

Meeting of:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 13 September 2021
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Learning and Culture
Report Title:	Renaming Llancarfan Primary School
Purpose of Report:	To seek Cabinet approval to change the name of Llancarfan Primary School to South Point Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Trwyn y De from January 2022.
Report Owner:	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration
Responsible Officer:	Paula Ham, Director of Learning and Skills
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	<p>Head of Governor Support</p> <p>21st Century Schools Project Manager</p> <p>The expansion and relocation of Llancarfan Primary School has been subject to a statutory consultation process with prescribed consultees in accordance with the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2003.</p>
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for Executive decision by the Cabinet
Executive Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 21st Century Schools and Education Programme is a unique collaboration between the Welsh Government and Local Authorities. It is a major long term strategic capital investment programme with the aim of creating a generation of 21st Century Schools in Wales. A new 210 place primary school building in Rhoose has been included as part of the Council's Band B programme. • On 18 March 2019, Cabinet determined the proposal to reconfigure primary provision in the Western Vale by transferring Llancarfan Primary School to a new school site in Rhoose on land north-west of the railway line, extend the age range and increase the school capacity (minute C627). In determining the proposal, Cabinet was satisfied that the proposal will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable the school to further improve while catering for a greater pupil population; • Enable further improvements to educational outcomes and standards in the area; • Maintain access and parental preference for English medium provision in the area; and • Manage the supply and demand for school places in the area.

- The new school building is currently under construction and is due to be complete for January 2022. All staff and pupils will transfer to the new building following its completion.
- The headteacher and governing body of Llancarfan Primary School have written to the Council to request that the name of the school is changed to reflect the new location and extended catchment area. Renaming the school is also supported by the Llancarfan Community Council.
- Following engagement with staff, governors, parents/carers and pupils South Point Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Trwyn y De has been identified as the preferred name.
- The name of the school can be changed through an amendment to the Instrument of Government. (Appendix B)
- The headteacher and governing body would continue to work with parents/carers and pupils to develop a new logo which would reflect the heritage of the school whilst also marking new beginnings.

Recommendation

1. That Cabinet approves the Instrument of Government to change the name of Llancarfan Primary School to South Point Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Trwyn y De from January 2022.

Reason for Recommendation

1. To ensure the renaming of the school complies with the relevant legal framework.

1. Background

- 1.1 The 21st Century Schools and Education Programme is a unique collaboration between the Welsh Government and Local Authorities. It is a major long term strategic capital investment programme with the aim of creating a generation of 21st Century Schools in Wales.
- 1.2 In July 2017, the Council submitted its Strategic Outline Programme (SOP) to Welsh Government, identifying the projects included within the Band B programme. The Council's SOP was subsequently approved by Welsh Government on 10 November 2017. The construction of a new 210 place primary school building in Rhoose was included as part of the Council's SOP.
- 1.3 On 18 March 2019, Cabinet determined the proposal to reconfigure primary provision in the Western Vale by transferring Llancarfan Primary School to a new school site in Rhoose on land north-west of the railway line, extend the age range and increase the school capacity (minute C627). In determining the proposal, Cabinet was satisfied that the proposal will:
 - Enable the school to further improve while catering for a greater pupil population;
 - Enable further improvements to educational outcomes and standards in the area;
 - Maintain access and parental preference for English medium provision in the area; and
 - Manage the supply and demand for school places in the area.
- 1.4 On 18 November 2019, Cabinet approved the appointment of ISG Construction to design and build the proposed school building to accommodate the increased capacity (minute C153). Planning permission was subsequently granted by the Planning Committee on 2 September 2020 and construction commenced onsite from December 2020. The building is due to be complete for January 2021, when all staff and pupils will transfer to the new building.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1** A key driver for the proposal was to meet increased demand for primary and nursery education as a result of recent and proposed housing developments in Rhoose. This also safeguarded the long-term viability of Llancarfan Primary School which had consistent surplus capacity, which was projected to increase.
- 2.2** The proposal represents a relocation of the existing school, meaning all staff, pupils and governors will transfer to the new site. The name of the school would also transfer and, whilst the school will no longer be in Llancarfan village, the school will still serve the community of Llancarfan. Llancarfan Community Council will continue to be represented on the governing body.
- 2.3** Whilst the name would automatically transfer to the new school building, the headteacher and governing body of Llancarfan Primary School have written to the Council to request that the name is changed to reflect the new location and extended catchment area. Renaming the school is also supported by the Llancarfan Community Council (Appendix A).
- 2.4** The headteacher and governing body sought the views of parents regarding a potential name change and received no response in support of retaining the existing name. Pupils were asked to identify potential names and South Point Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Trwyn y De was the clear favourite.
- 2.5** South Point Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Trwyn y De reflects that the new location is near to the most southernly point in Wales. South Point Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Trwyn y De would also be the most southernly school in Wales.
- 2.6** The name of the school can be changed through an amendment to the Instrument of Government (Appendix B).
- 2.7** The headteacher and governing body would continue to work with parents/carers and pupils to develop a new logo which would reflect the heritage of the school whilst also marking new beginnings.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1** The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 (“the 2015 Act”) requires the Council to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.
- 3.2** The Council has committed as part of the Corporate Plan 2020-2025 to achieving a vision of ‘Working Together for a Brighter Future’. This plan is reflective of the Welsh Government’s Well-being of Future Generations Act and is comprised of four Well-being objectives to deliver this vision:
 - Objective 1 - To work with and for our communities
 - Objective 2 - To support learning, employment and sustainable economic growth

