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14 April 2016**Our Ref./Ein Cyf:****Your Ref. /Eich Cyf:**

Dear Consultee,

Closure of Llanfair Kilgeddin VA Church in Wales Primary School

On Thursday 24th March 2016 Monmouthshire County Council's Cabinet agreed to close Llanfair Kilgeddin VA Church in Wales Primary School.

The cabinet considered the proposal, any statutory objections submitted and the Local Authority response in accordance with the requirements of the School Organisation Code 2013. The Cabinet decided to approve the proposal to close Llanfair Kilgeddin VA Church in Wales Primary school and implement the changes with effect from 3rd April 2016.

In determining the proposal, Cabinet were satisfied that the proposal will:

- reduce surplus places within the Abergavenny Area
- improve standards of Education
- transform the Education provision throughout the County.
- raise life chances for all within the community and
- provide an efficient, effective and well managed educational offer that is acceptable to all.

It was noted that there was one statutory objection from a member of the community, which was detailed in the objection report considered by the Cabinet. This has been published on our website at www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation.

The reasons for the decision in relation to the factors noted in the School Organisation Code 2013 are as follows:

Quality and Standards of Education

It is the view of Estyn that the proposal is likely to *“improve the educational outcomes and provision for pupils in the area”*

In January 2015 Llanfair Kilgeddin VA CIW Primary School was categorised as “Red” under the National Categorisation System, this means that the school was in need of greatest improvement and requiring intensive support. By comparison the schools identified as alternatives have been categorised as yellow and green. Raglan CIW Primary School has been categorised as ‘yellow’ which means they are effective, doing well and know the areas they need to improve. Goytre Fawr Primary School has been categorised as ‘green’ because it is a highly effective school with strong leadership and a good track record of improvement.

The learning environments and resources at the alternative schools are well developed, Raglan CIW Primary School is a brand new school which opened in September 2015. This is a purpose built site that has been designed to meet the needs of learners into the 21st century.

Need for places and the impact on the accessibility of schools

By approving this proposal, the Council has considered in full the demand for School places both now and the likely demand in the future. Catchment areas have been reconfigured to accommodate Llanfair Kilgeddin's existing catchment area, which will now be split between Raglan CIW Primary School and Goytre Fawr Primary School. There is sufficient capacity to accommodate additional pupils within both schools directly affected by these proposals, with the availability of denominational education for those within the area at both Raglan VC and Usk CIW Primary Schools.

There have been no pupils on roll at Llanfair Kilgeddin since the 1st September 2015, with all previous pupils transferring to alternative schools within the area. We identified that some pupils would need to travel further to school and transport has been provided for these children in line with the Home to School Transport policy.

Financial Implications

The Council in its decision making process has been satisfied that the proposal would ensure a fairer and more equitable distribution of funding between mainstream schools within the Local Authority area, as the costs per pupil at Llanfair Kilgeddin CIW Primary School were significantly higher than that in other Schools within the Local Authority.

The majority of the funding is allocated on a per pupil basis and therefore this funding has followed the pupils to their new schools. The Council has indicated an expected saving of approximately £45,000 as a result of the closure of Llanfair Kilgeddin CIW Primary School. This funding has been distributed to the remaining Monmouthshire schools via the Council's fair funding formula.

Specific Factors in Consideration of School closures

The Council in collaboration with key partners, including the Education Achievement Service and Monmouth Diocesan Trust, have worked extremely closely with the Governing Body of Llanfair Kilgeddin CIW Primary School to support them in addressing the issues identified at the school. The Council feel that the proposals put forward have been identified as the best solution for the delivery of education for the children concerned and supported the Governing Body's request to consider closure of the School.

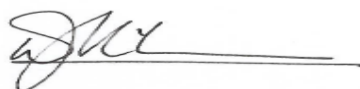
The Council has completed a Future Generations assessment and acknowledges that there may be some impact on the community as a result of these proposals. The school building and associated land is owned by the Monmouth Diocesan Trust and therefore it will be for them to determine its future use. However, the Council recognises that there are other community facilities within the area, including a village hall located approximately 1 mile away from the School site.

