

Results from Castle Caereinion Community Questionnaire

January 5th 2019

Summary

The Community Councillors conducted a community survey through December 2018 to encourage all members of the community to have their voice heard and give feedback on current facilities and opportunities for the future.

Thirty three questionnaires were returned which represents 9.8% of the electoral role and is statistically in line with the expected return for surveys of this nature.

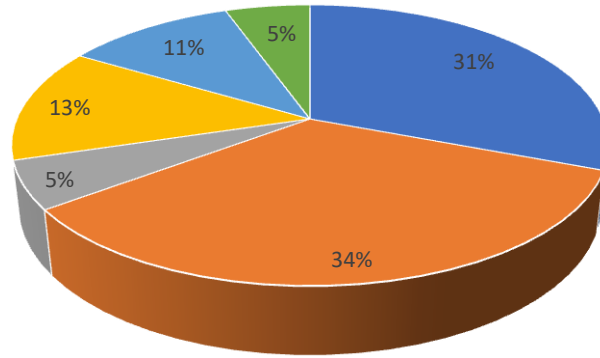
Results Summary:

- 76% of respondents identified that they were part of the community
- 60% of returned surveys indicated that community members participated often or occasionally in activities in the village.
- Village Shop, School and Public House are ranked highest importance
- Public Phone Box, Bus Route and Bus Stop are ranked of least importance
- Of potential facilities to be considered in the community: Circular Walks, Cycles Paths and Gym Facilities (Outdoor & Indoor) were ranked as highest interest.
- Residents recognise the need for additional housing in the community. Bungalows, 3 Bed and more social/rented properties were ranked highest.

Additional Comments

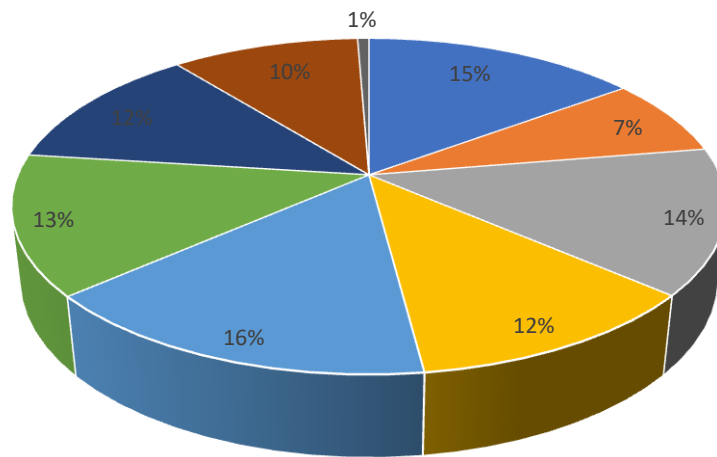
- The condition of the road and traffic calming through the village were identified as key areas of concern and cited as potentially dangerous to road users with latter being ineffective at the Berriew end of the village.
- Although the Bus Service was ranked of least importance it is of note that members of the community felt that the current timetable did not make it possible to use as a daily commute to Welshpool and beyond. As the services had been cut back they are in effect making the bus service virtually unusable.
- Several respondents commented that they would like to see the Public House open more regularly and particularly on Saturday afternoon. Not just for the local community but to also attract visitors from the railway into the village.
- Surveys requested the return of the post office to the village and to be sited within the shop.
- The addition of a café, community and craft workshops are suggested
- One respondent suggested creating a Community Energy Group. Principally to leverage better fuel costs for residents, but also to develop alternative power within the community.
- Although included within the survey, a number of additional comments added regarding the need for walkways in the village; including better signage.
- Creating a welcome pack for visitors and new residents to the village was suggested.

Where People Shop



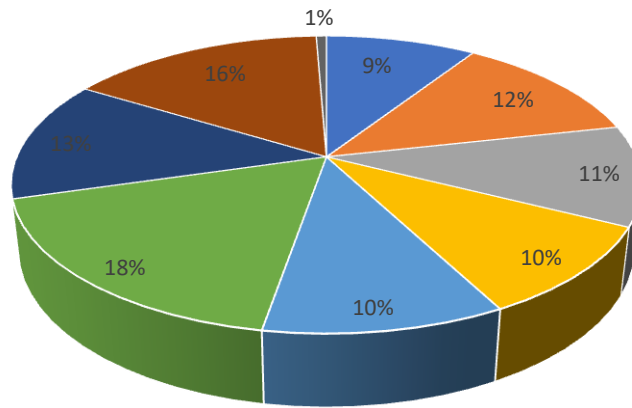
- Shop for Groceries - Village
- Shop for Groceries - Welshpool
- Shop for Groceries - Nowtown
- Shop for Groceries - Shrewsbury
- Shop for Groceries - Internet
- Shop for Groceries - Other

How the Community Ranks Facilities



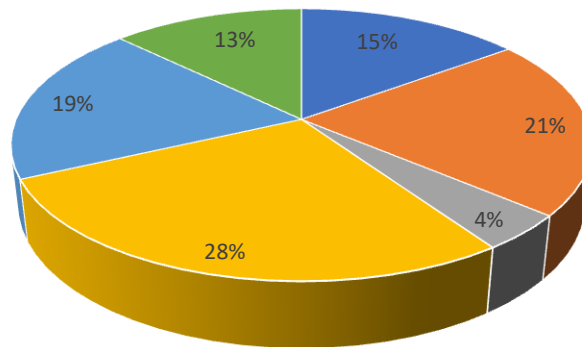
- Community Hall
- Public Phone Box
- School
- Church / Chapel
- Village Shop
- Public House
- Play Area
- Bus Stop
- Other

How the Community ranks potential new facilities



- All weather Sports
- Indoor Gym
- Outdoor Gum
- Car charging points
- Bowling green
- Circular walks
- Paved acces to railway
- Cycle Paths
- Other

What type of housing the community requires



- Housing required - 2 bed
- Housing required - 3 bed
- Housing required - 4 bed
- Housing required - Bungalow
- Affordable Housing Important
- Housing required - Social / Rented

What is Valued in the Community

- Safe place for children to play
- Friendliness of people
- Shop and pub
- Strong Church community
- Peace
- Community Hall
- Neighbourliness
- Community Hall and people involved
- Community Council
- The work the recreation association does

What is the Community pleased with

- Railway
- Messy Church
- Castle News
- Good number of groups in the village
- Pub
- Shop
- School
- Community Hall
- That it is still a community
- Events
- Places for people to stay for visitors

What causes concern in the community

- Access to the school on corner and lack of paved areas
- Lack of community spirit
- Lack of attendance to the community hall
- People who move into the village do not feel they are part of the community
- 20mph speed limit in the village is ignored
- Speed of tractors through the village
- No open space for dog owners to exercise their dogs
- The number of children in the school
- Not enough young families
- Not enough children to keep the school open; lack of funding
- Water standing in the road when it rains
- Communication of events
- Copice Lane
- Lack of bus service
- Better road network if more houses are being built
- More than 50% of the Bowls players come from out of the village

What would we like to see in the community that we do not have today

- Better play park
- Increased area for play
- A café
- More music events in the community centre
- Running / Cycling club
- Get togethers... BBQ, Picnics, Walks
- Speed camera or police car stationed on variable days
- A pub that is open for visitors during the day for lunch
- Improved road surfaces and maintenance
- A post office
- Decent bus service
- More affordable housing to attract young families
- More green spaces and footpaths
- Small industrial units to attract small businesses and specialised crafts.
- Skip for garden refuse
- Seeing the village look clean and tidy
- Circular walking routes
- Dog fouling
- A brighter feel to the village
- Youth club
- Pre-school