

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON TUESDAY, 12 MARCH 2019

PRESENT

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

County Councillors A W Davies, MC Alexander, P Davies, J Evans, S M Hayes and R Powell

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Martin Weale.

2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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County Councillor A Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 3 Llanfyllin All-Through School.

County Councillor M Alexander declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 Banw C.P. School and Llanerfyl C.in W. (Foundation) School.

3.	LLANFYLLIN ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL
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County Councillor Aled Davies left the meeting during discussion of this item having declared a prejudicial interest.

Cabinet considered responses to the consultation on proposals to Llanfyllin C.P. School and Llanfyllin High School and establish a new bilingual all-through school for pupils aged 4-18 on the current sites of Llanfyllin C.P. School and Llanfyllin High School. Of 63 responses received, 40 had agreed with the proposal. Cabinet also had details of the discussion in Council on 7th March and responses to issues that had been raised. Cabinet was advised that the establishment of an all-through school would not prejudice any future decisions on school modernisation in the area.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
i) To receive the Consultation Report and the views of Full Council in respect of establishing an all-through school in Llanfyllin.	To understand the issues raised during the consultation period.
ii) To approve the publication of a statutory notice to close both Llanfyllin C.P. School and Llanfyllin High School from the 31st August 2020, and open a new bilingual all-through	To provide stability and security of local provision.

<p>school for pupils aged 4-18 on the sites currently occupied by Llanfyllin C.P. School and Llanfyllin High School from the 1st September 2020.</p>	
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County Councillor Aled Davies returned to the meeting.

4.	BANW C.P. SCHOOL AND LLANERFYL C. IN W. (FOUNDATION) SCHOOL
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Cabinet considered the responses received to the consultation on proposals to close Banw C.P. School and Llanerfyl C. in W. (Foundation) School and to establish a new school to establish a new Welsh-medium Voluntary Aided primary school on the current site of Banw C.P. School. 83% of respondents had agreed with the proposal to merge the two schools, with 61% supporting the Banw C.P. School site and 36% the Llanerfyl C. in W. School site. Cabinet also had details of the issues raised in the debate in Council on 7th March and responses to those issues.

Several Cabinet members referred to the information they had received from parents by email and indicated that they wanted to defer taking a decision so that the information could be checked.

County Councillor Alexander left the meeting having declared an interest.

Cabinet was advised that provided a decision was made before the end of April, and the statutory notice was published on 1st May 2019, a new school could open from 1st September 2020.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
To defer consideration to a date in April.	To allow further information received to be checked.

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)