

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to:	Executive Committee
Date:	28/10/2019
Subject:	Llangefni Golf Course
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A – Recommendation/s and reason/s
<p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Executive considers the content of the report and the responses of the consultation processes undertaken to date. 2. The Executive fully supports and endorses the Regulation & Economic Development Service recommendation to undertake the preparation of further impact assessments (in full accordance with the requirements of relevant legislation) 3. The Executive support and endorses a further public consultation period. <p>1.0 Context & Background</p> <p>The Llangefni municipal golf course was opened in 1983 by the then Ynys Môn Borough Council to provide a low cost “pay and play” facility for beginner and intermediate level golfers.</p> <p>Between the years of 2007 to 2014 the golf course and driving range facility was incurring average annual losses of £28,000, which the County Council had to subsidise.</p> <p>Following a number of expressions of interest, a decision was taken by the Executive Committee on 26th May 2015 to transfer the management and responsibility of running the golf course to the Llangefni Partnership.</p> <p>After reviewing its financial performance and an independent feasibility study, the Llangefni Partnership’s Board unanimously decided that the levels of investment to further develop and maintain the facility were financially unviable. Therefore, the Llangefni Partnership did not seek an extension to the lease, or request a Community Asset Transfer from the County Council, and responsibility for the course was handed back in October 2018.</p> <p>The Executive in May 2018, supported – in principle – the recommendation to dispose of the Ffridd dwelling and accompanying 41 acres for sale on the open market (with the capital receipt being ring-fenced and reinvested in to leisure centres to enhance facilities).</p>

In order to dispose of a playing fields there is a statutory process organisations must follow to be compliant.

Since the facility was handed back to the County Council in October 2018, the Regulation and Economic Development Service has:

- a) October 2018 to January 2019: Supported Property Services to enable and facilitate securing a tenant for the driving range, thereby safeguarding the asset's long-term future for the public
- b) February 2019 to March 2019: Confirmed and prepared final site boundaries and plans in which to include as part of any consultation
- c) April 2019 to July: Undertaken public consultation on the future of the course
- d) July 2019: Reviewed the representations received and decided to undertake further consultation due to very low numbers
- e) July 2019 to September 2019: Further public consultation on the future of the golf course but numbers of representation still very low
- f) October 2019: Appraised and evaluated process with a view to undertaking next steps

2.0 Overview of the Consultation Responses

Extensive public consultation has been undertaken to ensure compliance with the County Council's Asset Management Policy and Procedures (2016) and the Playing Fields (Community Involvement and Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015.

Given the potentially complex and sensitive nature of any process to dispose of an asset, the County Council has needed to ensure that all processes are thorough and robust to avoid any potential legal challenge.

Despite the consultation being widely advertised at the golf course site, online and via social media and print, it is disappointing that only 86 individuals responded. 51% of respondents agreed with the County Council's proposal to dispose of the asset, and 49% disagreed.

All the comments have been carefully considered and have been responded to in detail as part of our statutory obligations. The full list of comments and the County Council's responses can be found in Annex A.

A synopsis of the comments are:

- a) Provides a low cost option to pay as you use to those who enjoy golf but cannot afford to join a golf club...
- b) Why should Anglesey ratepayers continue to subsidise a golf course...
- c) It is really positive that the only driving range on the Island remains open...
- d) Should be further commitment that the driving range, practice areas and shop remains open to the public in the long-term...
- e) Proportion of the capital receipt is ring fenced to develop the game of golf on the Island...
- f) More people of all ages use the various facilities at Plas Arthur than the golf course...
- g) Should be kept as a golf course...
- h) Driving range is becoming a fantastic facility...Anglesey really needs the Llangefni course...
- i) That it needs subsidising demonstrates it is not sustainable...
- j) It is a shame it has to close but Anglesey and Gwynedd has lots of other golf courses. The driving range is excellent now...
- k) Very short sighted proposal as the leisure centres need rebuilding not just masking with

unprofitable improvements...

- l) Instead of outright disposal, we would ask if there is a need to retain the site as another form of public open space...