The existing catchment area for Llanfair Kilgeddin CIW Primary School has been redesignated between Raglan and Goytre Fawr Primary Schools to ensure that those affected by the proposals form part of a new School community where they have access to a wide range of after school activities.

Yours Sincerely



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At Ymgynghoreion Statudol ac Eraill â Diddordeb

Annwyl Gyfaill,

Cau Ysgol Gynradd Cymorth Gwirfoddol Eglwys yng Nghymru Llanfair Cilgedin

Ar ddydd Iau 24 Mawrth 2016 penderfynodd Cabinet Cyngor Sir Fynwy ar y cynnig i gau Ysgol Gynradd CG Eglwys yng Nghymru Llanfair Cilgedin.

Ystyriodd y cabinet y cynnig, y gwrthwynebiadau statudol a gyflwynwyd ac ymateb yr Awdurdod Lleol yn unol â gofynion Cod Trefniadaeth Ysgolion 2013. Penderfynodd y Cyngor gymeradwyo'r cynnig i gau Ysgol Gynradd CG Eglwys yng Nghymru Llanfair Cilgedin a gweithredu'r newidiadau i ddod i rym ar 3 Ebrill 2016.

Wrth benderfynu ar y cynnig, roedd y Cabinet yn fodlon y bydd y cynigion yn:

- Gostwng nifer lleoedd gwag o fewn ardal y Fenni
- Gwella safonau Addysg
- Trawsnewid y ddarpariaeth Addysg ym mhob rhan o'r Sir
- Cynyddu cyfleoedd bywyd ar gyfer pawb o fewn y gymuned
- Darparu cynnig addysgol effeithiol, effeithlon ac a gaiff eu rheoli'n dda ac sy'n dderbyniol i bawb

Nodwyd y derbyniwyd un gwrthwynebiad statudol gan aelod o'r gymuned, a rhoddwyd manylion hynny yn yr adroddiad gwrthwynebiad a ystyriwyd gan y Cabinet ac a gyhoeddwyd ar ein gwefan yn www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation.

Mae'r rhesymau am y penderfyniad yng nghyswllt y ffactorau a nodwyd yng Nghod Trefniadaeth Ysgolion 2013 fel sy'n dilyn:

Ansawdd a safonau addysg

Barn Estyn yw bod y cynnig yn debygol o "*wella deiliannau a darpariaeth addysgol ar gyfer disgyblion yn yr ardal*".

Ym mis Ionawr 2015 cafodd Ysgol Gynradd CG Eglwys yng Nghymru Llanfair Cilgedin ei chategoreiddio fel "Coch" dan y System Categori Genedlaethol, mai hyn fod yr ysgol angen y gwelliant mwyaf ac angen cefnogaeth ddwys. O gymharu, cafodd yr ysgolion amgen a ddynodwyd eu categoreiddio fel melyn a gwyrdd. Cafodd Ysgol Gynradd Eglwys yng Nghymru Rhaglan gategori 'melyn' sy'n golygu eu bod yn effeithlon, yn gwneud yn dda ac yn gwybod y meysydd mae angen iddynt eu gwella. Cafodd Ysgol Gynradd Goetre Fawr gategori 'gwyrdd' oherwydd ei bod yn ysgol effeithlon iawn gydag arweinyddiaeth gref a hanes da o welliant.

Mae'r amgylcheddau dysgu a'r adnoddau yn yr ysgolion amgen wedi eu datblygu'n dda. Mae Ysgol Gynradd Eglwys yng Nghymru Rhaglan yn ysgol newydd sbon a agorodd ym mis Medi 2015. Mae hwn yn safle a adeiladwyd yn bwrpasol a gynlluniwyd i ddiwallu anghenion dysgwyr i'r 21ain ganrif.

