

**Meeting:** Y Berwyn Catchment Review Panel **Date:** 4 November 2009

**Present:** Liz Saville Roberts (LSR); Dewi R Jones (DRJ); Carole Burgess (CB); Sharon Jones (ShJ); Alyson Evans (AE); W. Ann Jones (WAJ); Edwina Owen (EO); Bethan Emyr Jones (BEJ); Rhian Llwyd Dafydd (RhLID); Teleri Llwyd Roberts (TLR) Llyr Edwards (LIE); Dylan Davies (DD); Rhiannon Dafydd (RhD); Dorothy Ann Jones (DAJ); Shan Mererid Edwards (ShME); Brian Llwyd (BLI); Siwan Haf Davies (SHD); Aeron Prysor Jones (APJ); Nia Roberts (NR); Jano Owen (JO); Elwyn Edwards (EE); Dylan Edwards (DE); Dilys Ellis-Jones (DEJ); Gareth Llewelyn (DLI); Alan Evans (AE); Ann E Jones (AEJ); Sian Gwenllian (SG); J Blake (John Blake); Dewi Davies (DD); Seimon Williams (SW); Tony Bate (TB)

**Apologies:** None

### Summary for action

*(Note points for action from the meeting, and specify any points of which another forum requires notification; by whom, by when)*

Item No	Item/ Topic	Action	By whom	By when
3.	<b>Panel Remit and Membership</b>	Invite Chair of Governors of Ysgol Llangwm and the relevant local councillors from the Llangwm areas (Conwy) and Cynwyd (Denbighshire) due to the status of those schools within the y Berwyn secondary school catchment-area.	SW	6-11-09
4.	<b>Statistical Analysis</b>	SW to write to schools to confirm requirements with the Catchment-area Analysis and by when. Schools to provide a final full response	SW Everybod y	6-11-09 13-11-09
6.	<b>Requests for Further information</b>	Further work on the possibilities of co-operation between Bala town schools Circulate Cymdeithas yr Iaith's paper and Ysgol y Berwyn's response to every school electronically.	SW SW	30-11-09 6-11-09

		<p>Provide further information by the next meeting on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- standards of the current provision</li> <li>- impact on the community</li> <li>- impact of the changes on the Welsh language</li> <li>- schools financial projections.</li> </ul> <p>Officers to prepare an analysis of every possible alternative model.</p> <p>Schools to provide any models that they would like to assess to SW</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>SW</p> <p>Everybody</p>	<p>30-11-09</p> <p>30-11-09</p> <p>13-11-09</p>
7.	<b>Any Other Matter</b>	<p>Arrange a more appropriate room with tables etc by the next meeting</p> <p>Officers to make arrangements for a representative from every school to visit counties who have a track record of building new schools and of establishing co-operation arrangements.</p> <p>Defer visits to individual schools from 23-27 November 2009 to 11-15 January 2010.</p>	<p>RWE</p> <p>SW</p> <p>RWE</p>	<p>02-12-09</p> <p>13-11-09</p> <p>6-11-09</p>

<b>Full Record</b>				
<b>Item No</b>	<b>Item/ Topic</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>By when</b>
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	<p>Dewi Jones welcomed everybody to the meeting.</p> <p>He thanked the Head of y Berwyn for the welcome. He noted that the discussion was being held in a culturally and linguistically enriched area. The area's schools have a very important role and there is a need to ensure that this legacy is handed down to future generations.</p> <p>It will hopefully be an open process with everybody contributing to the discussions so as to provide the children with the best possible opportunities.</p>		
2.	<b>A few opening words from the Education Portfolio Leader</b>	<p>First of all she noted that herself and Cllr Siân Gwenllïan had visited every school in the area and appreciates the welcome received. There are high quality schools in the area that maintain Welshness.</p>		

