

Appendix F – Responses to requests from Cabinet members for further information regarding Banw C.P. School and Llanerfyl C. in W. (Foundation) School

Following the Cabinet meeting held on the 12th March, requests were received from Cabinet members for further information / clarification on a number of matters relating to the proposals for Banw C.P. School and Llanerfyl C. in W. (Foundation) School.

This information is provided below.

i) Transport Costs:

The transport provider in the Banw / Llanerfyl area was asked to estimate the impact of implementation of either option on overall transport costs before Cabinet agreed to carry out consultation on the proposals relating to Banw C.P. School and Llanerfyl C. in W. School.

The response received indicated that the additional cost would be the same, whether the new school was located on the Banw site or on the Llanerfyl site.

As indicated in the Consultation Document:

‘An estimate of the impact of implementation of this option on school transport costs has been received. This takes into account the impact of this option on the total cost of home to school transport in the Banw Valley, which includes transport to Caereinion High School and NPTC College.

It is estimated that implementation of this option would result in an increase in the daily cost of home to school transport from the current cost of £546.02 per day to approximately £730 per day.’

Home to school is already provided in the Banw Valley area. This includes transport from the area to Caereinion High School and NPTC college in Newtown, and link transport to both Llangadfan and Llanerfyl to provide access to transport to Ysgol Uwchradd Caereinion. Therefore, it is likely that no additional vehicles would be needed to achieve either option – home to school transport would be provided by transporting pupils on the routes already running, or by amending the routes already running to transport pupils to the new schools. This is why the increase in the daily cost is estimated to be the same for both sites.

ii) Costs of any capital spend required:

No capital spend is required to achieve either site option.

The Consultation Document stated on page 25 in respect of the option to establish a new school on the Banw site that:

‘No capital funding is required to achieve this option. There is sufficient capacity within the current building to accommodate the current and forecasted pupils at the two schools.’

The Consultation Document also stated on page 40 in respect of the option to establish a new school on the Llanerfyl site that

‘No capital funding is required to achieve this option. Whilst the current capacity of Llanerfyl C. in W. (Foundation) School, as calculated using Welsh Government Circular 21/2011, ‘Measuring the Capacity of Schools in Wales’ would not be sufficient to accommodate all pupils currently attending the two schools, the capacity has been re-calculated with the inclusion of the school’s Art Room as a teaching base. This calculation provides sufficient capacity to accommodate current and projected pupil numbers at the two schools.’

However, it is acknowledged that there are issues with both buildings – generally, the Llanerfyl building is considered to be in better condition than the Banw building, whilst the Banw building is considered to be more suitable for curriculum delivery purposes than the Llanerfyl building. This information was also reflected on page 10 of the Consultation Document, however it is also outlined below:

In the Spring of 2018, the Council commissioned HoWPS to carry out updated condition and suitability assessments of the two schools, and the overall assessments were provided in the Consultation Document. These are as follows:

	Condition	Suitability
<i>Banw C.P. School</i>	<i>C</i> <i>Generally poor</i>	<i>B</i> <i>Generally satisfactory</i>
<i>Llanerfyl C. in W. (Foundation) School</i>	<i>B</i> <i>Generally satisfactory</i>	<i>C/D</i> <i>Poor to bad</i> <i>This assessment is based on the perceived limitation of having no hall, and the significant limitations due to conversion and extension of the original property.</i>

The HoWPS assessment of the condition of each building also provided an estimate of the maintenance expenditure that would be required on both buildings over the next 5 years. The following estimate was provided:

Year	Ysgol Dyffryn Banw	Ysgol Llanerfyl
0 – 2018	£87,500.00	£0.00
1 – 2019	£271,050.00	£54,250.00
3 – 2020	£20,500.00	£94,750.00
3 – 2021	£7,225.00	£3,700.00
4 – 2022	£2,000.00	£8,500.00
5 – 2023	£0.00	£16,500.00
5 year total	£388,275.00	£177,250.00

This suggests that the maintenance expenditure required on Ysgol Dyffryn Banw is higher, however the site is much bigger than that of Ysgol Llanerfyl, therefore this is not unexpected.

