

## **Update - Bethel Chapel Social Enterprise Community Project Phase one – community consultation and feasibility project**

We held an initial community consultation on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, with the aim of determining levels of interest and support to continue with the project. Around 40 people attended on the day, Dolwyddelan population is approx. 470, so this is about 9% of the community.

The feedback and suggestions were grouped into themes, with a summary listed below;

<b>Category</b>	<b>Example comments</b>
Accommodation needs	Affordable housing, sheltered housing, improve the appearance of the existing building
Activities and clubs	Outdoor activities clubs, book club, art, craft, cookery and exercise classes
Business support	Training, display / sales space, working space for homeworkers
Catering	A small café or tearoom.
Community space	A warm space, meeting / social space, disability access / support, support services, book swap/library,
History and culture	Museum for local culture, history and genealogy.
Youth	Facilities for youngsters, both pre-school and school age

In addition to the feedback a group of people expressed interest in forming a steering group to undertake phase one, a full community consultation and feasibility study. This will involve obtaining grant funding (with the support of Menter Siabod) to engage a consultant to undertake this work. Grŵp Cynefin have agreed to act as a strategic partner providing project worker support and a financial contribution to the fundraising for the consultation. Grŵp Cynefin have been a strategic partner in community projects across north Wales [www.grwpcynefin.org/en/more-than-housing/supporting-the-community](http://www.grwpcynefin.org/en/more-than-housing/supporting-the-community) The steering group is now in the process of applying for funding to appoint a consultant. As a result of feedback from the initial consultation, we intend to include a housing needs study as part of the consultation. It is also anticipated that the findings from this work will contribute to the formulation of a village community plan, which would help inform planning for Dolwyddelan Community Council and other interested organisations.