Having fully considered the comments received, Officers remain of the provisional opinion that the Executive's Committee's original decision of May 2018 remains the correct one, and that the disposal of the golf course provides an opportunity to invest in local leisure facilities to realise wider well-being and health benefits.

Impact Assessments

The Legislation outlined above stipulates that the impacts of the proposed disposal must be adequately assessed, and include:

- a) Impacts on the County Council's Joint Local Development Plan (JLDP) ([JLDP](#))
- b) Impacts on the County Council's Play Sufficiently Assessment, and
- c) Impacts on the County Council's Môn & Gwynedd Local Well-Being Plan.

In addition, Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 44 2015, stipulates the need to consider the impacts on the Welsh Language through the Equality Impact Assessment.

4.0 Next Steps

Officers consider and prepare impact assessments in accordance with the requirements outlined above, and undertake a further public consultation exercise. These are statutory requirements to ensure full compliance with relevant legislation (as outlined).

A full report will then be brought to the Executive Committee to make a final decision.

B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them?

Not applicable.

C – Why is this decision for the Executive?

The Executive took the in-principle decision in May 2018, to endorse and support the sale of the Ffridd and golf course land on the open market.

CH – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?

Yes.

D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?

Yes.

DD – Who did you consult?		What did they say?
1	Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)	
2	Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)	
3	Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)	
4	Human Resources (HR)	
5	Property	
6	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	
7	Scrutiny	
8	Local Members	
9	Any external bodies / other/s	
1	Economic	
2	Anti-poverty	
3	Crime and Disorder	
4	Environmental	
5	Equalities	An EIA has been undertaken and was published as part of the consultation pack Should there be a further consultation we will also seek the views of the public on our findings and ask a specific question as to whether the impact on the Welsh language and protected groups have been fully considered as part of the Equality Impact Assessment.
6	Outcome Agreements	
7	Other	

F - Appendices:
A – Consultation Comments and IACC Responses

FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):

1. Following consultation, it is the Isle of Anglesey County Council's view that the: Llangefni Golf Course land and the Ffridd house is sold on the open market That the capital receipt is ring-fenced and reinvested in Plas Arthur to enhance and improve the range of activities it offers The driving range, practice areas and shop remains open to the public Are you in agreement with these proposals?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		50.59%	43
2	No		49.41%	42

Comments: (47)	Submitted Comment	County Council Response
1	09/04/2019 14:38 PM ID: 113677113 The golf course provides a low cost option to pay as you use to those who enjoy golf but cannot afford to join a golf club.	This is recognised and has been address in the Equality Impact Assessment. We believe other options are available – Storws Wen and Trearddur Bay and the driving range will remain open for public use.
2	09/04/2019 15:21 PM ID: 113681065 Why should Anglesey ratepayers continue to subsidise a golf course already available at numerous locations across the Island? To remain competitive and sustainable the remaining private sector courses will need to better cater for beginners and youngsters. I think it is really positive that the only driving range on the Island remains open and that the proceeds of the proposed land disposal is ring-fenced for the purpose of local sport/leisure.	We have consulted with the other golf courses on the island as part of this process and the ones who responded have confirmed they are doing more to attract and retain players. The driving range will remain open and significant investment is currently on-going there.
3	09/04/2019 15:27 PM ID: 113680695 There should be further commitment that the driving range, practice areas and shop remains open to the public in the long-term. The capital receipt should also be re-invested to the driving range whereby lessons can be offered to the next generation (male and female) at a subsidised rate or at nil cost. This would promote golf as a sport and assist in decreasing current trends. The remainder of the money ring-fenced should not be used for maintenance purposes at Plas Arthur and must add value / enhance current provisions.	There is significant investment currently on-going at the driving range and the County Council and its tenant remain committed to its success. All capital receipt will be ring-fenced for enhancing provision at Plas Arthur. We are aware that the driving range tenant has made a commitment to attracting the next generation of youngsters to the game. The County Council will discuss this with the tenant.
4	10/04/2019 08:51 AM ID: 113734551 Very positive	Comment noted.
5	10/04/2019 12:03 PM ID: 113756613 However, I would suggst that a proportion of the capital receipt is ring fenced to develop the game of golf on the Island. It's immoral to take away a 'feeder golf club' without providing suitable alternative. I would also take exeption that golf is an elitist sport. Baron Hill offer junior membership for £20 per annum (£40 with a Golf Range Card). The future of golf is dependant on bringing forward young talent to ensure a sustainable future for golf on the Island. Must do more to work	Whilst it is correct that Llangefni is a "feeder golf club" the driving range will remain as a provision for learners to begin and improve their game. Storws Wen and the Trearddur Bay courses remain open for beginners and those that wish to play more informally. Through our consultation with the other golf clubs on the island they have all expressed a willingness to work in collaboration with the driving range.

