

REPORT ON THE YSGOL Y FAENOL CONSULTATION

Responses to the Statutory Consultation to increase the Capacity of Ysgol y Faenol from 186 to 315

(Statutory Consultation Period 18 September 2018 - 30 October 2018)

19 responses were received to the statutory consultation, including responses from staff, residents, parents as well as the following organisation.

Estyn

NASUWT

Staff of Ysgol y Faenol

Representatives of Penrhosgarnedd Community Centre

Education Authority

Comments		Response
1	Support	
1.1	Firstly, I acknowledge the need to provide appropriate facilities to meet the needs of our future generation and in so doing to also provide accommodation together with safe access and egress for both staff, children and parents during term periods.	The Governing Body notes the positive responses as part of the consultation.
1.2	I think this is a fabulous proposal considering the demand on this school. One of best schools in this area. It is always in high demand. Will go a long way in community development.	The present Faenol School is a mixture of buildings built at different times in the last half of the last century. The original School has been extended to the rear with a block of modular construction, and additional space has been provided using 'temporary' classes at the back.
1.3	I do agree with proposed plan	
1.4	Although I am impressed with school plans	In the plan, the intention is to increase the capacity of the current School to 315 learners, and it is proposed to do this by converting existing buildings, extend buildings, and dispose temporary classes.
1.5	We take pride in the fact that Governors, Gwynedd Council and the Government intend to invest to improve and develop the school. The school has been over capacity for years and several applications are refused every year because of a lack of surplus spaces. We are confident that the development and the extension will allow us to improve the provision across the school in order to ensure that each of our pupils reach their potential. The current parking system is a great concern for us and several pupils are late arriving in the mornings or going home in the afternoons because parents have difficulty finding parking spaces. Creating a car park and drop-off area will help to resolve this problem. We are happy for Canolfan Penrhosgarnedd to come on school land as part of this development and would be willing to collaborate closely with Pentir Community Council to ensure the success of the Centre.	The original buildings will be re-modelled internally to provide rooms that match the expected standards in a 21st Century School. The additional learning rooms, and temporary classrooms, will be located within the new extensions.
1.6	As part of the engagement work to consider the future of primary education in Bangor, a series of Catchment Area Review Panels (CRP) were held between June and November, with the last one held on 29 November 2017. During the meetings, several options were considered for primary education in Bangor in order to ensure a sustainable future provision and responding specifically to the need for an increase in the demand for spaces in the Penrhosgarnedd area and improve the provision for learners in the city. As a result of these discussions, the need to increase the capacity of y Faenol was identified as one of the main considerations for the Council's vision. The significant proposed investment attached to the proposal will mean that pupils will be educated in modern facilities which are in keeping with the contemporary curriculum and will be an exciting opportunity for us to develop a high quality resource for this area of Bangor. We are convinced, therefore, that the option to increase the capacity of y Faenol to 315 by the Governing Body is in keeping with Gwynedd Council's overall vision to	 <p>These extensions will conform to Government's 'Building Bulletin 99' standards. In addition, the flat roof modular block will have a new skin to improve the quality of the building.</p> <p>A review of the problems associated with the existing arrangements at Ysgol y Faenol has clearly established that:</p>

