

Objection Report on the Proposed Closure of Ysgol

Llanefydd

Conwy

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1. Statutory Notice

1.1 Publication of the Statutory Notice

On 5th September 2022, following Cabinet approval (12th July 2022), Conwy County Borough Council issued a Closure Notice, stating that Ysgol Llanefydd was to close 31st December 2022. This started a notice period of 28 days which allowed any interested stakeholder the opportunity to submit their views on the proposal.

The notice period began on the 5th of September 2022 and ended on the 4th of October 2022. This included an extra day for responses as the extra Bank Holiday fell during this period.

The consultation has been conducted in accordance with the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code, which details the required actions that must be undertaken as part of the process.

This document will set out the steps taken during the Notice Period, refer to responses received and will aim to answer and tackle queries that have been put to the Authority.

Conwy sent copies of the Statutory Notice via hardcopy and by email link giving details of how to make any comments on the proposal. The Statutory Notice was displayed at the school gates of Ysgol Llanefydd and was also published on the Conwy County Borough Council webpages bilingually along with all other documentation regarding the Proposal. The table below sets out the list of recipients who received a copy of the Consultation Document, in accordance with the School Organisation Code.

Name/Organisation
Teachers & staff of Ysgol Llanefydd
Governors of Ysgol Llanefydd
Headteacher of Ysgol Bro Gwydir
Church in Wales / Roman Catholic Diocesan Authority
Denbighshire County Council Education Services
Welsh Minister for Education & Skills
Welsh Government Schools Management and Effectiveness Division
Assembly Member & Member of Parliament representing area subject to proposals
Local Conwy Councillor for Llanefydd
Llanefydd Community Council
Estyn
Teaching & Staff Trade Unions
GWE
Police & Crime Commissioner for North Wales
Nursery Provision/ Mudiad Meithrin
Welsh Language Commissioner

2. Objections

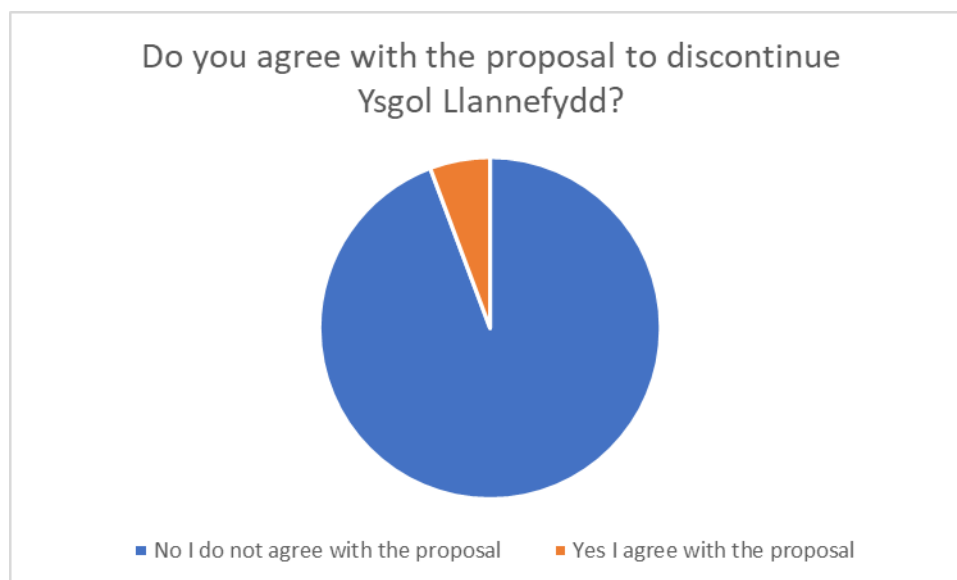
Under section 49 of the 2013 Act when objections have been received proposers must publish a summary of the statutory objections and the proposer's response to those objections ("the Objection Report"). This must take place:

(a) in the case of a local authority that is required to determine its own proposals under section 53 of the Act, before the end of 7 days beginning with the day of its determination: and

(b) in all other cases, before the end of 28 days beginning with the end of the objection period.

In total 44 responses were received to the proposal via our online response form by midnight on the 4th of October 2022. There were no responses received via post. Responses from ESTYN and jointly from the Governing Body of Ysgol Llanefydd and Llanefydd Community Council were received via e-mail.