		together (with the Drving Range) to increase participation.	
6	10/04/2019 19:35 PM ID: 113803975	I would assume more people of all ages use the various facilities at Plas Arthur than the golf course. This would make it a good idea to invest more into the leisure centre.	It is the County Councils opinion (as referred to in our report) that enhancing the provision at Plas Arthur to encompass more people from the community is a better utilisation of resources.
7	10/04/2019 19:50 PM ID: 113805011	Why close the course to fund the leisure centre? So disappointing, had been going for years	The golf course as an entity is not financially viable, losing on average £28,000 per annum. This is not sustainable therefore a difficult decision on its future must be taken. It should be noted also that the golf course was a discretionary service.
8	10/04/2019 19:58 PM ID: 113805303	Siomedig iawn fod y cwrs golf wedi cau i rhoid mwy o arian i plas Arthur, ar ol i ni fod yn mynd yno yn rheolaidd am flynyddoedd	As above.
9	10/04/2019 20:52 PM ID: 113808328	Should be kept as a golf course. Instead of building more and more houses on the island.	The golf course as an entity is not financially viable, losing on average £28,000 per annum. This is not sustainable therefore a difficult decision on its future must be taken. The land (41 acres) would be marketed along with the Ffridd household as a small-holding. The land is outside the development boundary for housing and Llangefni has allocated land within the JLDP. The driving range will remain open to the public. It should be noted also that the golf course was a discretionary service.
10	10/04/2019 21:23 PM ID: 113810705	We pay council tax for these services and should be kept open otherwise more children will do without learning these activities when we can't afford private owners raised prices	The golf course as an entity is not financially viable, losing on average £28,000 per annum. This is not sustainable therefore a difficult decision on its future must be taken. The driving range will remain open to the public. It should be noted also that the golf course was a discretionary service.
11	10/04/2019 22:23 PM ID: 113813448	The driving range is becoming a fantastic facility. The PGA pro is making great efforts to encourage new golfers and juniors. But since the closure of the 9 hole course at Llandaniel Fab, there is now only the 9 hole course at the Beach Hotel, Trearddur Bay for them to use as a next step to playing the game. A jump straight into one of the private golf clubs will be too much for most. Anglesey really needs the Llangefni course.	Through our consultation with the other golf clubs on the island, they have all expressed a willingness to work in collaboration with the driving range and to make new players feel welcome at the courses. Storws Wen also remains open to the public as an entry-level course.
12	10/04/2019 22:48 PM ID: 113814659	The golf course is one of the only sports amenities that isn't football based. The council will just cut down the trees and build houses and probably a supermarket and further kill the town.	The County Council actively encourages a number of sports apart from football. The capital receipt received will be ring-fenced and spent on further improving provision at Plas Arthur for all members of the community to enjoy. As the land is outside the development boundary for Llangefni, the County Council will be marketing the land and household as a small-holding farm.
13	10/04/2019 22:50 PM ID: 113814772	The golf course is one of the only sports amenities that isn't football based. The council will just cut down the trees and	The County Council actively encourages a number of sports apart from football. The capital receipt received will be ring-fenced and spent on further

