

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION 02 December 2016

DATE DECISION PUBLISHED 08 December 2016

DATE DECISION WILL COME INTO FORCE and implemented,
unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of
the Gwynedd Council Constitution. **16 December 2016**

Councillor Dafydd Meurig

SUBJECT

The freehold interest in Ysgol Llwyngwriil

DECISION

To sell the freehold interest in Ysgol Llwyngwriil

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

Post-Use Policy pertaining to the Re-organisation of Primary Schools.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE


None

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

Consultation with
The local community
Gwynedd Council Statutory Officers

The results of the consultations are reported upon in the attached report

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CABINET – OFFICER REPORT**

Name and title of Cabinet Member/s:	Councillor Dafydd Meurig
Name and title of Report Author :	Lowri Cadwaladr Roberts Uwch Syrfewr Stadau
Date of Decision :	02.12.2016
Signature of Cabinet Member/s :	

Subject :

To sell the freehold interest in Ysgol Llwyngwriil.

Recommendation for the Decision :

That the freehold of the property known as Ysgol Llwyngwriil, together with the associated land (edged red on the attached plan) be sold on the open market, on terms and conditions to be determined by the Senior Manager – Corporate Property.

Reason why Decision is needed :

In its meeting of the 15.09.2009 the Council Board adopted a Post-Use Policy pertaining to the Re-organisation of Primary Schools.

The Policy recognises that the Re-organisation of Primary Schools is likely to result in situations where school sites are surplus to the Council's requirements for the provision of services.

It was resolved that school sites declared surplus to requirements as a consequence of the Re-organisation of Primary Schools would be disposed of in accordance with the usual property disposal principles and policies and statutory requirements. A core part of the post-use policy was to invite the communities effected by a school closure to consider formulating a business plan for the community ownership of the school site.

It was also resolved that a sale report should be submitted to the Area Committee for approval in relation to all school sites. Following the constitutional reorganisation in 2012, the equivalent authority now rests with the relevant Cabinet Member.

Reason and justification behind the Decision :

In the case of Ysgol Llwyngwriil, despite a Community Group originally submitting an application for a Community Asset Transfer, the group subsequently decided not to proceed with the application.

In order to discharge its duty pursuant to Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council must ensure best value when disposing of any surplus property. Therefore, it is the Council's policy to dispose on the open market ensuring that all interested parties have an opportunity to buy or rent. This will ensure that the best price possible is achieved and ensures transparency.

There is no intention to dispose for less than market value.

Declarations of personal interest by any Cabinet Member consulted with and any relevant dispensations approved by the Standards Committee:

None.

Any consultations undertaken prior to making the decision :

The local community were given the opportunity to submit a business plan for community ownership, however they decided not to proceed with the project.

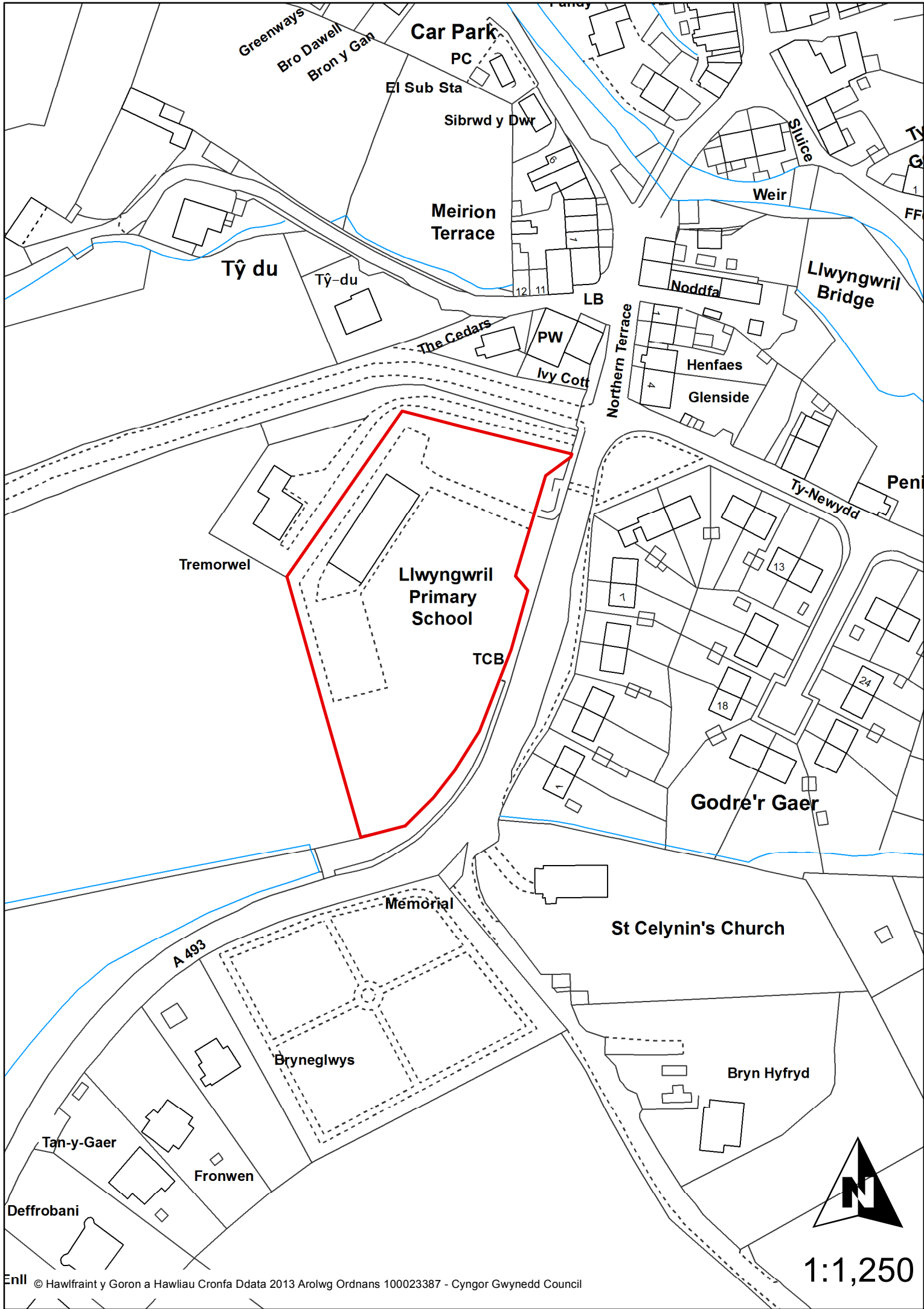
Chief Executive – *Obviously, it is disappointing that the concept of a community development cannot continue, however if the proposal did not offer a viable long-term solution for the site, it may be better to acknowledge that sooner rather than later. I do not have anything further to add to the Decision Notice.*

Head of Finance – *"No objection from the perspective of financial propriety."*

Monitoring Officer – *No comments regarding propriety.*

Local Member/s – Councillor Louise Hughes

"Given that the school in Llwyngwriil was closed against the wishes of the whole community, and the failure of the community project to come to fruition, it is with a feeling of deep regret and sadness to see the school site now for sale. The wounds caused by the closure of the village school are still raw and will take years, if ever, to heal. This whole schools reorganisation programme has damaged the very fabric of our rural communities, and all on a political whim. It's heart breaking, it really is."



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Bron y Gan

Car Park

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El Sub Sta
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Meirion Terrace

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Sluice

Weir

Llwyngwriil Bridge

The Cedars

PW

Ivy Cott

Northern Terrace

Noddfa

Henfaes

Glenside

Pen

Tremorwel

Llwyngwriil Primary School

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