The feedback that we have received from former parents, Governors, and members of the wider community in the main were not in agreement with the Proposal, with only 2 supporting the proposal to close Ysgol Llanefydd.



Responses were from the following groups:

Respondent Group	Number of responses
A parent of a child previously at Ysgol Llanefydd	30
A member of staff at another school	2
A governor of Ysgol Llanefydd:	2
A parent of a child at another school	1
A member of staff at Ysgol Llanefydd:	1
Other interested party:	8

Responses from the "other interested party" group include former pupils and residents.

A number of the comments received during the process were not objections but focused on family links to the school and the expression of sadness at the school potentially closing. A selection has been included for reference below.

“Mae pawb o teulu ni wedi mynychu'r ysgol, fi ar gwr ar 4 plant. Mae meddwl na fydd ysgol yn Llanefydd i plant ein plant yn drist iawn!!.”

"Everyone from our family has attended the school, me my husband and 4 children. The thought that there won't be a school in Llanefydd for our children's children is very sad!!."

“Cafodd y plant addysg a chyfluoedd anhygoel yn Ysgol Llanefydd. Cyfnod hapus iawn.”

"The children had an amazing education and opportunities at Ysgol Llanefydd. A very happy time.”

A response received jointly from the Governing Body of Ysgol Llanefydd and Llanefydd Community Council states:

“Mae trigolion dalgylch yr ysgol wedi dod i delerau â gweld yr Ysgol yn cau ac yn deall bod hynny, bellach yn anochel. Rhaid hefyd dderbyn y broses bresennol o gyfnod ymgynghorol, tra yn ymwybodol nad oes dim yn mynd i arbed yr ysgol rhag dod i ddiwedd ei chyfnod fel man addysgol nodedig.

Mae yn naturiol felly, yn enwedig o feddwl am leoliad canolig y safle a'r ysgol yn y pentref, bod cwestiynau nawr yn codi ynghylch dyfodol y safle.

Mae'r gofid sy'n bodoli yn sgil y bwriad i gau'r ysgol wedi arwain at awydd gwirioneddol gan y trigolion i ymchwilio i'r posibilrwydd fod y Gymuned yn cymryd cyfrifoldeb hir dymor o'r safle, o bosib mewn cydweithrediad â Chyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy.

Mae amryw o syniadau wedi eu cynnig, sy'n berthnasol i'r brif weledigaeth o greu Hwb a man ymgynnull cwmpasol i bob oed. Byddai Hwb o'r fath yn gwasanaethu'r gymuned gyffredinol, gan amcanu i fod yn ffwlcrwm i hybu a chefnogi cymdeithasau a sefydliadau lleol. Fe fyddai pwyslais ar gyfleusterau ar gyfer hybu iechyd a lles - corfforol a meddyliol, ynghyd â darparu cefnogaeth ac anogaeth i'r iaith Gymraeg, ond heb elyniaethu trigolion di-Gymraeg.”

TRANSLATED "The residents of the school's catchment area have come to terms with seeing the school close and understand that it is now inevitable. The current process of a consultation period must also be accepted, while being aware that nothing is going to save the school from coming to the end of its period as a notable educational place.

It is therefore natural, especially when thinking about the central location of the site and the school in the village, that questions now arise about the future of the site.

The sadness that exists as a result of the intention to close the school has led to a real desire from the residents to investigate the possibility of the Community taking long-term responsibility for the site, possibly in collaboration with a Council Conwy County Borough.

Various ideas have been proposed, which are relevant to the main vision of creating Hwb and an inclusive gathering place for all ages. Such a Hub would serve the general community, aiming to be a fulcrum to promote and support local associations and organisations. There would be an emphasis on facilities for promoting health and well-being - physical and mental, together with providing support and encouragement for the Welsh language, but without antagonizing non-Welsh speaking residents."

The full response is included at the end of this report.

3. Authority Response to the objections

The objections received have been summarised and grouped into categories according to the subject matter of the objection.