		<p>build houses and probably a supermarket and further kill the town. Agree with item 3. But no point in having the shop if there is no course. What ha the council done to promote the course?</p>	<p>improving provision at Plas Arthur for all members of the community to enjoy.</p> <p>As the land is outside the development boundary for Llangefni, the County Council will be marketing the land and household as a small-holding.</p> <p>The driving range will remain and the offering of the shop will be changing. The golf course both individually and in collaboration with the Llangefni Social Enterprise have invested in promoting the course. This included building a website.</p>
14	11/04/2019 06:56 AM ID: 113823442	Provides a really important local leisure facility, with a central location on the island.	The capital receipt will be re-invested in Plas Arthur which we believe also plays a fundamental role for leisure for the community also in a central location.
15	11/04/2019 09:17 AM ID: 113832002	Whilst closing the course is sad, that it needs subsidising demonstrates it is not sustainable.	The golf course as an entity is not financially viable, losing on average £28,000 per annum. This is not sustainable therefore a difficult decision on its future must be taken.
16	11/04/2019 10:15 AM ID: 113838028	Dylai'r Cyngor Sir ymdrechu I gael y pris gorau am y tir yma trwy ei werthu hefo caniatad cynllunio.	Our Estates Team who have significant experience in asset disposal will be leading on the sale. As the land is outside the development boundary it will be marketed as a small-holding farm.
17	11/04/2019 20:25 PM ID: 113899754	The golf course should not have been closed.	<p>The golf course as an entity is not financially viable, losing on average £28,000 per annum. This is not sustainable therefore a difficult decision on its future must be taken.</p> <p>It should be noted also that the golf course was a discretionary service.</p>
18	12/04/2019 17:23 PM ID: 113970469	<p>An inadequate assessment has been made under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. Merely saying you're going to have regard to the act doesn't make it so. Your own Well-being assessment highlights the importance of leisure activities and golf is an attractive sporting activity for various generations particularly the elderly. Investing in more 5 aside pitches doesn't cater for this groups needs or did you have other forms of more sedate activities in mind? Have you consulted with specific groups who could be affected? Many beginners such as myself would feel very self conscious at a proper course and I'm left with nowhere to go locally since it's closure. Llangefni allowed me to practice in an un-intimidating setting. A number of Golf Courses you have contacted as part of this exercise have expressed concern about this closure as there will be a lack of feeder clubs. Have you thought that this decision may affect the numbers attending these clubs and put their existence at risk - with the subsequent job losses. The Golf course allowed an affordable opportunity for those interests in golf to begin golf. It may have been the one and only opportunity for those on low incomes to pursue this expensive sport and so the decision creates greater inequality made worse by the fact that it's adjacent to one of the most deprived areas on the island.</p>	<p>The County Council is of the opinion that an adequate and sufficient assessment has been made which takes into account the different needs of various users.</p> <p>The capital receipt received will be ring-fenced and spent on further improving provision at Plas Arthur. This provision does and will include activities for all age and ability ranges.</p> <p>The driving range manned by a PGA professional will remain open to the public to begin and improve their game.</p> <p>The County Council has consulted with the golf courses and whilst some concern was raised they were in agreement that the driving range was a fantastic asset which needs to be maximised and also sufficient/ over-provision of golf exists on Anglesey.</p> <p>Storws Wen and Trearddur Bay remain open as feeder/ beginner courses.</p>

