

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to	Executive Committee
Date	10 June 2013
Subject	Lowering Age of Admission at Ysgol Dwyran
Portfolio Holder(s)	
Lead Officer(s)	Gareth Jones
Contact Officer	Gareth Jones

Nature and reason for reporting

Following the receipt of a request from the Bro Rhosyr Governing Body - Ysgolion Dwyran and Newborough - for the Authority to consider lowering the age of admission so as to admit pupils part time in the September following their third birthday permission was given to Authority officers by the Executive (14 January, 2013) to consult with all those who have an interest in the proposal. It is now necessary to seek the permission of the Executive Committee to publish statutory notices on the proposal.

A – Introduction / Background / Issues

Ysgol Dwyran admits children full time in the September following their fourth birthday. The school is one of 9 schools with this policy. The other 39 primary schools admit children part time in the September following their third birthday.

There is a set process to this-

1. Prepare a consultation document and to present it in a public meeting.
2. Ensure a wide consultation with all who have an interest.
3. Prepare a report and recommendation to the Executive.
4. If there is a decision to implement the proposal then publish a statutory order and collect objections.
5. Consider any objections. If there is a decision to continue with the proposal a report is sent to the Minister for Education for a decision.

Following the receipt of permission by the Executive (14 January 2013) for Authority officers to consult with all those who have an interest in the proposal, a consultation document was produced and then consultation took place on the proposal between 23 April and 17 May, 2013, by

1. Holding a meeting at the school on Tuesday, 23 April that started the consultation process. There were 16 people present who included Governors, parents, an officer of Mudiad Meithrin and staff and committee of the local cylch. There was an open discussion which discussed the process and the implications of the proposal for the school and the cylch. There were no objections to the proposal. The school and then cylch were asked to share the document amongst parents and the community.

2. During the period of the consultation the following correspondence was received-

- a. Letter of support from the staff of the cylch and the registered person.
- b. Letter of support from Rhosyr Community Council.
- c. Letters of support from three of the school's parents.
- ch. Letter of support from an individual Governor.

3. The Governing Body had already declared support for the proposal. The discussion on the evening and the contents of the correspondence was very supportive of the proposal and all were eager to implement the proposal in September 2013.

There is a need to now move to publish statutory notices and to invite any objections to the proposal.

B - Considerations

The school wishes to move towards a policy that is accepted in the majority of our schools. Following the period of consultation strong support was seen for the proposal from all with an interest and an obvious desire for immediate implementation.

On publishing statutory notices there is a need to allow two months for any person to register an objection. The period would therefore come to an end during the school summer holidays.

C – Implications and Impacts

1	Finance / Section 151	The school will place the children with the rest of the Foundation Phase with no staffing implications
2	Legal / Monitoring Officer	
3	Human Resources	No implications
4	Property Services (see notes – separate document)	There is sufficient space within the school.
5	Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	
6	Equality	No implications

C – Implications and Impacts		
7	Anti-poverty and Social	
8	Communication	
9	Consultation	The Authority has followed the statutory process for consultation with all who have an interest.
10	Economic	
11	Environmental	
12	Crime and Disorder	
13	Outcome Agreements	

CH - Summary
<p>The Bro Rhosyr Governors have presented a request to lower the school's age of admission. The Authority are following the required process. Permission is requested to publish statutory notices.</p>
D - Recommendation
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Permit Authority officers to publish statutory notices on the proposal to lower the age of admission for Ysgol Dwyran. 2. Permit officers to move immediately on the proposal if no objection is received and to discuss on the best way forward with the school and the cylch to implement the proposal in September 2013. The process will be reported on to the Executive Committee during the Autumn Term 2013.

Name of author of report - Gareth Jones

Job Title - Education Officer

Date 22 May 2013

Appendices:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation Document regarding proposals to lower the admission age of Ysgol Dwyran as from 31 August 2013. • Minutes of the Consultation meeting on 23 April 2013.
Background papers
None



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***CONSULTATION DOCUMENT
REGARDING PROPOSALS TO LOWER
THE ADMISSION AGE OF YSGOL
DWYRAN
AS FROM
31 AUGUST 2013***

The Lifelong Learning Department, at the request of the Governing Body of Ysgol Dwyran is consulting regarding the possibility of admitting 3 year old nursery pupils to the school. The enclosed document provides information regarding the proposal, what it would mean and what are the next steps and invites you to a consultation meeting at Ysgol Dwyran as follows to discuss the matter with an officer of the Authority.