The categories are as follows:

- Welsh Language
- Local community
- School Leadership Team
- Local Authority

For clarity, authority responses will be provided on each of the groups above in the tables that follow:

Objection	Authority Response
Welsh Language	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Mae ysgol yn galon y gymuned ac yn allweddol i gynnal a chadw'r iaith Gymraeg.” <i>“A school is at the heart of the community and is key to maintaining and preserving the Welsh language”</i> • “wrth gau yr ysgol byddain golygu fod plant o deuluoedd cymraeg yn colli allan ar gael addysg gymraeg lleol ag yn cael y gefnogaeth orau gan ei bod yn ysgol llai yng ngefn gwlad” <i>“closing the school would mean that children from Welsh-speaking families miss out on getting a local Welsh-language education that gets the best support as it is a smaller school in the countryside”</i> • “Trwy gau'r ysgol mi fyddwch chi'n cau'r drws ar un o gadarnleoedd yr iaith Gymraeg yn sir Conwy.” <i>“By closing the school you will be closing the door on one of the strongholds of the Welsh language in Conwy County.”</i> • “Angen cadw yr Ysgol ar agor i gynnal y gymuned ac annog y iaith Gymraeg yn yr ardal.” <i>“Need to keep the School open to support the community and encourage the Welsh language in the area.”</i> 	<p>Conwy County Borough Council has a vision to ensure that all pupils in the county have fluent and confident linguistic skills in Welsh and English.</p> <p>As part of this vision, we want to ensure that the county's children and young people have every opportunity to be full members of the bilingual / multilingual society of which they are a part so that they wish to use the language within the family, in the communities and in the workplace.</p> <p>Conwy County Borough Council are committed to the aspirations of the Welsh Government to create a million Welsh speakers by 2050 and will contribute to this vision by increasing the numbers receiving Welsh-medium education as well as inspiring and encouraging the pride of the county's children and young people in the Welsh language, its heritage and culture.</p> <p>In support of the vision set out in the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan, Conwy Council will continue to promote the implementation of the Language Charter in each of the county's Welsh-medium primary schools to influence children's social use of Welsh.</p> <p>Further details can be found on our webpages.</p>
Local community	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Pentref heb blant yw pentref heb ddyfodol ac o anfon plant y pentref allan o'r gymuned mae'r pentref yn dlotach a'r gymdeithas yn pellhau oddi wrth ei gilydd. Ystyriwch cyngherddau, nosweithiau cymdeithasol a'r gymuned yn troi o gylch yr ysgol ac yn ei chefnogi.” <i>“A village without children is a village without a future and by sending the village's children out of the community the village is poorer and the society grows further apart. Consider concerts, social evenings and the community revolving around the school and supporting it.”</i> • “Llanefydd is potentially a village where future houses will be built - to lose the school with the prospect of this future developments happening is crazy - short 	<p>Conwy County Borough Council understands the importance of community across the county, especially in our rural communities.</p> <p>Although Ysgol Llanefydd is not officially classed as rural school (Welsh Government School Organisation Code), following initial engagement regarding decreasing pupil numbers, it was agreed that given the size and location of the school, to treat it as such for the purposes of this proposal.</p> <p>The School Organisation Code makes special arrangements regarding rural schools, establishing a procedural presumption against their closure, requiring Conwy to follow a more</p>