19	22/04/2019 08:48 AM ID: 114545284	This is a place we're improved investment could support and enhance the health and well being of young and old.	The golf course as an entity is not financially viable, losing on average £28,000 per annum. This is not sustainable therefore a difficult decision on its future must be taken. Investing more into the facility is not an option. It should be noted also that the golf course was a discretionary service.
20	25/04/2019 06:27 AM ID: 114818943	It is a shame it has to close but Anglesey and Gwynedd has lots of other golf courses. The driving range is excellent now.	It is the County Councils opinion that sufficient golf provision across Anglesey and Gwynedd exists to cater for all levels. The driving range is enjoying investment and will be an asset for the public.
21	25/04/2019 08:54 AM ID: 114825360	As long s ALL the money received from the sale is used to improve the building and facilities at Plas Arthur and restrictions are placed on the land so that it is not developed for housing.	The capital receipt received will be ring-fenced and spent on further improving provision at Plas Arthur. The land is outside the development boundary for Llangefni and will be sold as a small-holding farm.
22	30/04/2019 10:28 AM ID: 115252012	Why close an amenity to sell to a developer to build overpriced houses	The land is outside the development boundary for Llangefni and will be sold as a small-holding.
23	30/04/2019 10:38 AM ID: 115253312	Rwy'n credu y dylai'r Cyngor gadw perchnogaeth y Cwrs Golf a'i hyrwyddo. Yn enwedig felly i'r rhai di-freintiedig sydd yn methu fforddio talu ffioedd uchel clybiau preifat.	The golf course as an entity is not financially viable, losing on average £28,000 per annum. This is not sustainable therefore a difficult decision on its future must be taken. The County Council has consulted with the golf courses and whilst some concern was raised they were in agreement that the driving range was a fantastic asset which needs to be maximised and also sufficient/ over-provision of golf exists on Anglesey. It should be noted also that the golf course was a discretionary service.
24	30/04/2019 10:40 AM ID: 115253533	Provided ALL of the capital receipt is invested in Plas Arthur.	The capital receipt received will be ring-fenced and spent on further improving provision at Plas Arthur.
25	30/04/2019 11:56 AM ID: 115264529	There needs to be places to encourage youngsters to take up golf without the extortionate costs of a golf club. Llangefni is one of a small few that offer this opportunity.	The driving range manned by a PGA professional will remain open to the public. It is the County Councils intention to ensure that school children of all ages are encouraged to participate in the game. We will discuss this with the PGA professional.
26	30/04/2019 12:00 PM ID: 115265109	Be a real shame to lose the only driving range on the island. For some a full round of golf is too long so the driving range helps with practice and developing a consistent swing.	The driving range manned by a PGA professional will remain open to the public and is enjoying investment.
27	30/04/2019 12:20 PM ID: 115267790	More houses for the area and less for children to do Why don't we do tournaments for young children at golf or footgolf tournaments .	The land is outside the development boundary for Llangefni and will be sold as a small-holding farm. The driving range manned by a PGA professional will remain open to the public. It is the County Councils intention to ensure that school children of all ages are encouraged to participate in the game.
28	30/04/2019 12:31 PM ID: 115269318	Re-open golf course, no where on anglesey similar to it	The golf course as an entity is not financially viable, losing on average £28,000 per annum. This is not sustainable therefore a difficult decision on its future must be taken.