This estimate of maintenance expenditure required does not reflect any other improvements to the buildings that would be required to provide improved facilities at Llanerfyl School to match those available at Banw School. Whilst it is acknowledged that the Llanerfyl building can accommodate all current pupils in the area without any additional facilities, there are significant differences in the accommodation available, and investment would be needed to provide facilities which enable the effective delivery of the new curriculum. The cost of this is likely to be significant.

iii) Projected pupil numbers:

These were provided in the Consultation Document:

	January 2019	January 2020	January 2021	January 2022	January 2023
Banw C.P. School	22	18	17	13	15
Llanerfyl C. in W. (Foundation) School (R-Yr6)	28	30	29	31	28
TOTAL	50	48	46	44	43

However the position has now changed as a number of pupils have moved from Llanerfyl School to Banw School. Current pupil numbers¹ at the two schools are as follows:

¹ Teacher Centre, 04/04/18

	N2	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Banw	N/A	4	2	4	4	8	5	4	31
Llanerfyl	3	1	3	2	3	0	3	5	20

iv) **Why isn't Pontrobert School being considered in this review?**

Pontrobert School is closer to Llanfair Caereinion CP School than either Banw School or Llanerfyl School. It is 9.7 miles away from Banw C.P. School and is 7.3 miles away from Llanerfyl C. in W. (Foundation) School.

A review of Pontrobert, or a wider review of the Caereinion catchment, could be carried out in future if needed. However, the focus of the current proposal, as agreed with the two governing bodies when discussions commenced in 2017, was to retain provision in the Banw Valley.

v) **Query regarding the Health and Well-being of pupils eating at desks:**

This was addressed in Section 3.9 of the consultation report. As stated in the responses to issues raised during the consultation period:

'It is acknowledged that pupils eating lunch at their desks is not ideal, and that this is a situation which requires managing by school staff. However, Llanerfyl is not the only school in Powys where this is the case.'

'It is acknowledged that a separate dining area would be required in order to meet the design guidance for primary schools. However, Llanerfyl is not the only school in Powys where pupils eat in the classroom.'

'It is acknowledged that it is not ideal that pupils don't have a break from the classroom, however the Council is not aware of any evidence to suggest that this is detrimental to their well-being.'

vi) **27% of responses were from prospective or current parents. Can we look at these responses in particular and see if they support the recommendation – do these all support Banw?**

As with all consultation exercises of this type, this was a public consultation exercise, therefore anyone was entitled to respond, whatever their association with the schools.

A previous questionnaire was carried out during the pre-engagement phase, this was limited to parents of pupils currently attending the two schools and the local Cylch Meithrin. The findings of this questionnaire are outlined in the following report:

REPORT ON SURVEY OF PARENTS/CARERS OF PUPILS ATTENDING YSGOL DYFFRYN BANW, YSGOL LLANERFYL AND CYLCH MEITHRIN DYFFRYN BANW

MARCH 2018

1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

Council officers have been meeting with the governing bodies of Ysgol Dyffryn Banw and Ysgol Llanerfyl over the last few months. Separate meetings with the two governing bodies have been held, as well as two joint meetings with both governing bodies. At the meetings, the two governing bodies agreed that there was a need for the two schools in the Dyffryn Banw area to merge, due to the small number of pupils attending both schools, however the governing bodies had asked the Council to make a recommendation in terms of where the new school should be located.

Having assessed the two current sites in terms of their ability to accommodate all pupils currently attending the two schools, the Council had identified strengths and weaknesses associated with both current locations. The Council's conclusion was that initial engagement with parents of pupils currently attending the two schools and the local Cylch Meithrin was needed in order to determine a preferred option for the future delivery of education in the Dyffryn Banw area.

To facilitate this, a questionnaire was prepared and distributed to current parents. This report outlines the findings of the questionnaire.

2. METHODOLOGY

A written questionnaire was prepared and distributed to current parents at a drop-in session for parents held on the 7th February 2018. A record was kept of the parents that received copies of the questionnaire at the session, and copies were posted to any parents who did not receive a copy at the session. A copy of the questionnaire is attached in Appendix A at the end of this report.

A pre-paid envelope was provided with the questionnaire, and respondents were asked to return the questionnaires by Friday the 23rd February 2018.

3. RESPONSES RECEIVED

Questionnaires were distributed to 35 families whose children currently attend Ysgol Dyffryn Banw or Ysgol Llanerfyl, and 6 families whose children currently attend Cylch Meithrin Dyffryn Banw but do not currently attend Ysgol Dyffryn Banw or Ysgol Llanerfyl. In addition, a number of copies were provided to Cylch Meithrin Dyffryn Banw for distribution to parents of pupils attending the Cylch's Ti a Fi session.

