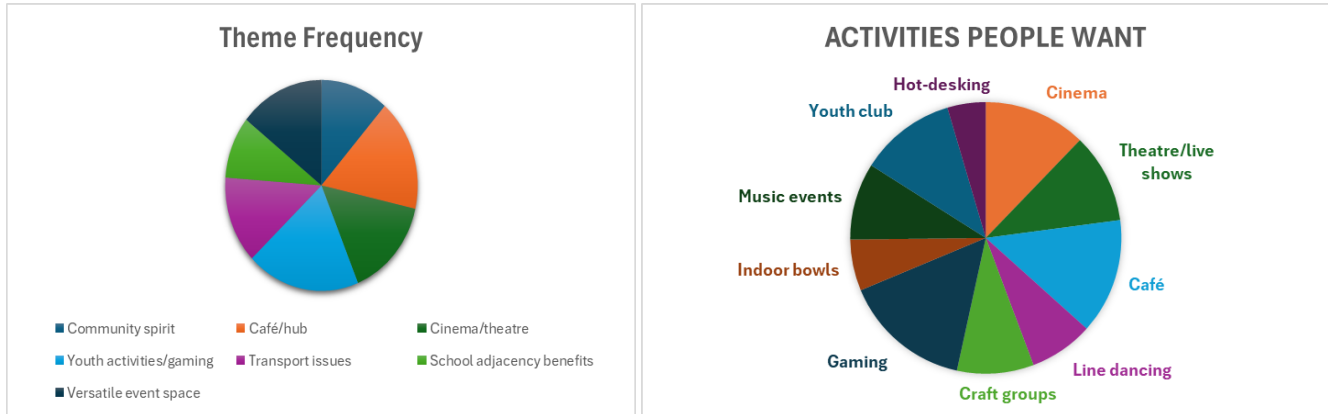


## Saline Kirk Development Group – Community Consultation Summary (May 2026)

Across 53 participants (38 main session, 5 Pantry, 10 Brownies), the community expressed strong enthusiasm for the proposed community buyout of Saline Kirk. People consistently described Saline as friendly, rural, and welcoming, with a strong community spirit. However, they highlighted gaps in local facilities, transport challenges, and limited opportunities for young people.



Across all groups, several priorities emerged clearly. A **café or social hub** was one of the most frequently mentioned ideas, alongside strong support for a **community cinema/theatre, live performances, and regular social activities** such as line dancing, ceilidhs, craft groups, and music events. Many participants emphasised the need for **youth spaces**, including gaming, hangout areas, and youth employment opportunities.

The **adjacency to the primary school** was repeatedly identified as a major asset, with potential for assemblies, overspill teaching space, clubs, and shared use of indoor/outdoor areas. A versatile hall capable of both seated and open-floor events was seen as essential.

Older residents valued daytime activities, while families and working adults preferred evenings and weekends. Transport barriers—especially for young people, older adults, and those with mobility issues—were a recurring theme.

Participants also raised practical considerations: staffing and volunteers, business continuity, funding, accessibility, and maintaining church services. Many encouraged learning from successful community venues such as Culross Stables.

Overall, the consultation shows strong community support, clear priorities, and a shared desire for a flexible, welcoming, multi-use space that strengthens community life and reduces the need to travel elsewhere.