<p>sighted approaches to rural education are not sensible for the local communities”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mae ysgol Llanefydd yn ased amhrisiadwy i'r Gymuned, bydd cau yr ysgol a pheidio a rhoi'r cyfle i blant sydd i ddod yn y blynyddoedd nesaf yn golled enfawr. <i>“Ysgol Llanefydd is an invaluable asset to the Community, closing the school and not giving the opportunity to children who will come in the next few years will be a huge loss.”</i> • Mae'n biti mawr cau ysgol wledig mor llwyddiannus a Ysgol Llanefydd! Mae angen dod ohyd i staff sydd yn frwdfredig am yr ysgol a'i hardal, ac eisiau bod yn rhan o'r gymuned. <i>“It is a great shame to close such a successful rural school as Ysgol Llanefydd! We need to find staff who are enthusiastic about the school and its area, and who want to be part of the community.”</i> • “closing such a well-known and successful rural school such as Llanefydd would be a tragedy and would have a detrimental effect on the small tight knit rural community.” 	<p>detailed set of procedures and requirements in formulating a rural school closure proposal</p> <p>This does not mean that a rural school will never close but the case for closure must be strong and all viable alternatives to closure must have been conscientiously considered, including federation.</p> <p>Officers followed a more detailed set of procedures and requirements in formulating the school closure proposal and in consulting on and reaching a decision as to whether to implement the closure proposal.</p> <p>The proposal presented to and accepted by Cabinet (12th July 2022) showed that there is no current community use of the school building or site.</p> <p>Ysgol Llanefydd does not currently have any provision for out of school childcare facilities. There is no After School Club or Cylch Meithrin at the school and it does not accommodate any facilities for community use i.e. youth club/play group.</p>
School Leadership Team	
<p>Comments received under this topic have not been included as some refer directly to individuals or groups.</p> <p>To summarise, comments relate to a lack of promoting the school within the community and the local area to ensure sufficient numbers of learners long term.</p> <p>Reference was also made to a lack of dynamic leadership to ensure stable and flourishing relationships with stakeholders.</p>	<p>It is the responsibility of the governing body to appoint School staff.</p> <p>They also have the responsibility for the standards and management of the School and the Local Authority and GwE can support as needed. GwE is the North Wales regional school improvement service working alongside and on behalf of the North Wales local authorities.</p> <p>The Performance Management process is led by the governing body, and they can follow skill processes when managerial issues require further attention.</p> <p>They have access to Governors Wales for the rights and arrangements of the governing body.</p> <p>The governing body can support the School in promoting and marketing the School to ensure a prominent profile in the local and wider community and the body has a specific process and policy for responding to parents if there are issues that require attention and action.</p>
Local Authority	
<p>Wedi i'r plant olaf ymadael prin iawn ydy cefnogaeth y Swyddogion Addysg wedi bod i'r Llywodraethwyr sydd yn awyddus i weld defnydd priodol cymdeithasol a Chymreig yn cael ei wneud o'r adeilad a'r safle. Pam? <i>After the last children have left there has been very little support from the Education Officers for the Governors who are keen to see appropriate social and Welsh use being made of the building and the site. Why?</i></p>	<p>Mae'r awdurdod yn gorfod dilyn protocol democrataidd sydd yn dilyn arweiniad Llywodraeth Cymru o fewn y ddogfen Cod Trefniadaeth Ysgol. Mae'r broses o sicrhau y defnydd priodol o'r safle yn dilyn y broses hon yn weithdrefn arwahan. <i>The authority must follow a democratic protocol that follows the guidance of the Welsh Government within the School Organization Code. The process of</i></p>

Pa gamau gymerodd Awdurdod Addysg Sir Conwy i osgoi gorfod cau'r ysgol?
What steps did the Conwy County Education Authority take to avoid having to close the school?

Beth fu ymateb Awdurdod Addysg Sir Conwy bob tro roedd rhieni yn symud eu plant i ysgolion yn Sir Ddinbych?
What has been the response of the Conwy County Education Authority every time parents moved their children to schools in Denbighshire?

Pa ystyriaethau ffederaleiddio gynigiwyd i Lywodraethwyr, staff, rhieni a phlant Ysgol Llanefydd? Does dim tystiolaeth bod hyn wedi digwydd o gwbl.
What federalization considerations were proposed to Governors, staff, parents, and children of Ysgol Llanefydd? There is no evidence that this happened at all.

Ydi'r Awdurdod Addysg yn sylweddoli effaith tymor hir y penderfyniad i gau'r ysgol ar bentref gwledig Cymreig?
Does the Education Authority realize the long-term impact of the decision to close the school on a rural Welsh village?

Pa wersi mae Awdurdod Addysg Sir Conwy wedi eu dysgu o ran y gefnogaeth a'r arweiniad ddyliai gael ei chynnig i ysgolion eraill fydd yn wynebu'r un bygythiad yn y dyfodol?
What lessons has the Conwy County Education Authority learned in terms of the support and guidance that should be offered to other schools that will face the same threat in the future?

ensuring the appropriate use of the site following this process is a separate procedure.