28 completed questionnaires were returned.

4. SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

The following section summarises the responses received to the questionnaire.

4.1 Part 1 – About You

- 4.1.1 Respondents were asked to indicate which of the current providers in the area their children currently attended.

The provider/s currently attended were as follows:

Provider/s	Number of questionnaires
Ysgol Llanerfyl only	12
Ysgol Dyffryn Banw only	6
Ysgol Llanerfyl and Cylch Meithrin Dyffryn Banw	4
Ysgol Dyffryn Banw and Cylch Meithrin Dyffryn Banw	2
Cylch Meithrin Dyffryn Banw only	1
Not currently attending any of the above	3
Total	28

Responses were received from parents representing the following number of primary / pre-school aged children currently attending each provider:

Provider	Number of pupils
Ysgol Llanerfyl	24
Ysgol Dyffryn Banw	13
Cylch Meithrin Dyffryn Banw	7
Other pre-school aged pupils	9
Total	52

- 4.1.2 Parents of pre-school aged children were asked to indicate which of the current schools in the local area they expected their children to attend. The following responses were received:

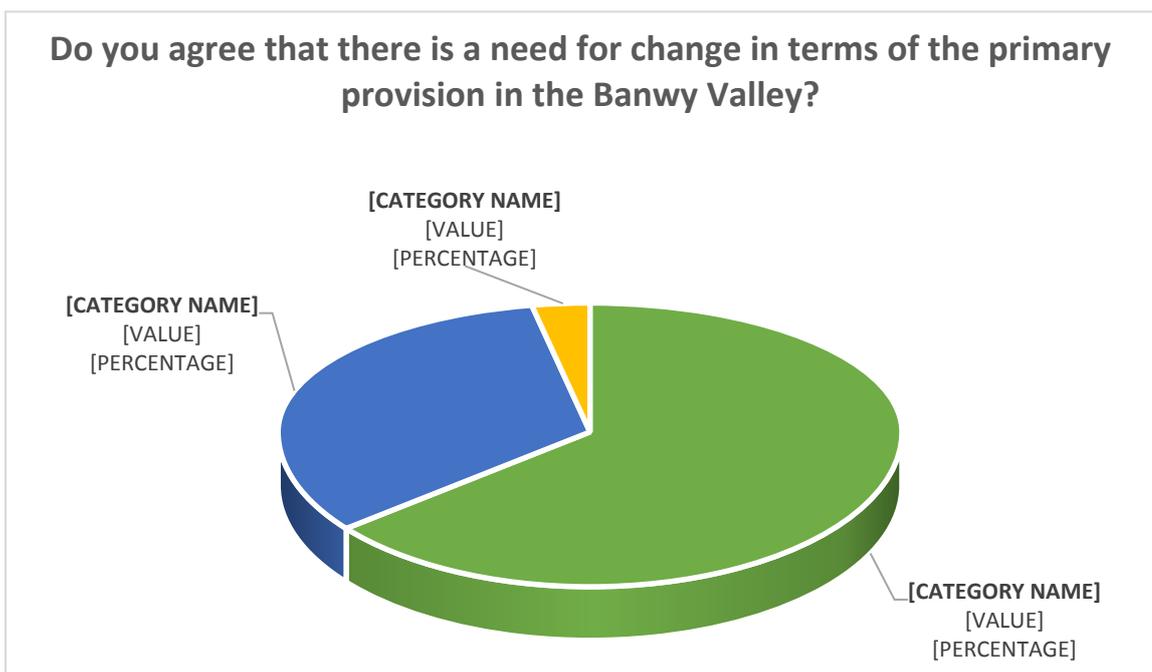
Provider	Number of responses	Number of pupils
Ysgol Dyffryn Banw	7	9
Ysgol Llanerfyl	6	6
Don't Know	1	1
Other	0	0

4.2 Part 2 – Future Options for Primary Provision in the Banwy Valley

- 4.2.1 Respondents were asked to answer 'Yes' or 'No' to the following question:

'Given the number of pupils currently attending the two primary schools in the area, do you agree that there is a need for change in terms of the primary provision in the Banwy Valley?'

