

PROPOSED DEVELOPEMENT OF CHAPEL BETHEL

Proposed - Bethel Chapel Social Enterprise Community Project

Phase one – community consultation and feasibility project.



In Dolwyddelan we are blessed with a really strong community. Over the years there have been many clubs, societies and activities that are well supported. However, over the last decade or so, it feels like more and more of these clubs are starting to struggle to recruit members and continue functioning. One such organisation is the independent Bethel Chapel, located in the square in Dolwyddelan. Sadly, this chapel has now closed and is likely to be sold.

The building is one of the last large community buildings in the village and as such, there is an opportunity to see if there is the will within the village, to re-purpose this building, restore it and retain its heritage for community use.

If we could create a not for profit organisation, that is run by and for the local community, with the broad aim of supporting community physical, mental and spiritual well-being, it is likely that funding could be obtained to develop the building. This organisation would build on the considerable existing strengths within the village, support and encourage collaboration with existing groups and organisations. The project would need to be feasible – i.e. capable of supporting a business and employing staff, in addition to the support of volunteers, with any profits returned to the project and community.