			<p>Storws Wen and Trearddur Bay remain open as feeder/ beginner courses.</p> <p>It should be noted also that the golf course was a discretionary service.</p>
29	30/04/2019 18:43 PM ID: 115318449	Ffridd House should be closed with any proceeds being reinvested in Plas Arthur. The Golf Course should be marketed on the open market and unless it can be sold then the land should be let as grazing land for the time being and reviewed from time to time. The Driving Range, Practice areas and shop should remain open to the public.	<p>We are confident that the land will be sold. There has always been a high demand on similar sales.</p> <p>The proceeds from the sale will be ring-fenced and re-invested in Plas Arthur.</p> <p>The driving range manned by a PGA professional will remain open to the public and is enjoying investment.</p>
30	30/04/2019 19:12 PM ID: 115319860	Why can't the ffridd house just be sold separately and the golf course be retained even if it was breaking even - it's an asset which the people of the island are going to lose for ever and will never return to being a golf course again. It's a very short sighted proposal as the leisure centres need rebuilding not just masking with unprofitable improvements. Not enough has been done to avoid this situation but I fear the decision has already been made as the driving range and shop are already operating, the course closed and money allocated to plas Arthur so I don't understand the purpose of this survey. The money from the sale of the ffridd house if anything should have been used to continue the running of the golf course. Unfortunately this decision will only lead to fewer young people getting involved in sport as the remaining private golf courses are completely unaffordable and elitist. Thanks.	<p>The golf course as an entity is not financially viable, losing on average £28,000 per annum. This is not sustainable therefore a difficult decision on its future must be taken.</p> <p>The driving range manned by a PGA professional will remain open to the public. It is the County Councils intention to ensure that school children of all ages are encouraged to participate in the game.</p> <p>The investment in Plas Arthur will be substantial and will ensure the long-term sustainability of the building.</p> <p>We are of the opinion that sufficient provision for all levels exists on Anglesey and the driving range will remain open.</p> <p>It should be noted also that the golf course was a discretionary service.</p>
31	30/04/2019 19:13 PM ID: 115321006	Select few play golf, more people use the gym, pool, 4g so if its losing money, tax payers shouldn't pay.	Comment noted.
32	30/04/2019 19:34 PM ID: 115322811	Such a shame!!	<p>The golf course as an entity is not financially viable, losing on average £28,000 per annum. This is not sustainable therefore a difficult decision on its future must be taken.</p> <p>It should be noted also that the golf course was a discretionary service.</p>
33	30/04/2019 19:45 PM ID: 115323666	Ar yr amod bod y llain ymarfer yn cael aros a bod buddsoddiad gwirioneddol ym Mhlas Arthur. Mae cwrs golff Llangefni yn fforddiadwy i rai nad ydynt yn gallu fforddio ymaelodi â chlwb arall. Rhaid felly cefnogi'r sawl sy'n rhedeg y llain ymarfer a buddsoddi yn sylweddol ym Mhlas Arthur ac yn y canolfannau hamdden eraill - yn enwedig yn Amlwch.	<p>The proceeds from the sale will be ring-fenced and re-invested in Plas Arthur.</p> <p>Other leisure facilities will also be reviewed as part of the process.</p> <p>The driving range manned by a PGA professional will remain open to the public. We will continue to work closely with the tenant to ensure it remains a success.</p>
34	30/04/2019 19:57 PM ID: 115324646	We need to keep the golf course open to encourage young people to participate in outdoor sport	<p>The golf course as an entity is not financially viable, losing on average £28,000 per annum. This is not sustainable therefore a difficult decision on its future must be taken.</p> <p>The driving range manned by a PGA professional will remain open to the public. It is the County Councils intention to ensure that school children of</p>

			all ages are encouraged to participate in the game.
35	30/04/2019 20:27 PM ID: 115326648	<p>Buddsoddi amser ac arian ar y cwrs presennol. Ei wneud yn le syn denu. Gwerthur cwrs fel atyniad i blant / ysgolion cynradd etc</p> <p>1. cwrs 9 twll fel sydd ynon bresennol (ond syn cael ei edrych ar ei ol) 2. driving range fel sydd ynon bresennol 3. Cwrs Hwyl (Mini Golff) - Crazy golf 4. Cwrs 'Foot Golf' o safon.</p>	<p>The golf course as an entity is not financially viable, losing on average £28,000 per annum. This is not sustainable therefore a difficult decision on its future must be taken.</p> <p>It should be noted also that the golf course was a discretionary service.</p> <p>The driving range manned by a PGA professional will remain open to the public. It is the County Councils intention to ensure that school children of all ages are encouraged to participate in the game.</p> <p>It is not possible to re-invest in the golf course for the reasons outlined in the accompanying reports.</p>
36	03/05/2019 12:07 PM ID: 115602051	Not enough pay and play par 3 courses kn Anglesey.	Storws Wen and Trearddur Bay remain open as feeder/ beginner courses and the driving range will also remain open for the public.
37	08/05/2019 06:23 AM ID: 115987294	Cytuno fod angan cau y cwrs gan ei fod yn colli arian. Mae treth digon uchel fel y mae.	Comment noted.
38	15/05/2019 11:36 AM ID: 116682845	<p>Fields in Trust is an independent charity with over 90 years' experience protecting parks and green spaces. We work with landowners, community groups and policy makers to champion the value of our parks and green spaces to achieve better protection for their future at both local and national level.</p> <p>Fields in Trust is naturally disappointed to hear of the proposed disposal of Llangefni Golf Course. It is noted there has been a continued decline in participation figures but there may still be a need to retain the facility as the other golf clubs have indicated to provide an affordable means of entry to the sport and to facilitate healthy physical activity. It appears however the decision to dispose is mainly financial and the benefits to golf and the health and well-being of the users have largely been ignored.</p> <p>While accepting that it might not be possible to continue to maintain such a facility in the current climate, instead of outright disposal, Fields in Trust would ask if there is a need to retain the site as another form of public open space which is financially less demanding?</p> <p>Although it is not clear the facility is not required, the Welsh Government's Technical Advice Note (TAN) 16 Sport, Recreation and Open Space states "When not required for their original purpose, open spaces may be used to help meet the need for informal recreational or amenity land in the wider community. Only where it can be clearly shown that there is no deficiency, should the possibility of their use for alternative development be considered".</p>	<p>The golf course as an entity is not financially viable, losing on average £28,000 per annum. This is not sustainable therefore a difficult decision on its future must be taken. Leisure is a non-statutory/ discretionary service.</p> <p>The driving range manned by a PGA professional will remain open to the public. It is the County Councils intention to ensure that individuals all ages are encouraged to participate in the game.</p> <p>In terms of your reference to alternative "sufficient open space in the locality" we would argue that the 25 acre Dingle Nature Reserve which is directly opposite the golf course provides an alternative location for members of the public to enjoy wide open uninterrupted open spaces.</p> <p>Substantial investment continues to take place to ensure the reserve is accessible and enjoyed by all members of the public. Llangefni also has the benefit of a number of football and rugby pitches as well as a skate park and other parks.</p>