		<p>She stated that one of her earliest experiences as Portfolio Leader had been to visit Ysgol Llaur y Betws when it faced a crisis. She felt that such situations should not be allowed to develop in future.</p> <p>It was noted that she was aware that such discussions had already been held in the area.</p> <p>The process in Tywyn was mentioned – 5 meetings had been held and it is felt that this was excessive, bearing in mind the desire for a decision to be reached and end the uncertainty. It is envisaged that 3-4 meetings will be held at Y Berwyn.</p> <p>Cllr Liz Saville Roberts with the advice of the County Advisory Panel will ultimately decide and LSR would present her proposal at the final meeting of Y Berwyn Catchment Review Panel and explain the rationale. The proposals will then be considered by the Council's Committees.</p> <p>Children's interests must be the primary consideration.</p> <p>A cross-section of requirements is relevant to Berwyn and the requirements and these resonate throughout the county. It is imperative that resources are used for every child's benefit.</p>		
3.	<b>PAD Remit and Membership</b>	<p>DRJ explained the development of the strategy through the Improvement Working Group's work, and that the working group had continued as the County Advisory Panel to support LSR. Siân Gwenllïan represents this group here.</p> <p><u>PAD Membership</u> Areas from Denbighshire and Conwy provide feeders for Ysgol Y Berwyn. It was therefore suggested that an invitation be extended to representatives from ysgol Llangwm (Conwy) and ysgol Cynwyd (Denbighshire), specifically the chair of governors of ysgol Llangwm, and elected members representing Llangwm and Cynwyd areas.</p> <p><u>It was agreed to invite the above to the next PAD meeting at Y Berwyn.</u></p>	SW	6-11-09
4.	<b>Time-table and</b>	SW presented the paper, outlining the aims as		

	<b>Communication Plan.</b>	<p>regards to raising awareness.</p> <p>There was an enquiry about meeting starting times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arrangement per school will be agreed between schools and officers. There is scope for flexibility.</li> </ul> <p>Consideration being given to inviting representatives from the community to meetings at individual schools.</p> <p><u>It was agreed</u> that this could be done at the school's request.</p> <p><u>It was agreed</u> that the time-table and suggestions as regards communication were acceptable.</p>		
5.	<b>Statistical analysis</b>	<p>It was noted that adjustments needed to be made to the statistical document. Consequently, there was no full agreement on the statistics.</p> <p><u>It was agreed</u> that schools would adapt and confirm the contents. SW to write to the schools to confirm requirements and by when.</p> <p>Schools to responds as soon as possible.</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>Everybod y</p>	<p>6-11-09</p> <p>13-11-09</p>
6.	<b>Requests for Further information</b>	<p>a) i) A request was received to assist the town's schools to promote discussions.</p> <p>Information is required on the community work that is done through the schools.</p> <p>The letter from the Headteacher of Y Berwyn on the Welsh language Society's draft plan was discussed (it was noted that Gwynedd Council had not been involved in discussing the plan) for education in Penllyn. The Head of Ysgol y Berwyn declared his support in principle to the idea of creating a partnership or federation to encompass primary and secondary schools within the catchment-area, although the school governors had not provided a further interpretation or definition. EE supported the principle, stating that lifelong co-operation could sustain the Secondary School. However, a representative of the Llandderfel community stated that there was no support for the concept within the community. It was agreed that officers</p>		



		<p>rather than send a delegation to the counties.</p> <p>Officers would make arrangements for a representative from every school to visit counties who have a track record of building new schools and of establishing arrangements for co-operation.</p> <p>b) Mrs A E Jones (AEJ) who had been a head teacher on secondment in the County of Conwy last year and who taught at a school that has now closed, stated that she would appreciate guidance. She felt that every school facing change required guidance due to that which they faced. The group's concern is that the catchment-area has agreed on a federal model that was not supported in the last scheme.</p> <p>c) There is no notion of a model as it would be contrary to the strategy. LSR proposed that officers attend the next PAD with all possible models having been outlined.</p> <p>d) A request was made for a more appropriate room with tables etc be prepared by the next meeting - 02-12-09.</p> <p>e) <u>It was agreed</u> to defer individual school sessions 23-27 November 09. Consider holding sessions during week of 11-15 January. Organise a visit in the meantime.</p> <p>f) Also a request from LSR for the PAD to suggest any further models before the next meeting.</p>	<p>SW/TB/H O</p> <p>RWE</p> <p>SW</p> <p>Everybody y</p>	<p>09</p> <p>30-11-09</p> <p>2-12-09</p> <p>1-12-09</p> <p>13-11-09</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	Wednesday evening 2 December 2009 at Ysgol y Berwyn.		
<b>9.</b>	<b>Conclude</b>	Everybody were thanked for attending the meeting.		