	strengthen the primary provision in the area and are very supportive of this specific proposal.		
1.7	I am happy that the school population is to be increased. it seems sensible to increase because the school is popular and new housing has been / is being built locally. Separating the school and the car park seems to be a sensible idea, as is the better design of the proposed car park.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The demand for education in the Penrhosgarnedd area has increased and this is also true for pupil's numbers at Ysgol y Faenol, where the school is currently over capacity. • The existing school building does not meet the Governments 21st Century Schools standards, in terms of facilities and space it offers. • The site and buildings are insufficient in meeting the needs of the wider community. • The cost per pupil at Ysgol y Faenol is £3,191 which is slightly lower than the county average of £3,777. • New housing developments in Bangor will potentially impact on the capacity of local schools to admit pupils. A developer has obtained planning permission to build 245 dwellings, and several houses have already been built. • Staff and pupils have to transfer between the mobile classrooms and the main school building • Access/car parking at the school is limited and causes disruption at the school and surrounding area during drop-off/pick up times.
1.8	Overall, I am very supportive of the scheme. The need to increase the capacity of the school is clear to all, and the current plan seems to respond to that need in a way which appears to be very suitable.		
2	Traffic		
2.1	<p>Whilst the Statutory Consultation Document shows outline drawings of the proposed new layout, there does not seem to be any references the impact of increased traffic that will no doubt manifest its self-due to the increase in the number of pupils that will be expected to attend the school, even though facilities have been provided for the staff in a new location, (Penrhosgarnedd Community centre) that is the new car park and drop-off points which will be</p> <p>Having lived here for over 40 years, I have experienced the explosion of vehicles, from small cars to large articulated lorries, that now use the Penrhos Road as one of the arterial routes into Bangor and especially Ysbyty Gwynedd, I appreciate that surveys have neem carried out, and no doubt you will have the figures to hand, but, to date I am not aware of ANY proposals put forward to tackle this problem in order to alleviate this congestion.</p> <p>It is, in my opinion, only a matter of time before a serious fatal accident occurs between the roundabout and the Faenol School, especially now that consideration has been given to increase the pupil capacity to 315, which I am sure you will appreciate means an increase in traffic.</p> <p>There is, in my opinion again, a need for the Gwynedd Count Council to have a radical re-think of how future vehicle are allowed to gain access and egress to and from Ysbyty Gwynedd, especially Staff, Large Goods Vehicles and Emergency Vehicles.</p>		<p>Traffic surveys have been carried out on the road, including assessments of the junctions along the road. The strategy to reduce congestion around the school entrance is to create a road and car park on the Community Centre's land, including drop-off points for children, in order to take the traffic off the road, rather than having them stopping in front of the school. Detailed design work over the next few months will focus on ensuring the best use of the new access road to the school and full consideration will be given to some of the ideas that have arisen during the consultation.</p> <p>As the Governing Body are only implementing on the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol y Faenol only. It would be a matter for the Gwynedd Council Highways Department to look at the way vehicles travel to Ysbyty Gwynedd.</p>

2.2	<p>I have concerns regarding traffic outside Ysgol y Faenol with the increase in pupils. Although the drop-off road is a good idea I am concerned that it will be very difficult for people to get out back onto the road due to traffic at that time and will therefore resort to parking on pavements as they are now which causes big difficulties for pedestrians like myself and my children that walk to school. The junction out of the drop off is very soon after the corner so the safe placement of a crossing for pedestrians to enter school is important to me.</p>	<p>The entrance to the site will be built with the required visibility with road markings preventing cars from parking on the pavement and requiring individuals to use the drop-off facilities provided.</p> <p>There will be close collaboration with the Parking Enforcement Unit to implement any order to ensure that no illegal parking takes place.</p>
2.3	<p>I am concerned about the pedestrian access to the school, if the current crossing is moved the visibility is not as good and I have concerns about safety if there are no plans for a crossing. It's all well and good having a new traffic system coming in and out of school but who is going manage it??? It's a problem in every school in Gwynedd + Anglesey???</p>	<p>Although the entrance for school traffic will move, when completing the detailed design work we will look closely at the pedestrian crossing in order to ensure that the plans improve the existing arrangements.</p>
2.4	<p>The new vehicular entrance seems to me to be problematic. Noting that in the consultation on the changes at Garnedd states that risk assessment is to be undertaken, what level of risk is acceptable? Will the proposed entrance be one way only i.e. turn left into and out of the car park - it will be difficult at busy times for cars to cross the road? Alternatively would a box-junction be considered?</p>	<p>The design of the new access leading onto the main road will be subject to further discussions with the Transportation Unit. We note the suggestions and we will address them during our further discussions.</p>
<p>3 Design and facilities of the new school building</p>		
3.1	<p>I wish to make observations about the provision within the scheme for the Cylch Meithrin, held at the Centre currently. The Consultation Document states that it is intended to provide a new purpose-built space for the Cylch Meithrin (p.21), but the Conceptual Plan on page 22 and the table on page 23 suggest that the Cylch would have to share this space with the Breakfast Club and the After School Club. I believe that it is very important to ensure that the Cylch gets its own allocated space within this space i.e. an area separated in a satisfactory way from the two clubs rather than an open-plan arrangement.</p>	<p>Specific additional space will be provided in addition to the school requirements, to the child care providers including the Cylch Meithrin, Breakfast Club, After-school Club, etc. which is in line with the specific standards of the registration bodies of the individual providers.</p>
3.2	<p>My concern before coming to see the exhibition was the room plan that we shared with the Cylch Meithrin , but following discussion with a member of the council who explained that it wasn't an empty room, as seen in the handbook, but toilets, kitchen, office, storerooms will be included in the room.</p> <p>I suppose you know that the after school club and day care follow strict rules from the AGC and so our requirements are completely dependent on these rules. We are registered to take 56 children and according to the rules each should be given 2.5 sq.m. so to keep a registration of 45 we should have 140 square meters. According to the officer, the room is 111 sq.m. This means that we will have to reduce our registration</p>	<p>This space will have an entrance, toilets and office space that is separate to the School. The providers will be expected to share this space in order to make the most effective use of the resource, with storage areas available so that providers can store any equipment that is not shared with the other groups.</p> <p>By carefully timetabling with the School, we are confident that there is sufficient space available to maintain the registered number to address the School's needs.</p>

