

✓ Increased access to grants from environmental and social funds.

**Cons:**

✗ Restrictions on commercial activities may limit energy sales for profit.

✗ Higher regulatory requirements than a private company or CIC.

This can be attractive for communities who want to prioritise tax efficiency and strong charitable governance.

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**Option 3: Cooperative or Community Benefit Society**

A Cooperative (Co-op) or Community Benefit Society (BenCom) would allow for community ownership of the project, raising investment through share offers.

**Pros:**

✓ Allows community investment, increasing local engagement.

✓ Possible tax relief opportunities for community investors.

✓ Aligns with Welsh Government policies on community energy projects.

**Cons:**

✗ Reduces direct Community control over the project.

✗ Requires active investor participation.

This could be a good option for Communities wanting a fully community-owned approach with external investment.

Once the plans for the project are finished and ready for planning submission then we will advertise a community consultation where the plans can be inspected, and the community can get more detailed information on the scheme and the potential community benefits and decide on the type of organisation to take the project forward.

**Digital Voice changeover**

You will no doubt, as residents, have heard about the Digital Voice changeover by 2027, with residents moving over from cable to fibre. The present outdated analogue network will be switched off for all phone providers.

The Community Council are arranging for a representative from Digital Voice to attend an evening at the

**St Gwyddelan Suite, at the rear of Ysgol Dolwyddelan  
on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

An opportunity for residents to attend a question & answer session.