Abergavenny Community Centre

Annual Report 2016-2017

As we reach the end of our third year we want to give you a picture of what we've been doing and where we hope to be going in future.

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An open door

The community centre has become a thriving gathering place for all sorts of people and activities. We see people of all ages and backgrounds walking through our doors, all looking for a place to get together and enjoy social interaction. There's always an open door and a listening ear and we make every effort to respond positively to new ideas and to find ways to reach out, if needed.

Fabric of the building

We have a 'fully repairing lease' and since moving in we have dealt with a leak on the flat roof, unblocked external drains and replaced broken window panes. We have made improvements to the décor and maintained the grounds: both labours of love. With the building in sound condition we are poised to take measures that improve accessibility and energy efficiency throughout.

A new kitchen

On St Davids Day 2017 we celebrated the refurbishment of our kitchen to commercial standards. This was made possible by generous donations, numerous fund-raising events and grants from the Bryn y Cwm Area Committee and Abergavenny Chronicle. In all we raised £20,000. The kitchen has opened new opportunities – our Wednesday lunches, our group of local teens studying the Jamie Oliver BTEC award, *The World Bistro* including the memorable Syrian Supper evening as well as raising income from catering for conferences etc.

Request for a long lease

When the centre opened, County Council agreed to extend the initial lease after three years if we could raise £230K in line with our 2012 Plan which proposed a not-for-profit children's nursery. Although we have generated £133,000 it has not been possible to access grant funding for the Nursery development. A new direction has emerged, and at the end of December we submitted our updated business plan to the Council, and a request for a long lease.

Promoting togetherness

Most of us enjoy the company of others and some of us are lonely. We know that the need for company is one of the main reasons that so many people come back.

Something for everyone

Our weekly Friday coffee mornings buzz with conversation and we always see new faces as well as regulars; *See You For Lunch* has grown into a regular mid-week meal and meeting place; we have 5 different groups focussed on the young; we provide a base for KHS Learners; we are a home for skills sharing and creativity; we provide a community-setting for statutory organisations to connect with service users; and increasing numbers of self-help groups have made their home here.

Registered charity

We are very pleased to announce that Abergavenny Community Trust has achieved charity status (no. 1177133). We begin 2018 with clarity, sound finances and Trustees remain hopeful that before the end of the year the Trust will have a long lease. With these secure, we will apply for funding to improve the building and create new jobs to expand what we offer.

Building on success

There have been some notable successes. We've seen more people using the centre, launched the kitchen, upgraded Wi-Fi with a grant from the Big Lottery, been given a mini-bus, and donated a defibrillator by the Rotary Club. Overall, we've created 5 part-time positions (caretaker, cleaner, bookkeeper, manager, chef) and covered all of our costs. We enjoy the benefits of a diverse team of hard-working people, each one gifting their time to support something they see as worthwhile and needed.

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Canolfan Gymunedol Y Fenni

Adroddiad Blynyddol 2016-2017

Fel down ni at ddiwedd y drydedd flwyddyn dyma ddarlun o'r pethau sydd wedi digwydd a rhai o'r syniadau sydd gennym am y dyfodol.

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Drws agored

Mae'r ganolfan gymunedol wedi datblygu'n lle poblogaidd dros ben a gwelwn pob math o bobl a gweithgareddau'n ffynnu yma. Mynychir gan bobl o bob oedran a chefndir sy'n mwynhau cymdeithasu gyda'i gilydd. Mae yma ddrws agored a rhywun yn barod i wrando a gwnawn bob ymdrech i ymateb yn gadarnhaol i syniadau newydd.

Ansawdd yr adeilad

Prydles 'cwbl atgyweirio' sydd gennym ac ers y dechrau rydym wedi arfer datrys nifer o broblemau megis tô fflat oedd yn gollwng dwr a gwteri a ffenestri oedd wedi'u torri. Rydym wedi gwella ymddangosiad ystafelloedd ac wedi cynnal y tir sydd o gwmpas y ganolfan. Gan fod yr adeilad nawr mewn cyflwr cadarn gallwn fynd ati gyda chynlluniau i wella'r ffyrdd mynediad a sicrhau bod defnydd yr adeilad o ynni 'n effeithiol.