<p>while the School is increasing? At this point our support is totally in favour of the increase but I hope that we will be able to offer the same to parents of the school. A resource such as our club is essential for many parents who use our different clubs. We are open 7:30 a.m. to 9 and then day care from 11:20 to 6pm. Holiday club hours are 7:30 am to 6pm. As a non-profit organization that is managed by a voluntary committee of parents and is run on a day-to-day basis by myself, we have made a significant contribution to the school over the years. We have given financial donations totalling £ 45,000 to e.g. upgrading cctv, upgrading lights outside, large play equipment at both yards, computer equipment and much more. And of course we pay a rent of £ 7920 a year for the school. 10 people are employed here depending on salary from the club. I am also aware that there will be a need for conversation and discussion between us and the Cylch for adaptation from both sides of our hours but without getting full information about the room layout this will not be possible. I invite you to the Cylch when planning so that we can contribute to the discussion and decisions. Thank you for having the opportunity to voice our views and concerns and I look forward to having the opportunity to work with you./ When the talks came out first, we were led to believe that we would have a room of our own in the school grounds. We have now been told we are to share a room with Caban y Faenol, we don't know how this is going to work out because. Caban finish at 9am we start at 9am. Caban will need to clear we need to set up ready to start at 9am. Caban pick up Ysgol Feithrin children 11:20am but we don't finish until 12pm. Plus will there be sufficient storage for everyones resource. How would it work with displaying each other's work. The reason we were all for moving was to save on very high cost of rent as we are a registered charity. Also we stay behind some days to do paperwork how would this work sharing an office. / Noticed that Cylch Meithrin" have not been allocated their own room on the plans – having been part of their meeting voicing concerns about the future of the Cylch I know it was their priority to have their own space. There room on plans is sharing with Caban which is at present used from 11:20 and Cylch Meithrin need to use in until 12. / The school currently has a successful after-school club. I assume that the space allocated is that which is also set aside for Cylch Meithrin. This space is smaller than the existing Caban space and considering the school is expanding this would leave Caban struggling for space or having to turn away more children. / We were initially led to believe we would be having our own room, on the plans we are sharing a room with Caban y Faenol. Our opening hours are 9-12, Caban re-open after breakfast blub at 11:20, so this is not feasible or appropriate. We also have our own resources, there would not be enough storage space. Would we be allowed to display children's work, would there be an</p>	
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	<p>outside play area, which we currently use daily, also, parents pickup their children up, and would be at which time. Also we have to be ready for 9am which is when breakfast Club finishes. The reasoning for us moving across to the school was to be a more fluid day care system, but also to save the enough cost of rent which has been a financial burden especially in the last two years which have been quieter as we are a registered charity. We would have no allocated space to do paperwork as Caban would be using the room, after our session finished which is when we do it.</p>	
3.3	<p>The building is getting old and two Foundation Phase classes are currently receiving their education in porta cabins and the Key Stage 2 classes are very small. There is no room in the school for staff to work with groups or rooms to hold meetings with parents/stakeholders and there are no rooms for staff to use during CPA. Also there is no space for specialists such as ALN teachers to work with pupils or appropriate space for pupils to have music lessons.</p> <p>There is insufficient room to store equipment and the Physical Education equipment is taking up a lot of room in the hall. It is difficult to have a spiritual feeling during whole-school assemblies in a hall which has school meal equipment (trolleys for emptying food waste, tables and benches) and Physical Education equipment. We have also had to invest in a container in order to store equipment due to a lack of space in the school. We are very fortunate to have so much outside space but the school has not been designed to allow Foundation Phase pupils to gain easy access from the classrooms</p>	<p>In the plan, the intention is to increase the capacity of the current School to 315 learners, and it is proposed to do this by converting existing buildings, extend buildings, and dispose temporary classes.</p> <p>The original buildings will be re-modelled internally to provide rooms that match the expected standards in a 21st Century School. The additional learning rooms, and temporary classrooms, will be located within the new extensions. These extensions will conform to Government's 'Building Bulletin 99' standards. In addition, the flat roof modular block will have a new skin to improve the quality of the building.</p>
3.4	<p>The school building, as designed seems to face away from the road - away from the community. This seems to me a mistake. Surely we should be encouraging our children to be outward looking.</p> <p>I feel that the inclusion of the two-way road up to the school building takes up an unnecessarily large amount of space.</p> <p>The new entrance off the road allows for better separation of pedestrians and cars. However, I trust the existing pedestrian access remain?</p>	<p>The new School building has been designed so that users and visitors who use the various facilities can be dropped-off as close as possible to the appropriate entrances. Whilst acknowledging that this means that the entrances do not face the highway, it must be noted that it was not possible to obtain an alternative safe design within the available space.</p> <p>Although the entrance for school traffic will move, when completing the detailed design work we will look closely at the pedestrian crossing in order to ensure that the plans improve the existing arrangements.</p>
4	Estyn	
4.1	<p>The proposer has given a clear rationale for the expected benefits in relation to the proposal and explains well how the proposal fits with the local authority's plans for the city of Bangor and the Penrhosgarnedd catchment in particular.</p>	<p>The Governing Body acknowledges the comment.</p>
4.2	<p>The proposal includes useful background information and links the development to local and national priorities such as 'Towards 2025 – the future of education and training for children and young people in Gwynedd'. Following the Welsh Government</p>	<p>The Governing Body acknowledges the comment.</p>

