

are working on tackling the problem. The project is mainly aimed at targeting communities with the worst broadband; developing an understanding of which communities are most in need of better broadband, through local knowledge, relationships, digital expertise and working together. The insights from the project will put North Wales Ambition in a position to work more effectively with the Welsh and UK Government to draw up future investment plans. Menter Môn would like to hold drop-in sessions to offer impartial advice and support regarding connectivity in the target communities. They also provide further support by guiding residents through the process of applying for funding, working with operators to solve local problems, and explaining solutions that can bring immediate benefits and access to services, if possible. The date for the drop in is **Saturday September 21st from 10-3pm** in the school field.

### **An update on the Community Plan August 2024.**

Key element of the development of a Community Plan for Dolwyddelan is a programme of consultation, including attendance at specific events held in the village during 2024. The first of these was held at the Gŵyl Gwanwyn where the Community Council Clerk, Simon Shutler, Marc Roberts (Community Plan Consultant) and Cllr Liz Roberts were in attendance to speak to residents about the plan and their views on Dolwyddelan and the wider community. Two main questions were posed at the festival; the first asked residents about their priorities for the community, the second asked them to offer any ideas or general comments on improving Dolwyddelan. The results of the first question clearly show 'Community Facilities' and 'Housing' as paramount in people's minds, with 'Children, young people and families,' and 'Infrastructure.' As regards the second question, above and beyond the priorities noted above, the recurring issue that emerged was the death of public transport and the need for a more reliable, consistent and integrated service in the valley. The results of this consultation have now been incorporated into the plan, and that plan is now being drafted into a document that will be shared with stakeholders and residents in mid-September. As part of this, it is also planned to have a joint event on the **21<sup>st</sup> of September** at the school field promoting the Community Plan and Rural Connectivity.

Other work that the Plan has engaged with includes a successful funding application to Eryri National Park for enhancements to the programme of investment at the cemetery which the Community Council successfully secured funding for last year plus refreshing the lettering on the War Memorial at the Cenotaph. A total of £3,800 has been secured from the Eryri Communities Fund, for which the Community Council is extremely grateful.

### **Hydroelectric Project.**

Finally, work to consider the feasibility of resurrecting the hydroelectric project has also been included within the Community Plan. The plan still offers significant potential, and there have been many advances in both PTO