

## **Dolwyddelan Community Hwb (Bethel Chapel)**

The feedback from the community consultation on the development of a community hwb, with the now disused Bethel Chapel in the village as a possible site, happened at the start of September. A group of people offered ideas and suggestions for how to take the project forward, beyond the report completion.

The full report will be available online on the Dolwyddelan Facebook page, or available electronically by email from Liz

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It is a detailed report that includes the outcomes of the consultation, a limited feasibility study for a project based on Bethel Chapel and suggestions as to what the information could be used for to benefit the community in the future.

The consultation had a good response the survey (online and in paper format) with a total of 113 responses, equating to 25% of the total population. There was additional feedback from two face to face sessions held at the pavilion.

Key feedback from the community included:

- Housing, including the lack of appropriate available housing and the number of second homes.
- Lack of amenities for young families
- Transport and connectivity – public transport challenges and communication (mobile signal and broadband / fibre connections).
- Support for a café of some sort
- Ensuring the best is also made of existing amenities and resources

This has completed phase two of the community hwb (Bethel) project. One outcome from the consultation was the need to undertake a full housing survey for the village to really understand what the different housing needs may be within the community. A full housing needs survey will be undertaken, facilitated by the housing officer, either this year or early next year.

We are hopeful that the report produced from this project, along with the housing needs survey will be combined to produce a village community plan. A community plan will both provide information about what local needs and strengths are or may be and is often needed in order to apply for grants from funding bodies.

As a result of the consultation a Bethel Action Group has formed and is meeting to discuss how to take forward the proposal for a Hwb in Capel Bethel.

Project support group.