	announcement in 2016 of additional projects within Band A of the 21st Century Schools Programme the council commenced a review of the current education provision in Bangor. This review took into account the impact of a new housing development of 245 houses on the capacity of local schools.	
4.3	The proposer has considered reasonably well the impact of the proposals on the quality of the outcomes, provision and leadership and management at Ysgol y Faenol. The proposer has considered the outcomes of the most recent Estyn inspection report and the school's categorisation in relation to the National School Categorisation system on the quality of leadership and pupil outcomes.	The Governing Body acknowledges the comment.
4.4	The proposer includes purposeful information about the various elements included as part of the construction of the school, as well as the associated benefits. The new provision for classrooms and outside learning will improve the children's learning environment and pupils will be able to work outside when the weather is unfavourable. Staff, leaders and administrators will also benefit from better resources and working conditions. New modern toilets will be suitable for different ages and a hygiene room will provide specialist equipment for learners with physical needs. The proposed new entrance and parking area will ensure pedestrian and traffic separation along with an area to drop off and pick up pupils.	The Governing Body acknowledges the comment.
4.5	The proposal identifies a number of potential risks associated with the proposal, suggests their possible impact and actions the council could take in order to mitigate the risk. For example, the proposal identifies site safety as a potential risk and that this could impact negatively as any complications or issues could cause delays. In order to mitigate this risk they it will ensure the full separation of children from working areas and that officers will continue to assess health and safety as the development progresses. This section suggests that the council has prepared well to secure the success of the proposal.	The Governing Body accepts the comments relating to the risks associated with the project. Regular monitoring will be undertaken in order to mitigate any risks.
4.6	The proposer has undertaken an appropriate equality impact assessment, which considers the impact of the proposal on vulnerable groups including those with a disability or special educational needs. Consideration is also given to the impact on the local community and concludes that the governors' assessment found that there is no reason the proposal should have a negative impact on the community. In developing the proposal full consideration was also given to its impact on the Welsh language. The background pack on the council's website includes an informative assessment report and shows that maintaining and increasing the use of Welsh as a social language and a language for education is central to the proposal.	The Governing Body accepts Estyn's comments regarding the main conclusions of the Equality, Language and Community assessment. The Council will continue to follow the usual procedures by supporting and monitoring, in order to ensure the compliance of every school with the equality characteristics.
4.7	The proposal also includes suitable arrangements for consultation.	The Governing Body acknowledges the comment.

