

The Cilycwm Community Association Questionnaire Collated – July 2012

Do you think the present Community Association represents the community?

Yes 11	No 6
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Comments: (1) Limited – (3) Don't know – (3) Not sure – (1) Don't know enough about association to be able to answer, it's aims & objectives, how it is run – (1) never hear about them, - (1) Not sure, are there enough indigenous Welsh speakers? - (1) Don't know what the C.A. does, who it involves, where it meets etc., however this is not a criticism of you, if I really wanted to know I'm sure I could find out – (1) Not all, includes: farmers, professionals, retired but not the young?

Have you attended any of its meetings?

Yes 23	No 9
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If **NO**, which of the following is closest to how you feel:

1. I'm not interested in local affairs
2. I don't like meetings
3. I don't know the people involved

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Comments: (1) Age & immobility – (1) Wasn't aware of them – (1) lives closer to Rhandirmwyn end of the valley - (1) not a good cross section of the community, age-wise!

The Website:

Have you looked at our new website www.Cilycwm.com?

Yes 23	No 9
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If **YES**, what do you think about it?

- It's fine as it is.

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Comments: Excellent as it is, good mix of news, classifieds, local directory and access to social media, well done - (1) 'New' look website is easy to follow – (1) good to start with – v.g.

- It needs to develop: I would like to see more:

Comments: (1) use & more local information – (1) debate, opinions, blogs maybe – (1) websites always to develop and change – (1) cover community events, promote wider range of community organisations, promote tourism in the area (scenery, history/heritage and culture. – (1) contributions from the community – (1) INFORMATION, we do not play chess! – (1) Welsh + current events, comments etc. (1) I haven't had a good look yet.

- I would like to see less:

Comment: (1) less about Rhandirmwyn, they have their own site!

If **NO**, which of these is closest: (tick)

- I don't use the internet
- I'm not interested in local issues
- I've not got round to it

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Comment: (1) Didn't know it existed

Have you contributed to it? (by making a comment, placing an ad or providing information)

Yes 12	No 17
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If **NO** which of these is closest: (tick)

- I have nothing I want to contribute
- It's not the sort of thing I do
- I've not got round to it

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Comment: (1) Not aware I could contribute

Did you know you could advertise **FREE** in the **FOR SALE** and **WANTED** pages and in the directory of local businesses?

Yes 16	No 10
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Are you likely to contribute/advertise in future?

Yes 12	No 8
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Comment: (8) Don't know.

Community Buildings

Points to consider:

- In the past the village has discussed and explored a number of possible options for a community centre but no action has yet been taken.
- Cilycwm has a tradition of hosting high profile and successful performances and events: (eg Welsh National Opera, Millennium Pageant, Gwyl Bro Dinefwr, Small Nations Festival,)
- The pub, the school, the church and the chapel are the historic social and spiritual centres of the village, but none of them has the facilities or space at present to work as a village hall or community centre.
- The School and the Church are under threat of closure
- St. Michael's Church, Ysgoldy Fach, Capel y Groes and Capel Soar are all fine historic buildings but cannot depend on their small congregations for their future upkeep.
- Ysgoldy Fach is under threat from erosion of the river bank and general dilapidation.
- Any decision taken now will have long term effects on the future of the village

Questions

1. Does the community need something like a village hall/community centre?

Yes 25	No 6
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Comments: (3) Don't know – (1) if there is commitment to using it effectively-

(1)Difficulty in suitable land site – (1) what activities are being proposed? Has there been an option appraisal? How will running/maintenance costs + quota be paid if Church buildings are used, (small community) – For what?: To meet eat/party?- (1) We live closer to Rhandirmwyn so tend to shop/socialise/drink at that end of the valley. Community Hall with Car Park may alleviate some congestion in the village.

2. Would you favour a new grant application for a new purpose built hall?

Yes 12	No 16
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Comments: (1) Where would it be built? What would be the terms of a grant?

3. Should one of the religious buildings be available for general community use?

Yes 23	No 3
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Comments: (3) suggested Capel y Groes,- (1) the School – (1) don't know – (1) depends

On extent of support/non-support- (1) how would the listed status be affected, cost of heating? – (1) Do you mean 'Should' Force?-

4. There are 2 possibilities for grant applications to use the Church and/or Ysgoldy Fach as a community centre.

Please indicate which of the following you would favour:

- a) A Church led initiative to convert the south side of the church to community use with part of Ysgoldy Fach converted to provide kitchen and toilet facilities.

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Comments: (4) against - (1) didn't know - (1) possibly- (1) a bit of a trek from one to the other- What are the pros and con's for options a) and b)?- (1) Too small on it's own. Capel y Groes is better option in many ways. Have you studied option appraisals/consultations done previously by community group when considering School Garden? - (1) This option could work but concerned re onus on Church finances, a few members would find it impossible to subsidise the costs. Funding for development and running expenses is a major concern, options should be examined carefully - (1) or to use the Chapel instead!

- b) a joint Community and Church initiative to bid for a capital grant to convert the whole of Ysgoldy Fach for community use. The Church would retain ownership but assign a long term lease to Cilycwm Community Association who would then be responsible for the on-going running costs.

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Comments: (4) against - (1) Not large enough - (1) too expensive - (1) no car parking - (1) potential for flooding is an issue, what would be the running costs? - (1) maybe too small, need more info. on proposals/plans, maybe more useful to add option a)

- c) None of the above.

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Comments: (1) I do not know enough to comment - (1) A new centre would have a secular basis and should produce a wider responsibility for care and maintenance. If this is not possible the Capel Y Groes offers the best central sized premises for present use and reasonable heating and maintenance. The Church has in my memory been filled to capacity several times, it is of great spiritual, historical and architectural importance, any alteration would require great sensitivity - (1) We are all aware that in time the school will close. Is it an option to buy the school? We already use it for meetings etc., toilet facilities are already there. I understand that a lot of work would need to be done, is this feasible? - (1) Consider Capel y Groes, the Church and Soar Chapel for 'rescue' grants? May bring the community together?- (1) The school is the obvious first option, what are the chances? (many advantages: 'neutral' grounds and parking space).

5. If you do think we should have a community centre/hall, would you be willing to help the Community Association to achieve this?

Yes 19

No 5

Comments: (1) possibly - (1) How many persons actually are involved and would stay involved? How many in the future? Is spending sensible in this climate financially?

Results from approx. 130 questionnaires circulated - received 36 returns = 28%.