HOW YOU MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN

A consultation meeting will be held and you are welcome to attend:

Venue: **Ysgol Dwyran**

Date: **Tuesday 23 April, 2013**

Time : **6.30 p.m.**

The following are invited-

- Ysgol Dwyran parents, staff and Governors.
- Committee, staff and parents of Cylch Meithrin Dwyran

The schools and cylchoedd meithrin/playgroups of Brynsiencyn, Llangaffo and Niwbwrch will also be invited to respond to this consultation document. In addition a meeting will be held with the School Council.

You are also welcome to put your views in writing to:

Lifelong Learning Department
Ffordd Glanhwfa
LLANGFNI
Ynys Môn
LL77 7EY

[Please mark for the attention of **Mr Gareth Jones**]

or you can e-mail: dgjed@anglesey.gov.uk

All views must be received by

no later than midday 17 May, 2013

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**CONSULTATION WITH REGARD TO PROPOSALS TO LOWER THE ADMISSION AGE
OF YSGOL DWYRAN AS FROM 31 AUGUST 2013**

CONSULTATION PAPER

1. PROPOSAL

- 1.1 This consultation is on a proposal to lower the admission age of Ysgol Dwyran to admit pupils on a part time basis from the September following their 3rd birthday with effect from 31 August 2013.
- 1.2 Those being consulted are the parents, governors and staff of Ysgol Dwyran; parents, committee and staff of Cylch Meithrin Dwyran as well as neighbouring schools and voluntary providers in the area, the local community and other interested parties.
- 1.3 The consultation will take place during the period **23 April 2013** to **17 May 2013**. A report on the outcome of these consultations will be submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee at a meeting on 10 June 2013.

2. WHAT WOULD THIS PROPOSAL MEAN?

- 2.1 Cylch Meithrin Dwyran are the current providers of early years education in the area from the beginning of term following the 3rd birthday to the September following the 4th birthday. Cylch Meithrin Dwyran meets in the Community Room at Ysgol Dwyran for those children who are 3 years old for 4 mornings a week, 9.00 to 11.30.

There are currently 6 pupils who had achieved their 3rd birthday by 1 September 2012, and 3 pupils who had not achieved their 3rd birthday by 1st September 2012, attending Cylch Meithrin Dwyran.

- 2.2 Pupils are admitted to Ysgol Dwyran on a full time basis in the September following their 4th birthday. In April 2013 there were 25 pupils on roll who are taught in 2 classes as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Number of Pupils</u>
1	Foundation Phase	10
2	Key Stage 2	15

2.3 If the proposal to admit 3 year olds to the school on a part time basis is implemented the nursery pupils would be admitted in the afternoon and taught within the Foundation Phase class. Ysgol Dwyran would be the local providers for children from the September following their 3rd birthday.

2.4 Early Years education up to the September following the 3rd birthday would still be provided by Cylch Meithrin Dwyran.

The Cylch Meithrin would accept pupils once they are 2 years old. At this moment in time the Cylch has 4 names to start in September 2013. The Cylch would provide for these during the 4 mornings with various plans being considered for the children.

2.5 Ysgol Dwyran had a good report following the Estyn inspection in March 2010.

Aspect	Grade
<i><u>Key Question 1: How good are the outcomes?</u></i>	<i>Good</i>
Standards	Good
Wellbeing	Good
<i><u>Key Question 2: How good is provision?</u></i>	<i>Good</i>
Learning Experiences	Adequate
Teaching	Good
Care, support and guidance	Good
Learning environment	Good
<i><u>Key Question 3: How good are leadership and management?</u></i>	<i>Good</i>
Leadership	Good
Improving Quality:	Adequate
Partnership working	Good
Resource management	Good
The school's current performance	Good
The school's prospects for improvement	Adequate

2.6 Cylch Meithrin Dwyran received a sound Estyn report.

2.6.1 When Cylch Meithrin Dwyran was inspected by Estyn in January 2009, the main finding of the report was that the quality and standards of educational provision was appropriate and successfully promotes the Foundation Phase Outcomes for children's learning.

