up skilling of both our new employees and also our existing workforce, putting us in a stronger position for the challenges ahead".

Huw Irranca-Davies also said of the energy efficiency scheme

"I'm really delighted to see the positive difference that the arbed scheme is making in communities throughout Wales. Already in Maesteg, 148 properties are benefitting from the scheme saving residents an average of £285 on their energy bills. In addition to this, arbed's investment, the contractors and suppliers generosity sees the wider community benefitting from the retrofit of External Wall Insulation to the Community centre. But this isn't just about putting energy efficiency measures on homes, it's about delivering jobs and training for people across South Wales as well as using local supply chains to source Welsh products and using Wales-based companies to carry out the work which is fantastic"



Key statistics

Key statistics for the Caerau, Maesteg Scheme:

- 148 properties surveyed to date
- Neil Pate has found sustainable employment because of the Scheme in Caerau, Maesteg
- To date 487,749 kwh have been saved per annum
- To date 121 tonnes per annum reduction in green house gas
- Customers can benefit from a range of measures including full central heating systems, external wall insulation and voltage optimisers

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- The local community centre has seen an increase in people using its services thanks to the external wall insulation and the launch event

**Community
Hall Caerau
Maesteg,
Bridgend.**

After