Angen am leoedd ac effaith hygyrchedd ar ysgolion

Drwy gymeradwyo'r cynnig, mae'r Cyngor wedi ystyried yn llawn y galw am leoedd ysgol yn awr a hefyd y galw tebygol yn y dyfodol. Cafodd dalgylchoedd eu hail-lunio i ddarparu ar gyfer dalgylch presennol Llanfair Cilgedin, a gaiff yn awr ei rannu rhwng Ysgol Gynradd Eglwys yng Nghymru Rhaglan ac Ysgol Gynradd Goetre Fawr. Mae digon o gapasiti i ddarparu ar gyfer disgyblion ychwanegol o fewn y ddwy ysgol y mae'r cynigion hyn yn effeithio'n uniongyrchol

arnynt, gydag addysg enwadol ar gael ar gyfer rhai o fewn yr ardal yn Ysgol Gynradd CG Eglwys yng Nghymru Rhaglan a hefyd Ysgol Gynradd Eglwys yng Nghymru Brynbuga.

Ni fu unrhyw ddisgyblion ar y gofrestr yn Llanfair Cilgedin ers 1 Medi 2015, gyda'r holl ddisgyblion blaenorol wedi trosglwyddo i ysgolion eraill o fewn yr ardal. Rydym wedi dynodi y byddai angen i rai o'r disgyblion hyn deithio ymhellach i'r ysgol a darparwyd cludiant ar gyfer y disgyblion hyn yn unol â'r polisi cludiant Cartref i'r Ysgol.

Goblygiadau ariannol

Yn ei broses gwneud penderfyniad, bodlonwyd y Cyngor y byddai'r cynnig yn sicrhau dosbarthiad cyllid tecach a mwy cyfartal o fewn ardal yr Awdurdod Lleol gan fod y costau fesul disgybl yn Ysgol Gynradd Eglwys yng Nghymru Llanfair Cilgedin yn sylweddol uwch nag mewn ysgolion eraill o fewn yr Awdurdod Lleol.

Caiff y rhan fwyaf o'r cyllid ei ddyrannu ar sail fesul disgybl ac felly mae'r cyllid hwn wedi dilyn y disgyblion i'w hysgol newydd. Mae'r Cyngor wedi dynodi y disgwylir arbed tua £45,000 fel canlyniad i gau Ysgol Gynradd Eglwys yng Nghymru Llanfair Cilgedin. Cafodd y cyllid hwn ei ddsbarthu i weddill ysgolion Sir Fynwy drwy fformiwla cyllid teg y Cyngor.

Ffactorau penodol wrth ystyried cau ysgolion

Mae'r Cyngor mewn cysylltiad gyda phartneriaid allweddol, yn cynnwys y Gwasanaeth Cyflawni Addysg ac Ymddiriedolaeth Esgobaeth Mynwy, wedi gweithio'n agos iawn gyda Chorff Llywodraethu Ysgol Gynradd Eglwys yng Nghymru Llanfair Cilgedin i'w cefnogi wrth drin y materion a ddynodir yn yr ysgol. Mae'r Cyngor yn teimlo mai'r cynigion a gyflwynwyd yw'r datrysiad gorau ar gyfer darparu addysg i'r plant dan sylw ac wedi cefnogi cais y Corff Llywodraethu i ystyried cau'r ysgol.

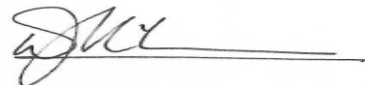
Mae'r Cyngor wedi cwblhau asesiad Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol ac yn cydnabod y gall fod peth effaith ar y gymuned fel canlyniad i'r cynigion hyn. Ymddiriedolaeth Esgobaeth Mynwy yw perchenn adeilad yr ysgol a'r tir cysylltiedig ac felly mater iddynt hwy fydd penderfynu ar ei ddefnydd yn y dyfodol. Fodd bynnag, mae'r Cyngor yn cydnabod fod cyfleusterau cymunedol eraill o fewn yr ardal, yn cynnwys neuadd pentref sydd tua 1 filltir i ffwrdd o safle'r ysgol.

Cafodd dalgylch presennol Ysgol Gynradd Eglwys yng Nghymru Llanfair Cilgedin ei ail-ddynodi rhwng Ysgolion Cynradd Rhaglan a Goetre Fawr i sicrhau fod y rhai y mae'r cynigion yn effeithio arnynt yn ffurfio rhan o gymuned ysgol newydd lle mae ganddynt fynediad i ystod eang o weithgareddau ar ôl yr ysgol.

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