The following chart summarises the responses received:



Respondents who answered 'No' were asked to explain why. The following issues were raised in the responses received:

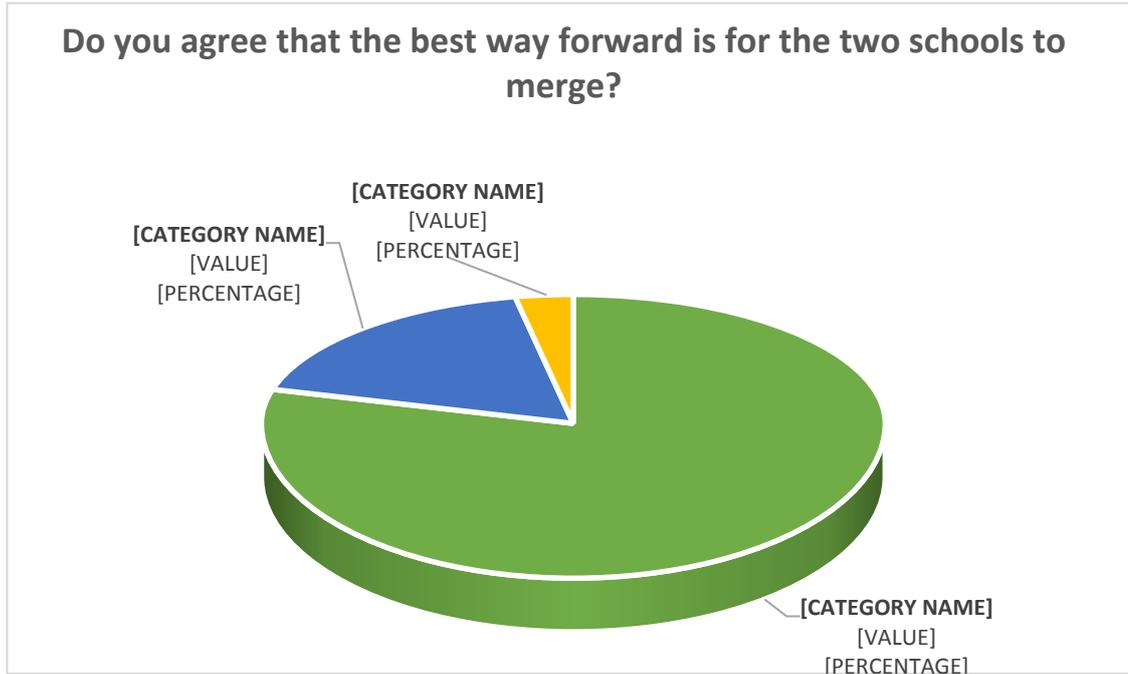
<p>i) There is no need for anything to change in Ysgol Llanerfyl</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupil numbers in Llanerfyl are healthy whilst Banw are struggling - The fact that Ysgol Dyffryn Banw is unable to attract pupils is not a problem for Llanerfyl - Young people move back to the area so that their children can attend Ysgol Llanerfyl - Only one school has a problem, there is no need to change anything in Llanerfyl. However Banw pupils would be welcome to attend Ysgol Llanerfyl
<p>ii) Concern about the impact on the Welsh language</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Llanerfyl is a rural, friendly school where the Welsh language is heard naturally on the yard - Llanerfyl is a natural Welsh-medium school where most pupils come from Welsh-speaking homes - Any decision to close Ysgol Llanerfyl will impact on Welsh culture and the Welsh language in the area and will go against the aim to achieve a million Welsh speakers by 2050
<p>iii) Pupil numbers in the area could increase</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupil numbers have been low before in the area but have bounced back – the same could happen again - Would be better to attract families to the area to increase numbers than to change the schools
<p>iv) Like the current low pupil numbers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Like the fact that children are benefitting from a very low teacher: pupil ratio

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4.2.2 Respondents were asked to answer ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ to the following question:

‘The governing bodies of Ysgol Dyffryn Banw and Ysgol Llanerfyl have agreed in principle that there is a need for the two schools to merge to become one school. Do you agree that this is the best way forward?’