Cegin newydd

Bu dathlu ar Ddydd Gŵyl Dewi 2017 pan agorwyd ein cegin newydd ar ôl atgyweiriad trylwyr i gyrraedd safon ceginau masnachol. Gwnaed hyn yn bosibl trwy roddion sawl unigolyn, niferoedd o weithgareddau codi arian a grantiau gan Bwyllgor Ardal Bryn y Cwm a Chronicle Y Fenni. Codwyd cyfanswm o £20,000. Mae'r gegin newydd yn ein galluogi i ehangu ein darpariaeth er enghraifft ein Cinio Dydd Mercher, ein grwp o bobl ifanc sy'n astudio am wobr BTEC Jamie Oliver ac wrth gwrs ein Bistro Byd , lle cawsom noson Swper Syria gofiadwy. Hefyd gellid gwneud defnydd o'r gegin i godi arian drwy ddarparu bwyd i gynadleddau etc.

Cais am brydles tymor hir

Pan agorwyd y ganolfan gymunedol cytunodd y Cyngor Sir y byddent yn ymestyn y brydles ar ôl tair blynedd pe byddem yn gallu codi'r swm o £23,000 a nodwyd yn ein Cynllun 2012. Y bwriad oedd agor Meithrinfa di-elw ond er i ni godi £133,000 nid oedd grantiau ar gael i ni allu datblygu'r Feithrinfa. Fodd bynnag mae cyfeiriad newydd a diwedd Rhagfyr anfonwyd ein cynllun busnes diweddaraf i'r Cyngor Sir a gwnaethon gais hefyd am brydles tymor hir.

Hybu cyfeillgarwch

Mae'r rhan fwyaf ohonom yn mwynhau cwmni ac mae rhai ohonym yn unig . Gwyddom mai'r angen hwn am gwmni yw un o'r prif resymau sy'n denu cymaint i ddychwelyd i'r ganolfan.

Rhywbeth i bawb

Mae ein boreau coffi ar Ddydd Gwener yn byrlymu gyda sgyrsiau o bob math ac mae'n braf gweld pobl newydd yn ogystal â'r ffyddloniaid. Bellach mae ein 'Gwelwn chi amser cinio' yn achlysur rheolaidd ble mae pobl yn gallu cymdeithasu a'i gilydd; mae pum grwp amrywiol ar gael i bobl ifanc; mae lle yma i Ddysgwyr KHS ;rydym yn cynnig lleoliad gymunedol i gymdeithasau statudol gysylltu a'u defnyddwyr; ac mae nifer fawr o grwpiau hunan gynorthwyol wedi ymgartrefu yma.

Elusen gofrestredig

Rydym yn falch i gyhoeddi bod Ymddiriedolaeth Cymuned Y Fenni wedi derbyn statws elusen (rhif 1177133). Ar ddechrau 2018 gallwn edrych ymlaen i'r dyfodol gyda chyllid cadarn a'r gobaith y bydd prydles tymor hir gennym erbyn diwedd y flwyddyn. Yn sgil hynny gallwn ymgeisio am arian i wella'r adeilad a chreu swyddi newydd er mwyn datblygu'n darpariaeth.

Adeiladu ar ein llwyddiant

Rydym wedi cael llwyddiannau nodedig. Mae'r nifer sy'n defnyddio'r ganolfan wedi cynyddu, lansiwyd cegin newydd, cafodd y WI FI ei wella gyda grant o'r Loteri, derbynion fws mini a chawsom ddiffibriliwr gan y Clwb Rotary. Yn ogystal rydym wedi creu pum swydd rhan amser (gofalwr, glanhawr,clerc cyfrifon a chogydd) a thalwyd ein holl gostau.

Mae gennym dîm ardderchog o bobl gweithgar sy'n rhoi 'u hamser i gefnogi'r fenter gan ystyried ei bod yn un hanfodol a hynod o werthfawr.

Cyhoeddiwyd Ionawr 2018