5	Other	
5.1	<p>The union has no objection to this proposal in principle, but it is essential to consider this proposal in extending the closure of Glanadda and Coed y Mawr schools.</p> <p>Increasing the school's capacity will enable the children of the suspended schools to move over. But NASUWT Cymru expect that staff who are under threat of dismissal will also be moved. Section 12 of the "Staffing of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2006" states that the Authority may nominate any member of staff who is suitable for the post to receive the post. No appointment process required. NASUWT Cymru will expect to see the Authority following these controls when staffing the school with the staff of the schools under threat.</p>	<p>The issue and the need for additional staff is subject to further discussions with the Authority as part of the planning process. Regarding the comment on nominating a member of staff who is suitable for a specific post, this would be an issue to be considered by the Authority.</p>
5.2	<p>With the re-organisation of primary school spaces across the Bangor area, it would seem sensible to me to re-look at the catchment areas generally to confirm that they are still fit for purpose.</p>	<p>As the Governing Body are only implementing on the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol y Faenol only. If it was considered a need to look at the current catchment area in the Bangor area for the future, it would be a matter for the Education Authority to do so.</p>
5.3	<p>Firstly and very importantly I have to state how disappointed I am that Gwynedd Council have not communicated directly with the local community regarding the proposals for the Canolfan as was done with regards to the school. I am informed that hard copies have also been provided at the local library (which I presume is in Bangor), Siopau Gwynedd Pwllheli, Dolgellau and Caernarfon, and that people had been informed by Twitter and Facebook (I'm not sure regarding the legality of using Twitter and Facebook for this purpose as there is no knowing who receives these notices) As a minimum a simple poster should have been placed on the Canolfan notice board, if not a flyer to all residents in the area.</p> <p>I'm at a loss to understand why the entire local community was not informed of the presentation in the school when such effort had been made with detailed display boards and project representatives available.</p>	<p>The Statutory Consultation held was in particular to consult on the increase in the capacity of Ysgol y Faenol, therefore as part of any consultation relating to proposed changes in schools. Letters were sent to all parents/guardians/school staff who are affected and ensured that a hard copy was provided to them. Hard copies were also supplied to the Local Library in Bangor and in the one Stop Shop in Caernarfon, Pwllheli and Dolgellau.</p> <p>In addition, an email was sent to all consultees including heads of schools in Gwynedd and Gwynedd Council Councillors. This is in line with the School Organisation Code 006/2013,</p> <p>The drop-in sessions were arranged specifically to advertise the proposed changes at the school with members of the Pentir Community Council there to inform about the proposed changes in the Community Centre.</p>
5.4	<p>Disappointed that leaflets were not sent out regarding the consultation on Tues + Wednesday 9/10 October. Most elderly people did not know about it as parents were informed in the school.</p>	
6	Design and resources of the Community Centre (which is not part of the proposal)	
6.1	<p>The building must be fully suited to the disabled and adequate parking space</p> <p>Please can we have the kitchen next to the Hall with a "hatch" so there is no risk when carrying hot tea!</p> <p>Please can we have a door from the front - from the path</p>	

	<p>Please can we have "French windows" out to the Hall Need "blackout" to show pictures and so on. See attached plan.</p>	<p>See responses 6.1-6.6 involving Penrhosgarnedd Community Centre.</p>
<p>6.2</p>	<p>I am a yoga teacher currently hiring the Canolfan on a Monday evening and run my class throughout the year. What we love about the current space is the size of the main hall (120m²). The class has become very popular and we have room to welcome more when new people want to join. We also like having the option to hire a smaller, cheaper room when numbers decline over the summer. We also cherish having access to the enclosed private, grassed area which is west facing, catching the sun in the summer evening. We used this area all through the summer as yoga is best practised outdoors. What we need from the new Canolfan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An affordable space, no more than the current rate • Options to hire a similar sized space of 120m² – 30m² with easy to move furniture if necessary • Access to chairs without arm rests • Clean floor is essential as we spend a lot of time on the floor • Natural light and soft lighting options • Temperature control and good ventilation • Quiet space with minimal interruption/activity • Easy and safe access, especially at night. I carry heavy bags with yoga mats, blankets, blocks etc. • A private outdoor area free of dog/cat fouling would be a real bonus <p>Question I would really like answered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will there be a smooth transition from one Canolfan to the other? 2. What will the cost of hire be? Who will I pay + how? 3. Can I still hire Monday evenings? 4. Who would my point of contact be? 5. Will there be a notice board for publicity? <p>Will we have access to an outdoor space?</p>	<p>As explained in the consultation document(page 3), the statutory consultation relates to Ysgol y Faenol only, to that end, comments on the proposal as described in paragraph 1.1 namely:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; background-color: #e1f5fe; padding: 10px; text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Increase capacity of Ysgol y Faenol from 186 to 315</p> </div> <p>Although the consultation does not relate specifically to the Community Centre, the Governing body/Gwynedd Council acknowledged the comments received and the comments/proposed designs will be discussed with members of the Pentir Community Council when the plans are developed in more detail.</p> <p>The Council has already discussed the possibilities and options to relocate the Centre with Pentir Community Council, as the body which holds a lease of the premises from Gwynedd Council. Feasibility work has identified several options for a new community centre located on the site of the existing school with a financial contribution towards additional community facilities as with any similar situation involving different users at the school, robust arrangements would be put in place to meet the differing needs of the school and the community. The development will create opportunities for the school and the community to ensure that the site acts as a focal point for a number of activities for the Penrhosgarnedd area.</p>
<p>6.3</p>	<p>Building Size: The proposed community centre is about 25% smaller than the existing building.</p> <p>Adaptability: The use of movable partitions to create separate usable areas is noted. However, were there a noisy activity being undertaken in one area this would have a serious detrimental effect in the other. For example a dance class being held in the hall</p>	

