

## YOUR DECISION – OUTCOME OF THE COMMUNITY SHOP BALLOT

Over 200 people cast their ballot last weekend, with lively discussions about options and ideas. Many of those who came to vote registered their active support for the delivery of a community shop by volunteering their skills, time and help. This is a fantastic response and demonstrates a strong desire to have a community shop. Thank you all for taking the time to come in and vote – and thank you from the Ysgol y Foel PTA for supporting the Café.

The headline results are:

- *A priority for 75% of those voting was to get a shop up and running as soon as possible.*
- *Of those expressing a preference for location, 73% wanted to have a community shop in community owned premises, if suitable space could be agreed.*

Given the preferences expressed, we would like to open the shop in community owned premises, but bearing in mind the strong indication to re-open the shop as soon as possible, it may be necessary to use non-community owned premises initially with a plan to re-locate to community owned premises as soon as feasible. This reflects the outcome of the vote.

The new Management Team (many of the current Steering Group, with additional volunteers from Saturday), supported by volunteers with specialist knowledge, will now put in place the legal, financial and organisational arrangements needed to launch a community shop as soon as possible in village premises that are most readily available.

All those who volunteered to play their part will be contacted soon as part of the detailed preparations. A business plan will be prepared as a matter of priority to identify start-up funding needs: **those who have expressed a willingness to help with funding will be contacted as part of this process.**

The Management Team will keep you informed regularly of progress. So that we can do this quickly and simply in future, we will do this mainly by email. For those who do not use email we will use other means to make sure you get information quickly.

**If you would like future progress information by email, please message us on [cilcaincommunityshop@gmail.com](mailto:cilcaincommunityshop@gmail.com). If you do not have email, please call one of the numbers below and we will make arrangements for you to receive progress information: we'll need your name, address and telephone number, which we will keep private.**

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If you are a member of a social group, please pass on progress reports to make sure no-one misses out. We'll also be using village notice boards widely.

The Community Shop Steering Group