The following chart summarises the responses received:



Respondents who answered ‘No’ were asked to explain why. The following issues were raised in the responses received:

i) Concern about how successful merging the two schools would be	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any forced change would result in a dysfunctional school - Concern about the two schools merging due to comments made about one school community by the other school community
ii) Ysgol Llanerfyl should not close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not true that the governing body of Llanerfyl agreed to this - Closing Ysgol Llanerfyl would be the end of Welsh-medium primary education in the Banwy Valley - Ysgol Llanerfyl should continue as it is and Ysgol Dyffryn Banw should close

4.2.3 Should the two schools merge, four options were described in terms of where the school should be located. Respondents were asked to rank the options in terms of which would be the best option for the area for the future, where 1 was the preferred option and 4 was the least preferred option.

The number of rankings received for each option and the average ranking is summarised in the following table. Some respondents did not rank all options.

Option	Number of rankings received	Total rankings				Average ranking
		1	2	3	4	
A new dual sited school operating across the two current buildings	25	2	5	10	8	2.96
A new school operating in the current Dyffryn Banw building	25	12	3	5	5	2.12
A new school operating in the current Llanerfyl building	25	11	11	0	3	1.8
A new school built on a new site in the area	25	2	6	9	8	2.92

4.2.4 Respondents were asked to outline any other options they thought the Council should consider. The following suggestions were received:

i) Increase pupil numbers at both schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide backing to both schools to keep their numbers buoyant - Stop providing free transport to nearest English-medium school – should be promoting access to Welsh-medium school - Attract new families to the area
ii) Only close one of the schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Close Banw and all children to come to Llanerfyl - Llanerfyl building as it is can provide education for all children in the area. The cost of a new building would be a waste of tax payers money
iii) Alternative dual sited model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dual sites school with infants on one site and juniors on the other
iv) Leave the schools as they are	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep the schools as they are as there are two separate communities who will never agree
v) Alternative new build suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build a new Welsh-medium primary in Llanfair Caereinion - One new school for Llanfair and Dyffryn Banw pupils
vi) Other comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would like the opportunity to go around both schools to compare them. Lack of a hall in Llanerfyl is a concern

	- Banw is a better site as there are facilities for more pupils and a hall on the site, plus room for 4 classes or more, and a room to serve food
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4.2.5 If any of the options was taken forward, respondents were asked to indicate how likely they are to choose that option for their child/children. The number of responses received for each is summarised in the following table:

	Very likely	Likely	Unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't know	Did not answer
A new dual sited school operating across the two current buildings	12	3	2	7	1	3
A new school operating in the current Dyffryn Banw building	14	3	2	8	0	1
A new school operating in the current Llanerfyl building	19	5	0	2	0	2
A new school built on a new site in the area	11	5	1	3	3	5

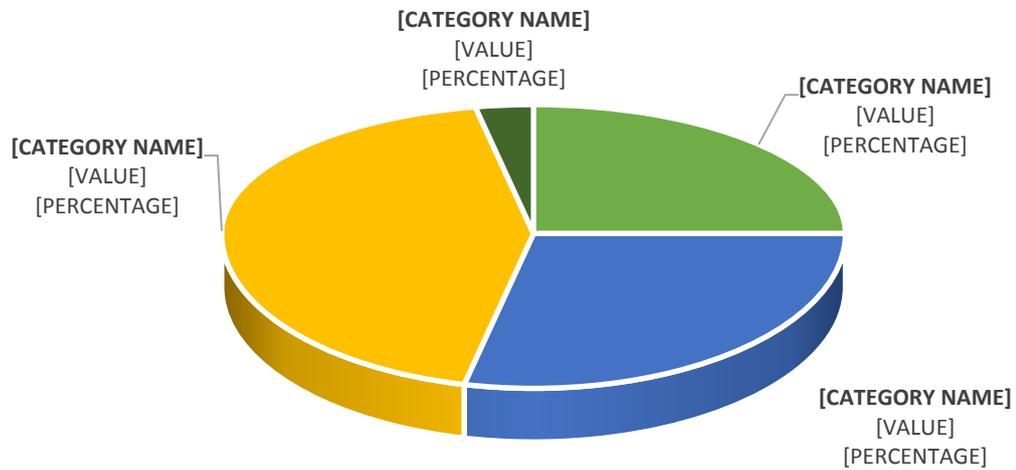
4.2.6 Respondents who answered 'Unlikely' or 'Very Unlikely' for any of the options in the previous table were asked to indicate which alternative schools they would choose for their children to attend.

