

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Phil Pritchard

Re New Welshpool Schools: In an early meeting of combined governors of the 5 schools, the Officers undertook to “consult” with ALL FAITHS in Welshpool regarding this matter. Can you please tell me how many of the 5 or 6 Faiths were indeed consulted, and how many meetings were held with them, and what notes/minutes of such meetings were kept?

Response

During the early discussions with stakeholders in Welshpool, the authority invited the Education Director of the Diocese of St. Asaph to the Local Stakeholder Group meetings, as one of the schools under review was a Church in Wales School – Gungrog.

During the formal consultation stage, the authority consulted with the relevant stakeholders as required by the School Organisation Code. The Consultation Document outlines the consultees as follows:

- Pupils (including School Councils), Parents, Prospective parents, Staff and Governing Bodies of any schools likely to be affected by the Proposals
- Any other local Council likely to be affected
- Church-in-Wales and Roman Catholic Diocesan Council for the area in which any school likely to be affected is located
- Teaching and staff trade unions
- Assembly Members and Members of Parliament representing the area served by any school which is subject of the Proposals
- County Councillors
- Regional Education Consortium
- Regional Transport Consortium
- Police and Crime Commissioner for the area
- Community and town councils for the area served by any school which is subject to the Proposal
- Early years providers in the local area
- Welsh Government Schools Management Division
- Estyn
- Children and Young People’s Partnership
- RhAG (Rhieni dros Addysg Gymraeg / Parents for Welsh medium Education).

The consultation responses were reported to full Council who resolved to support the proposals to establish new English-medium and Welsh-medium primary schools in Welshpool and Cabinet who took the decision.