and a committee meeting being held in the meeting room, the two couldn't co-exist – as they currently can.

Accessibility and Height: Children's parties are a common use for the current hall and bouncy castles feature frequently in these. Is the proposed building a) accessible for these (can you get it up to and through the door); b) will the hall be high enough for these?

Outside Space: Our existing user groups appreciate and use the available outside space that is currently readily accessible. Those groups with vulnerable people particularly appreciate the more secluded area behind the existing building. The outside space is also used for parties in the summer, including use of bouncy castles. Will there be a similar outside space available in the new building?

Car Parking: The current building has a generous car park. How many car parking spaces are expected to be available to community centre users once the needs of teachers and other school users is taken into account?

Connectivity with the school: It is noted that the new Canolfan is connected directly to the school. What arrangements are proposed to secure the Canolfan from the school and vice-versa? How would the out-of-hours arrangements be managed? What would happen in an emergency?

Access/Egress: It is noted that the only door into the building is from the school; however, there is a Entrance / Reception area – with no identified door – presumably an error. Would there not need to be an emergency exit from the Canolfan to the outside?

Kitchen: The kitchen needs to be disabled friendly. Specifically, the Autism and Asperger's group would want to make use of the kitchen. Also access to the main Canolfan space would be required – if only by a suitable serving hatch.

Signage: The building as designed has the entrance hidden away from the road. Any new Community Centre should be clearly signed with signage visible from the road so that people are aware that the building is not just a school. The notice board should also be visible for pedestrians also.

Element	Description	
Community Centre	<p>The facilities at the existing Centre will be relocated to the new building alongside the school. These resources will be available for community use, and will be managed by Pentir Community Council.</p> <p>The resources include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrance/Reception Office Accessible Toilet Toilets x 2 Kitchen Store x 5 Meeting Room x 2 Studio 	<p>Enable the community to have a modern building, accessible, flexible in terms of use, and energy efficient.</p>

Some of the observations in relation to the space and size of the various rooms do not give a clear picture of all the new resources which will be available to the community. The new building will be very flexible and will enable different uses to take place simultaneously if necessary, something that cannot be offered to the same degree at the existing centre.

The surface area of the main space (hall) can extend to 122m² - which is more than the 116m² currently offered by the largest room in the existing centre. The meeting rooms in the new centre will be able to vary from 30m² to 60m², which is more than the 21m² in the existing Centre.

The kitchen in the new centre will be the same size as the one in the existing centre.