The following table indicates the alternative schools that were named, and the number of times they were named:

School	Number
Llanfair Caereinion CP School	9
Ysgol Pontrobert	4
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	2
Meifod	1
Ysgol Rhiw Bechan	1

4.2.7 If there were a new primary school in the area, respondents were asked to indicate their preference in terms of the denominational status of this school. The following chart summarises the responses received:

If there were a new primary school in the area, would you prefer the school to be a community primary school or a Church in Wales primary school?



4.2.8 Respondents were invited to provide any other comments about the matters covered by this questionnaire. The comments received are summarised below:

<p>i) Positives about Ysgol Dyffryn Banw</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dyffryn Banw can accommodate all children in the area - Dyffryn Banw has a canteen where there is plenty of room to sit and eat - Dyffryn Banw has plenty of safe parking available - Community centre is on site - Large playing field at Dyffryn Banw - Sufficient classrooms which can be adapted to suit teaching requirements - Banw has a hall attached to the school, so no need to walk to the community centre which ensures pupil safety - Area sports held at Banw – there is a large grassed area, which is available for all sports activities - More room in Banw – e.g. play areas, parking, classrooms - No need to waste money on a new building as there is a building in Dyffryn Banw which has everything that is needed - Plenty of space in Dyffryn Banw to accommodate any growth in pupils numbers - Common sense would say that the current Dyffryn Banw building meets the requirements – there is a hall attached, plenty of space to play and a safe area to drop off and pick up the children, as well as a canteen and kitchen - Dyffryn Banw is the better site as there are facilities for all pupils and a hall attached. Room for 4 classes or more and a room for serving food whereas this happens in a classroom in Llanerfyl - Dyffryn Banw building is used by Dyffryn Banw football club - Llangadfan isn't too far for Llanerfyl pupils – children will come to the school if it's a good school – and it will be
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No need to spend millions on land in Llanerfyl to build an extension when there is an ideal school / location up the road in Banw
ii) Negatives about Ysgol Dyffryn Banw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Banw building is too large to run and heat for a small number of pupils - Poor bullying policy at Banw School – children have moved from Banw to Llanerfyl due to bullying - £1500 more expensive per pupil to run Ysgol Dyffryn Banw, therefore moving all pupils to Llanerfyl would result in more savings - Dyffryn Banw Estyn report 2016 – only 94% of children felt that bullying was taken seriously vs 100% of children at Ysgol Llanerfyl - If the two schools joined at Banw, the number of surplus places would be nearly 60% - School Organisation Code states that significant surplus places is considered to be 25% or above - Dyffryn Banw is inconvenient for parents to travel to work in Welshpool direction - Llanerfyl pupils would have to travel further to attend after school activities - There are no safe walking and cycling routes to Dyffryn Banw as per the requirements of Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 - The location of Banw school is inconvenient and unlikely to attract children from other areas - Banw school is much too big – and it will be too big if all children from the 2 schools attend it - Have no confidence that Dyffryn Banw would attract enough pupils to keep it open - Only a small minority of Llanerfyl children would go to Banw school - It's Banw that has stirred things up so Banw School should close
iii) Impact on Banw community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YFC, football club and Ysgol Theatr Maldwyn all depend on the Banw Hall
iv) Positives about Ysgol Llanerfyl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Llanerfyl can accommodate all the children - Llanerfyl has funding support from parents and locals who are happy to help if work needs doing - Most children can walk or cycle to school at Llanerfyl. This reduces the council's transport costs - Llanerfyl School has had regular sporting achievements over the years - Ysgol Llanerfyl is unique in Powys in terms of its Welsh ethos, links with the community, and it has been providing education in the same place for nearly 300 years - NICE, the WHO and the BMA emphasise the importance of physical activity; Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 promotes walking and cycling to school. Research shows that children who walk or cycle to school have better physical and mental health, learn