		In summary therefore, Fields in Trust objects to the proposed disposal pending the provision of an open space assessment which shows that there is no need to retain the site for other space uses. If it is shown that there is sufficient open space in the locality, we recognise its location and topography might preclude certain uses, we would be happy to reconsider this objection.	
39	23/05/2019 12:50 PM ID: 117488554	We need free public access to more green open spaces not less.	Comment noted. The 25 acre Dingle Nature Reserve which is directly opposite the golf course provides an alternative location for members of the public to enjoy wide open uninterrupted open spaces.
40	07/06/2019 12:00 PM ID: 118750865	The Llangefni Regeneration Partnership agree that the driving range, practice areas and shop remains open to the public. We however disagree that the remainder of the land and the Ffridd House be sold and reinvested in Plas Arthur. Further consultation needs to be undertaken with the local community and interested partners about what other community uses could be undertaken with the land and the house.	Comment noted. The 25 acre Dingle Nature Reserve which is directly opposite the golf course provides an alternative location for members of the public to enjoy wide open uninterrupted open spaces.
41	07/06/2019 14:33 PM ID: 118766634	<p>COMMENTS : LLANGEFNI TOWN COUNCIL. Following Legal Advice on the closure of the Golf Course six months ago, Members of Llangefni Town Council would like to point out the following in line with the Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015 in its disposal of a playing field :</p> <p>1. The 2015 Regulations set out a procedure that a Local Authority must follow in disposing of a playing field unless it will still be publicly available following the disposal.</p> <p>2. Regulation 5 of the 2015 Regulations requires the County Council to advertise the possible sale of a playing field for two weeks in a local newspaper before any decision is made. A consultation period of at least 6 weeks must be available for representations on the proposed sale and details of the proposal must be publicly available.</p> <p>3. Regulation 6 requires the details of the proposed sale to include information on the effect of the sale on any "relevant strategies, plans or assessments".</p> <p>4. Regulation 7 requires the County Council to consider all representations made during the consultation period.</p> <p>5. Regulation 8 requires the County Council, if they proceed with the sale, to produce a decision report setting out the representations received and its reason for deciding to continue. The report must be available for public inspection for at least 6 weeks and the decision and the availability</p>	<p>The County Council has followed the 2015 Regulations.</p> <p>This has been actioned in line with the regulations. Adverts were placed in the newspaper, the consultation has exceeded 6 weeks and notices erected at the site in prominent locations.</p> <p>This has been actioned in line with the regulations. A detailed Equalities Impact Assessment was part of the consultation process for the public to comment on.</p> <p>The County Council will carefully consider and respond to all representations made.</p> <p>Comment noted. This aspect will be undertaken and in full alignment with the regulations.</p>