- Objective 3 - To support people at home and in their community
- Objective 4 - To respect, enhance and enjoy our environment

3.3 To make sure we are all working towards the same purpose, the 2015 Act puts in place seven well-being goals on the Council. The 2015 Act makes it clear the listed public bodies must work to achieve all of the goals, not just one or two, these being:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and Welsh Language
- A globally responsible Wales

3.4 The 21st Century Schools Programme contributes to achieving the wellbeing goals by:

- Improving sustainability of school buildings through the creation of BREEAM Excellent accommodation.
- Ensure an efficient supply and demand of school places across the Vale of Glamorgan through effective forecasting of future demand.
- Providing additional school places to meet increased demand as a result of recent and proposed housing developments.
- Providing facilities available for community use.

3.5 The 2015 Act imposes a duty on all public bodies in Wales to carry out “sustainable development”, defined as being, "The process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the well-being goals." The action that a public body takes in carrying out sustainable development includes setting and publishing well-being objectives and taking all reasonable steps in exercising its functions to meet those objectives.

3.6 The 2015 Act sets out five ways of working needed for the Council to achieve the seven well-being goals, these being:

- The importance of balancing short-term needs with the needs to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.
- Considering how the Council’s objectives impact upon each of the wellbeing goals listed above.
- The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the Council services.

- Acting in collaboration with other persons and organisations that could help the Council meet its wellbeing objectives.
- Acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse.

3.7 The 21st Century Schools Programme meets the five ways of working by:

- Responding to the need to ensure that there is a well-managed balance of supply and demand of school places as a result of recent and planned housing developments. It is recognised that the changing demographics in the Vale of Glamorgan will significantly affect the demand for our services. Short term and long term need and the assessment of demographic increases is an important aspect of the Council's strategic planning responsibilities.
- Developing schools that will have an environment reflective of the national mission for education in Wales and future curriculum.
- Working towards ensuring that all pupils within the Vale have every opportunity to attain the best possible outcomes. This ambition is achieved by ensuring that schools remain sustainable, reflects the needs of local communities and are equipped with the best possible learning environments.
- Contributing towards a healthier Wales by supporting sustainable transport strategies and providing additional sport facilities.
- Contributing towards a prosperous Wales by committing to working with Welsh Government on the 21st Century Schools Programme. The 21st Century Schools and Education Programme in the Vale of Glamorgan will drive greater social value while delivering on the Welsh Government's community benefits through its investment in education infrastructure and employment. Specifically, it will increase contributions to education, training and skills across the Vale and the region and provide opportunities for local tradespeople and to use local resources, wherever possible.
- Delivering rigorous consultation with open communication channels and numerous opportunities for stakeholders to engage throughout the process.
- Ensuring that schools are of the right size, in the right places and serving the educational needs of their local communities as part of the school organisation process.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

4.1 There are no financial considerations as part of this report.

Employment

4.2 There are no employment considerations as part of this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 4.3** This report and its recommendation comply with the Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005.

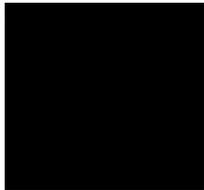
5. Background Papers

None.

LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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22nd January 2021



Dear Jill,

Re: The naming of Llanccarfân Primary School following its move to Rhoose

The Community Council has asked me to write to you in connection with the above.

At our meeting last night, it was unanimously agreed that to continue to call the school 'Llanccarfân Primary' following its move to Rhoose, would be wholly inappropriate and not something which as a community council we would seek to encourage.

I should therefore be grateful if you would convey the Community Council's views to the Governing Body.

Kind regards,

Katherine Kemp
Chairman

Appendix B

Instrument of Government : South Point Primary School/ Ysgol Gynradd Trwyn y De

1. The name of the school is **South Point Primary School/ Ysgol Gynradd Trwyn y De**.
2. The school is a **community** school.
3. The name of the governing body is **South Point Primary School/ Ysgol Gynradd Trwyn y De** Governing Body.
4. The governing body shall consist of:
 - (a) 4 parent governors;
 - (b) 3 LEA governors;
 - (c) 1 teacher governors;
 - (d) 1 staff governor;
 - (e) 3 community governors;
 - (f) 1 additional community governor (see paragraph 6);
 - (g) 1 Headteacher (except at any time when he has given written notice to the clerk to the governing body of the school that he chooses not to be a governor).
5. The total number of governors is 14 (except at any time when the Headteacher has given notice as above that he chooses not to be a governor, when the total number of governors will be 13).
6. The additional community governor will be appointed by **Llancarfan Community Council**, being the minor authority whose area is served by the school.
7. This instrument of government has been made by the Vale of Glamorgan LA in accordance with Regulations 32-34 of the Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005.
8. This instrument was made by order of the Vale of Glamorgan LA on **6 September 2021 and takes effect from 1 January 2022**.