	<p>better in school and are better behaved. It would be a shame for Llanerfyl children to lose these benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 80% of Llanerfyl pupils come from homes where at least 1 parent speaks Welsh - Llanerfyl has more pupils – it would be immoral to close the school with the most pupils to save a school with less children - It costs less to run a school which is nearly full in Llanerfyl than an school that is quarter full in Banw - The Llanerfyl community is very supportive to the school and will seek a judicial review if the council insists on closing this school - The Church of Wales owns the site at Ysgol Llanerfyl – PCC could look at selling the site of Ysgol Dyffryn Banw and investing the money in Llanerfyl - Llanerfyl is fine as it is, Banw children would be welcome to join us - Current Cylch Meithrin pupils – 7 due to start in Llanerfyl by Sept 2019, only 4 due to start in Dyffryn Banw. Why move the majority of learners for the benefit of the minority?
v) Negatives about Ysgol Llanerfyl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern about parking at Llanerfyl - Query re safe transport to school if the schools merge at Llanerfyl – coming out of the junction onto the main road is a hazard - No parking at Llanerfyl – would parents be expected to park at the village hall and walk down to the school? - Village hall is quite a distance from Llanerfyl school – concern about having to walk in the rain on a hazardous road - In Llanerfyl, children have to eat in the classroom, and the smell of the food hangs around all afternoon
vi) Impact on Llanerfyl community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The village of Llanerfyl would be fine if there was no school – the hall, chapel, church etc will still operate - Closing Llanerfyl School would have a negative impact on the Welsh language and the community
vii) Comments regarding community split	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a lot of historical bias and feuds which mainly stem from Llanerfyl. As someone from outside the area I don't understand what the issues are - Decision needs to be made soon as it's dividing the community and putting new parents off sending their children to either school - The Banwy Valley is one community, any split based on schools would be ridiculous
viii) General support for the need to change in the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is not only Banw's problem, although Llanerfyl people want to believe that. We have to be realistic and sensible. It's the children that are important, we must think with our heads not our hearts - The community needs to come together to merge 2 wonderful schools to create 1 amazing school - The best way forward is one successful school in the Valley and to bring the two schools together

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both schools are excellent providers of Welsh-medium education and a critical part of the valley, but it would be better to have one school - Hope everyone will come to the conclusion of merging the two school to ensure the future of the Welsh language and to ensure the best education for our children and future children in Dyffryn Banw - Something needs to be done – hope the Council decide quickly and follow through with the transition fairly and openly - The council needs to ensure a future for education for children in the Valley - There is room to strengthen the current provision to attract parents to send their children to the school - Concern that the Council will choose Llanerfyl site in order to avoid too much fuss. Need to look further to the future – there may be some difficult years ahead but it will be worth it to have an excellent school for the whole valley
ix) Need to consider what's best for the children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The welfare of the children should be the most important consideration - Need to consider where the best facilities are for the pupils - The education provided to the children is what's important, not the location of individuals - A school with at least 40 children is better for them to learn and interact - Children in both schools are missing out on activities in and out of school - The current situation is not sustainable or healthy for the children - Teaching years 3-6 in one class is challenging. There are many advantages in having year 3-4 and year 5-6 separate
x) Possible growth in pupil numbers in the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should be wary of providing a long term solution to a short term issue – has there been any consultation with major employers who may have plans in the area that could bring more families to the area? Whilst there could be a further fall in pupil numbers, an increase is more likely
xi) Need to ensure Welsh-medium education in the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Main interest is high quality Welsh-medium education with a Welsh ethos - The important thing for us as parents is to have Welsh-medium education in the valley. - The council's priority should be to ensure a Welsh-medium school in the area – whether that is in Llanerfyl or Llangadfan
xii) Comments relating to the drop-in session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern about derogatory comments by Dyffryn Banw community about Llanerfyl - Felt intimidated at the session in Llanerfyl Hall by members of the Llanerfyl community who don't have children in the schools
xiii) Other queries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will the two schools close if they don't merge?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the two schools merged to create one body of staff, would these positions be filled from the current staff, or would the positions be advertised, which could mean that the staff at the new school could not include any of the current staff at the two schools? - Is there any evidence that Church status makes any difference?
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5. MAIN FINDINGS

5.1 Respondents

- 16 questionnaires were received from families that currently have children attending Ysgol Llanerfyl, whilst 8 were received from families that currently have children attending Ysgol Dyffryn Banw.
- Parents of pre-school aged pupils were asked to indicate which of the 2 current schools they expected their children to attend. Of these responses, 9 prospective pupils were identified for Ysgol Dyffryn Banw, and 6 prospective pupils were identified for Ysgol Llanerfyl, with 1 pupil unsure.

5.2 The need for change in the Banwy Valley area

- 18 respondents (64%) agreed that there was a need for change in terms of the primary provision in the Banwy Valley
- 22 respondents (78%) agreed that the best way forward is for the two schools to merge.