		<p>of the report must be advertised in a local newspaper for two weeks. A copy of the decision and the report must be sent to everyone who submitted a representation. Also the County Council must not sell the land for at least 12 weeks after the publication of the decision (this allows for a judicial review to be started before the sale goes through).</p> <p>Members of Llangefni Town Council, are disappointed that the Isle of Anglesey County Council has not followed the above Regulations and furthermore has not involved the Town Council in such an important decision making process, which involves and has a direct impact on the population of Llangefni and surrounding areas.</p>	<p>The County Council disputes that the regulations have not been followed. As the consultation has been a public consultation and heavily publicised the Town Council have had the opportunity to be involved as demonstrated by this response.</p>
42	10/06/2019 10:50 AM ID: 119066663	<p>Mae'r ddogfen yn cymharu cwrs Llangefni gyda chyrsgiau fel Barron Hill neu Borth Llechog... cymhariaeth ffals gan nad yw'r cyrsiau yma yn rhai agored i bawb (aelodau yn unig, ac mae aelodaeth yn ddrud). Mae Llangefni a Storws Wen yn cynnig cyfle i bobl gyrraedd, talu a chwarae yn syth. Byddai hynny'n adnodd gwerthfawr iawn i gadw ar yr ynys.</p>	<p>The County Council has consulted with the golf courses and whilst some concern was raised they were in agreement that the driving range was a fantastic asset which needs to be maximised and also sufficient/ over-provision of golf exists on Anglesey.</p> <p>Storws Wen and Trearddur Bay remain open as feeder/ beginner courses and the driving range will also remain open to the public.</p>
43	10/06/2019 11:01 AM ID: 119068201	<p>There is a climate and wildlife crisis - turn the land into sustainable native woodland with open access for people to walk and enjoy the environment. Plaid Cymru and Welsh Government have declared a climate emergency - support this and do the right thing by using land to buffer climate change.</p>	<p>Comment noted. The 25 acre Dingle Nature Reserve which is directly opposite the golf course provides an alternative location for members of the public to enjoy wide open uninterrupted open spaces.</p> <p>The land is outside the development boundary for Llangefni and will be sold as a small-holding.</p>
44	10/06/2019 15:18 PM ID: 119106306	<p>Simple yes no vote does not allow for constructive input agree to 1&3 but not 2 it should benefit the whole island</p>	<p>The opportunity for representations can be made either through this process of contacting the Officer directly.</p>
45	10/06/2019 16:57 PM ID: 119119966	<p>Does dim lle rhad i fagu talent chwarae golff ar yr ynys. Rhaid bod yn gefnog i wneud hyn ac ma cwrs golff llangefni yn rhoi cyfle i bawb gael chwarae.</p>	<p>The driving range manned by a PGA professional will remain open to the public. It is the County Councils intention to ensure that school children of all ages are encouraged to participate in the game.</p>
46	27/07/2019 20:18 PM ID: 123140394	<p>1. Raise much needed funds and Anglesey has many golf courses with dwindling numbers who are more than happy to welcome the type of player that went to Llangefni</p> <p>2. Only fair that the money is invested in leisure in the Llangefni area as its a leisure facility going</p> <p>3. The driving range should stay open and shop as a leisure attraction to residents and visitors.</p>	<p>The other golf courses on Anglesey that responded all outlined that they will be doing more to attract and retain players.</p> <p>The capital receipt received will be invested in Plas Arthur primarily.</p> <p>The driving range will remain open to the public and investment is currently ongoing to ensure it remains sustainable.</p>
47	28/07/2019 16:45 PM ID: 123170487	<p>Digon o lefydd golff ar Ynys Mon ac well gwario i gadw plas arthur yn agor</p>	<p>The County Council is of the opinion that sufficient provision exists on Anglesey and that investing in Plas Arthur can maximise members of the community in their health and wellbeing.</p>

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