Mae'r awdurdod wedi gweithio ar y cyd gyda GwE er mwyn sicrhau bod rhaglen o gymorth ar gael i'r Ysgol er mwyn sicrhau safonau a rheolaeth dda. Roedd yr Awdurdod yn derbyn adborth ar y gwaith hwn ac yn cyfarfod y pennaeth a'r Llywodraethwyr fel rhan o'i rhaglen waith naturiol. By cyfarfodydd penodol rhwng swyddogion Addysg yr awdurdod, y llywodraethwyr a'r pennaeth ar argymhellion y byddai yn cefnogi hyrwyddo yr Ysgol.
The authority has worked jointly with GwE to ensure that a programme of support is available to the School to ensure good standards and management. The Authority was receiving feedback on this work and meeting the headteacher and the Governors as part of its natural work programme. Specific meetings were held between the authority's Education officers, the governors and the headteacher on recommendations that would support the promotion of the School.

Roedd yr awdurdod yn derbyn adroddiadau ar niferoedd disgyblion yr Ysgol a bu cyfarfodydd gyda'r Ysgol a'r Llywodraethwyr am ddulliau o hybu a marchnata yr Ysgol yn 2020. Cyfrifoldeb yr Ysgol fyddai gwneud hynny.
The authority received reports on the numbers of the School's pupils and there were meetings with the School and the Governors about methods of promoting and marketing the School in 2020. It would be the School's responsibility to do that.

Fe roddwyd yr argymhelliad i'r Ysgol cyn y cyfnod Clo i'r tîm arwain ddechrau cydweithio gydag Ysgolion gyfagos ar rai drefniadau penodol e.e. Ymarfer Corff. Yn anffodus oherwydd y pandemig ni wreiddwyd y gwaith hwn gan yr Ysgol.
The recommendation was given to the School before the lockdown period for the leadership team to start collaborating with neighbouring Schools on certain specific arrangements e.g. Physical education. Unfortunately due to the pandemic this work was not implemented by the School.

Mae yn rhan annatod o bolisi yr awdurdod a Llywodraeth Cymru i sicrhau bod diwylliant ac iaith yn ffynnu yn ein ardaloedd gwledig a bod cydraddoldeb ar gyfer ein holl ddysgwyr ar draws safleoedd addysgol yr awdurdod.
It is an integral part of the authority's and the Welsh Government's policy to ensure that culture and language flourish in our rural areas and that there is equality for all our learners across the authority's educational sites.

Y mae'r Awdurdod yn gweithio yn agos gyda'i chlysyrau o ysgolion, GwE ac ESTYN ar sicrhau bod ein holl ysgolion yn yr awdurdod yn ffynnu a llwyddo. Mae gennym brosesau monitro mewnol sydd yn sicrhau bod gwybodaeth a data yn cael ei drafod a rhaglen waith benodol ar gyfer cynnal safonau a rheolaeth gyson dda yn ein hysgolion.

<p>Fydd Awdurdod Addysg Sir Conwy yn gwrandod ar lais y gymuned wrth ystyried dyfodol safle'r ysgol? <i>Will the Conwy County Education Authority listen to the voice of the community when considering the future of the school site?</i></p>	<p><i>The Authority collaborates closely with its constituent schools, GwE and ESTYN to ensure that all our schools in the authority thrive and succeed. We have internal monitoring processes which ensure that information and data is discussed and a specific work program for maintaining consistently good standards and management in our schools.</i></p> <p>Os gwneir y penderfyniad i gau Ysgol Llanefydd, bydd tîm Ystadau a Rheoli Asedau Conwy yn dilyn eu proses arferol i ganfod defnydd addas ar gyfer yr adeilad. <i>If a decision is made to close Ysgol Llanefydd, Conwy's Estates and Asset Management team will follow their usual process to identify a suitable use for the building.</i></p>
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4. ESTYN Feedback

The feedback provided by ESTYN focused on two areas, **community**, and **school capacity**. Their comments, and Conwy's response is detailed below.

Community:

ESTYN

"While we can see the logic in closing the school from the perspective of education provision in the area, the local authority has not made it clear whether any community impact assessment has been made, nor how they will address any issues arising from that assessment.

Conwy County Borough Council

Details of the community impact formed part of the initial report provided to Cabinet on the 12th of July and highlighted that the school is not currently used for any community activities.

