

News on Dolwyddelan's Historic Capel Bethel

The vision:

- To provide a historical heritage centre.
- A local artisan section and gallery.
- Tourist information centre.
- Poets and artists in residence.
- Housing.
- Repair shop.
- Wellbeing centre including physiotherapy.
- Allotments and outdoor activities.
- Car park with EV charging stations.

Whilst nothing seems to be happening with regards to Capel Bethel, in the background the Bethel Action Group (BAG) have been busying themselves as follows:

- Further to Eryri National Park Authority Town Planners and Menter Siabod's positive responses, letters requesting support have been distributed to businesses within the local community. These request completion of a short questionnaire to demonstrate support for the possible acquisition of Capel Bethel and thereafter Bethel's potential as a public accessible community hub. Questionnaires received to date have been exclusively supportive with some additional constructive ideas.
- Bethel Action Group now have a live website, providing photos, sketches, news, updates, contacts and how to support BAG: <https://bethel-action-group.jimdosite.com>
- Volunteering to board up broken windows as it is evident vandalism and weathering is getting the better of Bethel, as evidenced by a near miss a few months ago with one of the roof tiles falling a few yards from a pedestrian. Being in such a prominent position, public safety is being questioned.
- A representative from Welsh Religious Buildings Trust visited the village specifically to see Bethel. We are currently awaiting the outcome.
- A BAG brochure is in draft form. We hope to have this available soon.