



CLlr Chris Futcher Statement on Ysgol Pontfadog Feasibility Study Report

The consultation exercise, in my opinion, has been exemplary. I have played a minor part so can claim little credit from a personal perspective, but the extent of community engagement, the level of response and the quality of the final report are a credit to the communications committee, our clerk and Marc Roberts the consultant.

My position at the beginning of the consultation was that I had no strong preference for a particular outcome, other than it should be of benefit to the community and be broadly supported within the community. I expressed the hope that there would be a number of viable proposals, with the community council having the difficult task of selecting which to support.

The report clearly illustrates the preferences of the community, together with an analysis that takes account of a range of factors, important elements of which I would not have been aware but for Marc's diligence and experience.

The requirement of the chosen option to demonstrate viability from the outset and sustainability in the long term was a difficult, but essential, hurdle. Were the chosen option to fail, it would have disastrous consequences for the community.

The final report recommends a solution that is widely supported, is of considerable benefit and will help the sustainability of our community in the long term.

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