Ysgol Llanefydd does not currently have any provision for out of school childcare facilities. There is no After School Club or Cylch Meithrin on site and the School does not accommodate any facilities for community use i.e. youth club/play group.

Alternative education and out of school childcare facilities provision is within 6 miles of Llanefydd and Conwy's Home to School Transport Policy provides free transport for Primary school pupils who reside over 2 miles from their nearest appropriate school.

Llanefydd also has a community facility adjacent to the school, Llanefydd Parish Hall.

School Capacity:

ESTYN

"While the local authority has said that 'Llanefydd will then come under the catchment area for Ysgol Bro Aled,' it is not clear whether sufficient places exist at Ysgol Bro Aled for actual or potentially displaced pupils to satisfy this proviso."

Conwy County Borough Council

Details of the capacity of the alternative schools in the area formed part of the initial report provided to Cabinet on the 12th of July 2022, as shown in the table below, which show that, using the latest available figures, Ysgol Bro Aled has 28 unfilled spaces.

School	Distance from Ysgol Llanefydd and Approximate journey time	Pupils on Register (Excluding Nursery)	Capacity	ESTYN rating	Language Category
Ysgol Llanefydd	N/A	0	78	Good	Category 1
Ysgol Talhaiarn	4.4 miles / 15 mins	48	60	Good	Category 4
Ysgol Bro Aled	5.6 miles / 20 mins	66	94	Adequate	Category 1
Ysgol Betws yn Rhos	5.5 miles / 20 mins	59	77	Good	Category 1

- Category 1 - Welsh-Medium Primary School.
- Category 4 – Predominantly English Medium primary school but with significant use of Welsh.

The full response received from Estyn can be seen at the end of this report.

5. Cabinet Decision

Conwy County Borough Council Cabinet Members met on the 12th of July 2022 to discuss the proposed closure of Ysgol Llanefydd and gave approval to formally publish the Statutory Notice of Closure on the 5th of September 2022 (for Ysgol Llanefydd to close from 31st December 2022).

This started a notice period of 28 days which allowed any interested stakeholder the opportunity to submit their views on the proposal. The notice period began on the 5th of September 2022 and ended on the 4th of October 2022 (an additional day was allowed to the 28-day period due to the additional Bank Holiday (19th September)).

The decision on whether to formally close Ysgol Llanefydd from 31st of December 2022 or not, will go before Conwy Cabinet 13th of December 2022.

6. Estyn response to the notice for the closure of Ysgol Llanefydd

This report has been prepared by His Majesty's Inspectors of Education and Training in Wales in response to the notice given, in accordance with section 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code (Second Edition), that Conwy County Borough Council, propose:

- From 31st December 2022, to discontinue Ysgol Llanefydd, Conwy, which is currently maintained by Conwy County Borough Council.

Under the terms of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and its associated Code, the requirement to consult does not apply to proposals to discontinue a small school made under section 43. However, section 3.6 of the Code identifies that the proposer 'should still take into account the factors set out in Chapter 1 of this Code'.

Section 1.7 of the Code identifies that:

*'...in some areas, a school may also be the main focal point for community activity, and its closure could have implications beyond the issue of the provision of education.' Therefore, 'the case prepared by those bringing forward proposals **should** show that the impact of closure on the community has been assessed through the production of a Community Impact Assessment and how any community facilities currently provided by the school could be maintained.'*

While we can see the logic in closing the school from the perspective of education provision in the area, the local authority has not made it clear whether any community impact assessment has been made, nor how they will address any issues arising from that assessment.

Section 7 of the Code relates specifically to 'The closure of a school with fewer than 10 registered pupils.' Under this section, the Code notes a condition to the issuing of a notice of closure.

'Where a school has fewer than 10 registered pupils (or there are no pupils remaining at a school) at the January census point the 2013 Act permits governing bodies/local authorities to undertake a streamlined procedure to bring about official closure. This consists solely of the issue of the notice of closure – the requirement for general consultation being waived, provided sufficient equivalent school places have been identified which would be reasonably accessible to those pupils actually or potentially displaced.'

While the local authority has said that 'Llanefydd will then come under the catchment area for Ysgol Bro Aled,' it is not clear whether sufficient places exist at Ysgol Bro Aled for actual or potentially displaced pupils to satisfy this proviso.