5.3 Preferred options

- Respondents were asked to rank 4 options for the future of provision in the area. An average of all rankings received for each option was calculated, and on this basis, the lowest average ranking was for 'A new school operating in the current Llanerfyl building', which received an average ranking of 1.8. In terms of the average ranking, the options were scored as follows:
 - 1 A new school operating in the current Llanerfyl building – 1.8
 - 2 A new school operating in the current Dyffryn Banw building – 2.12
 - 3 A new school built on a new site in the area – 2.92
 - 4 A new dual sited school operating across the two current buildings – 2.96
- However, the order is different if we consider the number of times each option was ranked '1', the preferred option. On this basis, the order in terms of preference is as follows:
 - 1 A new school operating in the current Dyffryn Banw building – 12
 - 2 A new school operating in the current Llanerfyl building – 11
 - =3 A new school dual sited school operating across the two current buildings – 2
 - =3 A new school built on a new site in the area – 2

- Whilst 16 questionnaires were received from families that currently have children attending Ysgol Llanerfyl, only 11 questionnaires ranked the option of 'A new school operating in the current Llanerfyl building' as their preferred option. In contrast, only 8 questionnaires were received from families that currently have children attending Ysgol Dyffryn Banw, however 12 questionnaires ranked 'A new school operating in the current Dyffryn Banw building' as the preferred option.
- There is a significant difference, however in the 2nd preference figures. Whilst 11 respondents indicated 'A new school operating in the current Llanerfyl building' as their 2nd preferred option, only 3 respondents indicated 'A new school operating in the current Dyffryn Banw building' as their 2nd preferred option.
- Further analysis of the responses received reveals that the vast majority of respondents who ranked 'A new school operating in the current Dyffryn Banw building' as their preferred option ranked 'A new school operating in the current Llanerfyl building' as their 2nd preferred option. This is not the case for those that selected 'A new school operating in the current Llanerfyl building' as their preferred option – the majority of these respondents ranked 'A new school operating in the current Dyffryn Banw building' as either their 3rd or 4th preference

5.4 Likelihood of attending

- Respondents were asked to state how likely it is that they would attend each of the options if that option were to be taken forward.
- The option respondents were most likely to attend was 'A new school operating in the current Llanerfyl building', with 24 out of 28 respondents stating that they would be Very Likely or Likely to choose that option for their child/children.
- The option which respondents were second most likely to choose for their child/children to attend was 'A new school operating in the current Dyffryn Banw building', with 17 out of 28 respondents indicating that they would be Very Likely or Likely to choose that option for their child/children.
- However, 'A new school operating in the current Dyffryn Banw building' was the option that the highest number of respondents indicated they would be less likely to choose for their child/children, with 10 out of 28 respondents indicating that they would be Unlikely or Very Unlikely to choose that option for their child/children.
- In contrast, only 2 respondents indicated that they were Unlikely or Very Unlikely to attend 'A new school operating in the current Llanerfyl building' if that option was taken forward.

5.5 Denominational status

- Whilst 8 respondents (29%) indicated that they would prefer any new school in the area to be a Church in Wales school and 7 respondents (25%) indicated that they would prefer any new school to be a Community Primary school, 12 respondents (43%) indicated that they had no preference.

vii) Indication of which site is safer in terms of vehicle movements:

Responses to issues relating to safety of car parking arrangements at Llanerfyl are provided in section 3.5 of the Consultation Report, and include the following:

'It is acknowledged that parking space at Llanerfyl C. in W. (Foundation) School is limited. Should a decision be made to establish a new school on the Llanerfyl site, the Council would need to look at ways to address this. There is pavement along the road from the Village Hall, therefore one possibility could be to encourage parents to park at the Village Hall and walk along the pavement to the school.'

'It is acknowledged that parking space at Llanerfyl C. in W. (Foundation) School is limited and that some parents drop off and collect children outside the school gates. Whilst this is not ideal, there is pavement along the road to the school, therefore there is a safe route for parents to walk with their children to school should they need to park outside the school site. Should a decision be made to establish a new school on the Llanerfyl site, the Council would need to look at ways to address this. There is a pavement along the road from the Village Hall, therefore one possibility could be to encourage parents to park at the Village Hall and walk along the pavement to the school.'

Comments were also made relating to the parking arrangements at Banw School, these are outlined in section 2.6 of the consultation report.

viii) Issues raised by Llanerfyl in their emails to members, and which members then pursued in Council:

See Appendix E