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COWBRIDGE (ANCIENT BOROUGH) with
LLANBLETHIAN TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF
Y BONTFAEN (Bwrdeistref Hynafol) gyda
LLANFLEIDDAN

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held on Monday the 3rd of April 2023 at 7:00pm
in the Council Chamber and remotely by Microsoft Teams.**

PRESENT: Council Chamber: The Mayor Cllr John Andrew, Cllr Malcolm Wilson, Cllr Alec Trousdell, Cllr Heather Weddell, Cllr Beverly Tonkin, Cllr David Breen, Cllr Cllr Peter Carter, Cllr Rowena Harbour, Cllr Gwen Baty, Cllr Geraint Baty, Cllr Ian Watkins.

Microsoft Teams: Cllr Cecilia Hannigan-Davies.

THE MEETING WAS RECORDED

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Cllr Lianne Brown, Cllr Terry Williams.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations were made:

Cllr Ian Watkins as a parent of children at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

Cllr Alec Trousdell as a Governor of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

Cllr Gwen Baty as a past Governor of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

Council was of the opinion that none of these declarations should prevent the Councillors from speaking and voting on the subject. On the contrary, their positions gave them valuable insights.

3. WELSH MEDIUM EDUCATION

Councillors discussed the proposal by the Vale of Glamorgan Council Directorate of Learning and Skills to increase capacity for Welsh medium education by expanding Ysgol Iolo Morganwg from 210 places to 420 places from September 2025.

Cllr Alec Trousdell advised that the Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg supported the proposal and that the current building was no longer fit for purpose.

Cllr Gwen Baty spoke strongly in favour of the proposal giving examples of ways in which the current building was no longer fit for purpose.

Cllr Ian Watkins echoed the views of Cllr Gwen Baty saying that, as a parent, he was in favour of the proposal and believed this to be the view of the majority of parents.

The Mayor Cllr John Andrew said that he had spoken briefly to the Headteacher of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg who had told him that the Staff were very much in favour of the proposal.

Other Councillors spoke in favour of the proposal but raised questions about the use of the spare capacity that would exist at the new school probably for some years. Suggestions were made

regarding the provision of some community facilities and the wish that sufficient capacity be provided in order to continue with these even after all the school places had been taken up.

Councillors also questioned the use of the redundant Ysgol Iolo Morganwg site and buildings expressing the hope that they could be put to some good community use.

RESOLVED

To submit the following response to the Consultation:

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council supports in principle the proposal to increase capacity for Welsh medium education by expanding Ysgol Iolo Morganwg from 210 places to 420 places from September 2025 and awaits more details on which it wishes to be consulted. These details include the facilities to be provided, access, drop off/pick up etc., the use to be made of spare capacity and the plans for the existing building.

With regard to the use of the existing site and spare capacity at the new site the Council strongly recommends that the public be consulted before plans are formulated bearing in mind that a Consultation by Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council in 2020 showed a very high degree of support for youth facilities.

The Council believes that this is an opportunity to create community facilities at both the old and new sites and that the opportunity should be taken to include permanent provision for community facilities at the new site.

The Council welcomed the use of Community Drop-In Sessions but feels they could have been better publicised and signposted. Also the use of display boards would have been useful. These could have shown things such as the proposed site for the new school, the likely the layout of the new school and photographs of the facilities to be provided based on other new schools.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18th April 2023