7. Ymateb i'r Rhybudd Statudol i gau Ysgol Llanefydd, ar y cyd gan Gorff Llywodraethol Ysgol Llanefydd a Chyngor Cymuned Llanefydd.

Ysgrifennwn atoch ar ran trigolion Cymuned Llanefydd, i ddatgan ein diddordeb mewn datblygu adeilad a safle'r ysgol at ddibenion lleol, yn dilyn cau'r Ysgol ar y 31ain o Ragfyr 2022.

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Braslun yw'r uchod, gan ei bod hi'n rhy gynnar i fynd i fanylder a cheisio rhoi gormod o gig ar yr asgwrn. Yn ogystal, mae cymuned Llanefydd yn y broses o ail-fodelu Neuadd y gymuned, felly byddai adeilad a safle'r ysgol yn gyfle i ddatblygu Hwb a fyddai'n cynnig gweithgareddau a digwyddiadau gwahanol i'r rhai a gynhelir yn y Neuadd.

Mae'r rhestr isod yn grynodeb o rai o'r syniadau sydd wedi eu cynnig hyd yn hyn, megis defnydd arfaethedig i'r Hwb:

Parc Chwarae Plant
Parc Sglefrfyrdio
Cwrt Tennis/Pêl Rwyd/Pêl Foli (ar yr iard bresennol)
Byrddau Picnic
Man ymgynnull i gerddwyr ynghyd â map ar fwrdd Hysbysu
Bar Coffi
Siop fach yn gwerthu hanfodion
Lawnt y pentref (village green)
Gerddi ar osod
Oriol/Stiwidio gelf
Unedau busnes bach
Gwasanaeth argraffu a llungopïo
Ystafell gyfrifiaduron
Canolfan i adael pacedi Amazon, ac ati
Storfa adnoddau cymunedol

Dosbarthiadau ioga a pilates

Chwaraeon a gemau dan do, e.e. tenis bwrdd, snwcer, pŵl.

Mae'n deg dweud mai'r Ysgol oedd calon y gymuned i bob pwrpas. Yn naturiol, mae teimladau cryf iawn ynghylch cau'r ysgol o fewn y gymuned, ond mae yma hefyd deimladau cryf iawn y dylid cael gwelediageth ar gyfer yr adeilad a'r safle sydd yn mynd i arwain at adnodd gwerthfawr a defnyddiol i'r gymuned gyfan. Yn sicr byddai hynny yn lleddfu cryn dipyn ar y boen o golli ysgol oedd â dros 80 o blant yn ei mynychu, lai na 20 mlynedd yn ôl! Dyna pam mae'r gymuned yn disgwyl i sefydliadau ac unigolion o fewn y gymuned i fod yn rhagweithiol ynghylch dyfodol yr adeilad a'r safle.

Wrth gwrs, mae ein gallu i wireddu menter fel hyn yn dibynnu'n helaeth ar y lefel o gefnogaeth, cydweithrediad a chymorth y mae Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy yn gallu ei gynnig i ni. Mae'n anochel y byddem hefyd yn edrych tuag at ffynonellau ariannu niferus yn lleol ac yn genedlaethol er mwyn ariannu menter o'r fath.

Fe fyddem felly, yn gwir werthfawrogi cychwyn y drafodaeth ynghylch dyfodol yr adeilad a'r safle mor fuan â phosibl.

Yn ddelfrydol, fe fyddai'r safle'n trosglwyddo i'r gymuned heb doriad yn dilyn dyddiad cau'r ysgol, gan osgoi cyfnod lle bo'r adeilad a'r safle yn wag. Er mwyn gallu gwneud hynny, mae angen symud ymlaen ar fyrder.

Edrychwn ymlaen yn eiddgar i gydweithio gyda Chyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy a gwerthfawrogn eich arweiniad ynghylch y ffordd orau ymlaen ar camau nesaf i'w cymeryd.

Pan mae un drws yn cau, mae drysau eraill yn agor...ac mae cyfle fan hyn i ni greu adnodd fydd yn tynnu sylw Cymru gyfan, a hynny mewn cyfnod cythryblus o ran yr economi, gwleidyddiaeth a iechyd a lles - yng Nghonwy, Cymru a thu hwnt!

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