6.4	<p>The existing Canolfan is very well supported and is in a perfect location to support the community, with ample parking and easy access for elderly and less able users. It has grassed areas, both private at the rear and open to the front, which are used by Cylch Meithrin, children's parties, Yoga groups, etc.</p> <p>I recognise that the current building is showing its age and requires considerable expenditure but the Canolfan Committee had commenced looking at sources for funds to address this situation.</p> <p>Comments relating to the conceptual plan</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="197 523 309 547">Effect</th> <th data-bbox="472 523 539 547">Issue</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="197 555 309 619">Situation improved</td> <td data-bbox="376 555 1099 619">New and safe building to modern standards with heating, efficient light and fresh decoration.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="197 655 309 719">Situation improved</td> <td data-bbox="376 655 1048 687">The movable partitions would add to flexibility of the building.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="197 756 309 820">Situation improved</td> <td data-bbox="376 756 1099 820">The second meeting room is larger than the current meeting room, which would provide further flexibility.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="197 857 309 920">Situation improved</td> <td data-bbox="376 857 1115 952">The inclusion of an office for Pentir Community Council (but this facility should not be considered when comparing the two buildings, this is an additional facility).</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="197 989 309 1053">Situation improved</td> <td data-bbox="376 989 1128 1021">Cars and school buses will be able to park off the main Penrhos Road.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="197 1061 309 1125">Situation worse</td> <td data-bbox="376 1061 1115 1157">Some of the Canolfan users are elderly, in poor health, or have restricted mobility such that they could not walk from the proposed carpark. Parking is required outside the entrance.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="197 1193 309 1257">Situation worse</td> <td data-bbox="376 1193 1115 1321">The current building stands alone in its own grounds and is recognised by the community as Canolfan Penrhosgarnedd whereas the new building is encompassed by the school. This may prove off-putting for daytime users.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Effect	Issue	Situation improved	New and safe building to modern standards with heating, efficient light and fresh decoration.	Situation improved	The movable partitions would add to flexibility of the building.	Situation improved	The second meeting room is larger than the current meeting room, which would provide further flexibility.	Situation improved	The inclusion of an office for Pentir Community Council (but this facility should not be considered when comparing the two buildings, this is an additional facility).	Situation improved	Cars and school buses will be able to park off the main Penrhos Road.	Situation worse	Some of the Canolfan users are elderly, in poor health, or have restricted mobility such that they could not walk from the proposed carpark. Parking is required outside the entrance.	Situation worse	The current building stands alone in its own grounds and is recognised by the community as Canolfan Penrhosgarnedd whereas the new building is encompassed by the school. This may prove off-putting for daytime users.	<p>The toilets in the new centre (including accessible toilets) will be 18m², which is almost double the 10m² in the existing centre.</p> <p>In addition to what is available in the existing Centre, the Community Council office will also be located in the New Centre.</p> <p>The efficient design of the new building will mean that the unused circulation space can be considerably less than what is included in the existing centre. This will reduce the surface area of the building and will therefore assist with costs such as rates, heating costs, etc.</p> <p>Adequate mobile partitions dividing the community space will be purpose-built in order to prevent noise.</p> <p>Accessible parking is a core part of the exterior design. Accessible parking spaces are located outside the Centre's main entrance.</p> <p>It is important to note the design of the Centre has not been finalized. Although the size of each space has been agreed, there is a need to agree on the exact location of the rooms in relation to each other. Consequently, not every window and door opening is currently shown. The observations will be addressed when the final design will be agreed upon with the Pentir Community Council.</p> <p>In terms of the identity of the new Centre and its marketing, this is a priority for the Community Council, and prominent signs will be installed on the building so that it is defined as being separate to the School.</p>
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6.5	<p>I am supportive, overall, of the plan to demolish the existing building and create a new centre on the site of the school itself. I can see the advantages of this from the perspective of freeing up space to create a better and safer traffic and parking system for the school. In terms of the Centre itself, I can see that the new scheme is an opportunity for us to have a new modern building, though smaller than the existing centre. However, it is essential that the new Centre has its own visible identity within the school buildings and that its existence is made clear to the community by using signage etc., rather than being a hidden unit within the school. In addition, the Centre’s users have many specific requirements and it is very important that these are catered for in the new Centre. For a full list of these, please see the Response of the Canolfan Penrhos Committee to the consultation which was sent in by our secretary on 28 October.</p>	

6.6	<p>Having looked at the plans, there does not seem to be a separate outdoor area on the plans for the Ganolfan. Our Youth Club meets weekly all year round and often have outdoor games etc.</p> <p>Having studied the plans, it looks as if there is a connecting door from The Ganolfan to the school, is this correct?</p> <p>Is there a double door going into Y Ganolfan as parties etc are organised during the year (Bouncy Castles etc.) need access.</p> <p>The kitchen is quite a bit away from the Meeting Rooms, as a hatch from the Kitchen to the Meeting Room would be a great advantage. Also the kitchen seems to be next door to the toilets.</p> <p>I do hope that my comments will be passed on, hopefully so that we can have a community Centre that will be a great advantage to the Community.</p>	
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