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### Gorran School Seeks Support for Wind Turbine

'The Schoolhouse in the wind' was a book based on Gorran Primary School and written by Cornish author Anne Treneer born in Gorran in 1891, now nearly 115 years later, the windy landscape is a perfect setting for a wind turbine to power the school.

Gorran Primary school and Cornish energy charity Community Energy Plus, who are assisting with the development of the proposal, are seeking community views at an open session to be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** from **6-8pm**. Local residents will also have the opportunity to find out about the possibility of having renewable energy technologies at their homes.

Preliminary reports have confirmed that the site is perfectly places to support a 15 kW wind turbine which may cover their £5,000 per year electricity bill and possibly produce excess units that can be exported back into the grid, providing the school with extra financial resources.

Matt Oakley, Head Teacher at Gorran School said, ***"We are really excited about the chance to put up a wind turbine at the school. It will be a great opportunity to show the children how we can use natural, renewable energy to create heat and light in the school. We are planning to include a weather station on the turbine which will also have great educational potential."***

Community Energy Plus has helped the school from the concept stage to planning and research of funding grants available for the technologies. Plans are also underway to use an Air Source Heat Pump to heat the school pool which is currently using an oil boiler which is less environmentally friendly and much more expensive to use.

Neil Farrington, Community Outreach Officer at Community Energy Plus said, ***"The school needs support from the local community to ensure that the installation the renewable energy technologies goes smoothly. The open evening provides the perfect opportunity for local residents to find***

***out more about the technologies and also to ask questions about the possibilities of installing green energy technologies at their own properties.”***

Renewable energy installations are just part of a package of support that CEP offers to homes, community buildings and businesses across the county. Gorran School received energy efficiency advice which led to the full insulation of the building and guidance for teachers.

Neil Farrington and a representative from Proven wind turbines will be on hand to provide information on wind, solar, hydro, geothermal and biomass technology for homes, community buildings and businesses.

For more information on energy efficiency measures or renewable energy technologies and current grant assistance, call the Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre free on **0800 512 012**.

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Notes to editors

**\*\*\*Photo and interview opportunities at Gorran School, 6-8pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December\*\*\***

- **Community Energy Plus (CEP)** is a registered charity (Number 1068990) and profit-recycling company. Established in 1998 with financial support from Carrick District Council, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Health Authority and the Energy Saving Trust. CEP manages the international award-winning\* Home Health project which was developed by the 72 members of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.
- CEP, the lead partner of the **Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership** (founded in 2001), is a consortium of 72 organisations from the public, private and health sectors that are committed to a multi sector approach to a sustainable energy future for Cornwall. It is the first partnership of its kind in the UK and is providing a model for other parts of the UK. [www.csep.co.uk](http://www.csep.co.uk)
- CEP manages the **Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre** supported by the Energy Saving Trust (EST) and the County and District Authorities of Cornwall. It is one of 52 independent centres across the UK, providing free, impartial and locally relevant advice to households. Please call free on **0800 512012**.
- \* On the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005, Community Energy Plus was recognised by the prestigious international **Ashden Awards** in the UK Energy Efficiency category for its Home Health project, which has installed nearly three and a half thousand energy efficient measures into Cornish homes.

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