

## Our Vision

- **Social Inclusion Projects**
- **Maximum Community Cohesion**
- **Multi-Purpose Spaces**
- **Health and Wellbeing taskforce**
- **Self-Development Opportunities**
- **Business development**
- **Trustee Legacy Team**
- **Volunteer Taskforce**
- **Tourism Team**

*Bring communities together!*



## Resolven Miners' Welfare Scheme

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# Resolven Miners' Welfare Scheme



**BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY FOR ALL!**

# Brief History

The building represents a perfect example of the rich mining heritage created through welfare halls throughout South Wales. Our building is unique in that it houses a theatre with current seating for approximately 300+ people, two social bars, snooker/pool room, hall, 'lounge' room and other miscellaneous spaces to use.



Resolven Miners' Welfare hall was built in the 1920s, at a cost of £6000 using contributions of a penny per pound earned from the salary of the colliers working in the local mines in the area. Learning and socializing were its key reasons for usage. Residents of Resolven and the surrounding hamlets. The building housed a reading room, library and dance hall which was fitted with the first ever sprung dance floor in Wales! Over time, an auditorium was incorporated into the building. Early plans indicate that that a total of 740 seats were to be installed during construction!

The legacy of financial constraints caused by coal mine closures in the 1980's prevented the trustees from upgrading the facilities to comply with modern fire regulations and disabled access requirements for such venues. The closure was felt not just in the community of Resolven but other surrounding areas, with the eventual loss of the arts and culture groups that relied on its facilities. To this day, it is still a topic of conversation within the community that is met with sadness and deep regret.

September 2017

A new vision is born!

## Present Day....

- September 2017, volunteers from the community met together to discuss if there was potential in reviving the building.
- Between September and December 2017, regular meetings were held with potential trustees .
- Successful funding applications to obtain a building survey and new security for the building was obtained.
- 21st December, a new board of trustees was set up with help from CVS Neath and CISWO.

## Our Vision

With the continued job losses and increased decline of services in our area, the newly elected board of trustees are determined through passion, commitment and dedication to bring the Resolven Miners Welfare building back into life.

We want to provide an adaptable building that will meet the needs of the community and surrounding areas.

We envision a building that will provide spaces for businesses, performing arts groups, community groups, health and wellbeing representatives and whatever comes in-between. Resolven has a diverse set up and WE want to provide space for the diversity to grow and **prosper!**

## We Need Help!

We are a passionate board of trustees, we recognize that we need help and advice in the planning and delivery of our vision:

- ◇ Completing the repair works indicated in the building survey we have obtained.
- ◇ Reopening of the auditorium.
- ◇ Adding additional services and facilities for the community. Café, Library and heritage center to name just a few.
- ◇ Community regeneration through actively seeking business partnerships.
- ◇ Working closely with other organizations who have experienced the same hardship as we are currently.

## Resolven Miners Welfare Scheme

Forward Thinking

Community Driven

Embracing Technology

