

There are a number of functions that the building could be used for, subject to the development of a viable business plan, potentially with three main areas that could work together to both support the community, maximise the custom of passing trade and potentially draw in people to the village.

1. A small café, serving lite bites (breakfasts and lunches)
2. Education provision – access to courses to enable people to upskill and potentially develop their own micro-business (for example traditional cottage industry skills and crafting).
3. A community growing project, maybe growing both flowers and produce and sharing skills and the health benefits of growing plants.

In addition, the building could become a community hub, providing a location for a number of services and support within the village. However, at this stage, these are initial suggestions and the project will evolve as the community contributes ideas and identifies needs.

This project is in the very early stages of development and the first three key steps will be:

- To hold community consultations to find out what people want and need,
- To form a steering group that would take the project forward, and
- Subject to having broad community support, to obtain funding to undertake a feasibility study, develop a business plan and if these are successful, apply for grant funding.

Menter Siabod have very kindly agreed to the formation of a sub-committee / steering group to undertake phase one (community consultations and feasibility study). Menter Siabod are an existing community based organisation with an excellent track record of obtaining grant funding and delivering on grant objectives. By agreeing to support this project, they have increased the likelihood of obtaining grant funding for phase one. The feasibility study will advise on options for the formation of a new organisation, should the project develop further.

To start this process, we are going to hold an open day, on Saturday 10th September, 2022 at the Pavilion, 12pm – 4pm, for people to come along, have a chat, a panad, some cake and share ideas and make suggestions.

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