The standards achieved by children in the six areas of learning were

Area of learning	Grade
Personal and social development, wellbeing and cultural diversity	2
Language, literacy and communication skills	2
Mathematical development	2
Knowledge and understanding of the world	3
Physical development	2
Creative development	2

The quality of education provided was deemed to be as follows:

Quality of provision for children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development	2
Quality of planning for children's learning	2
Quality of teaching	2
Quality of assessment and recording of children's progress, and reports for parents and carers	2
Quality of the relationships with parents, carers and the community	2
The extent to which the setting contributes to children's wellbeing	3
Quality of the leadership and management of the setting	2

3. WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

- 3.1 Consultation will be carried out by the Council with staff, governors, parents and other interested parties during the period **23 April 2013** to **17 May 2013**. The outcome of the consultation will be considered by the Executive Committee at a meeting on 10 June 2013. Should the Executive Committee decide to proceed with the proposal to lower the admission age of Ysgol Dwyran a statutory notice will be published and posted at the school, the voluntary group's rooms, the nearest library and in the local press inviting any formal written objections to be submitted within two months of publication.

If there are objections, the matter will be referred to the Welsh Government for determination. The Welsh Ministers will consider the objections, the department's response to those objections, all the supporting evidence and will then decide to approve, reject or modify the proposal.

If there are no objections, the Council will decide if it is to implement the proposal.

- 3.2 The provisional timetable and procedure which is required by law would be as follows:

10 June 2013 Consideration of consultation responses followed by a decision on whether to proceed with the proposal

June 2013 (middle) Publication of statutory notices [followed by a two month objection period]

August 2013 (middle) If there are no objections to the proposal, the Council will proceed with lowering the admission age of Ysgol Dwyran. If there are objections, the proposal will fall to the Welsh Government for determination. The Welsh Ministers usually require six months from the publication of statutory notices to consider the proposal but it is hoped a decision can be made in time to take effect on January 2013.



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YSGOLION DWYRAN - NIWBWRCH SCHOOLS

Dwyran: 01248 430447

Niwbwrch: 01248 440651



Pennaeth / Headteacher: Mr Huw J Thomas

Clerc / Clerk: Miss Carole Richardson



Cofnodion cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd yn Ysgol Dwyran, Nos Fawrth 23^{ain} o Ebrill 2013 am 6.30yh.

Minutes of the meeting held in Dwyran School, Tuesday Evening 23rd of April 2013 at 6.30pm.

1 Presennol / Present

Gareth Jones (Swyddog Addysg Ynys Mon)

Huw Thomas (Pennaeth Ysgol Niwbwrch a Dwyran)

Menna Hughes-Jones (Ysgol Niwbwrch/ Llywodraethwyr)

Adrienne Wiltshire (Ysgol Niwbwrch/ Llywodraethwyr)

Tim Owen (Llywodraethwyr/Rhiant)

Helen Granton (Llywodraethwyr)

Peter Rogers (Cadeirydd Llywodraethwyr)

Natasja Woodcock (Llywodraethwyr/Rhiant)

Jen Dafydd (Swyddog Datblygu Mudiad Meithrin)

Carys Jones (Cylch Meithrin Dwyran)

Anwen Jones (Llywodraethwyr/Rhiant)

Rhiannon Geal (Cylch Meithrin Dwyran)

Sian Griffith (Athrawes Ysgol Dwyran)

Lowri Williams (Athrawes Ysgol Dwyran)

Tracey Frazer (Rhiant)

Carole Richardson (clerc)

Umddiheuriadau / Apologies

Roy Roberts (Llywodraethwyr)

Reg Hinchcliffe (Rhiant/Llywodraethwyr)

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2. Introduction

Presented:

Mr Gareth Jones, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr Thomas, the Head Teacher and Mr Rogers, the Chair of the Governing Body we introduced to everyone present at the meeting.

Mr Jones explained that there was a request from the Bro Rhosyr Governing Body to accept Nursery pupils in the school, therefore asking to change the school's composition.

Resolved:

Mr Jones distributed the consultation documents for all to read and discuss during this meeting.**3. Consultation Document Regarding proposals to lower the admission age of Ysgol Dwyran**

Presented:

Mr Jones lead everyone through each step of the proposal. Each section was read, discussed and questions were raised and answered.

A discussion was had regarding the possibility of nursery aged children attending the 'Cylch Meithrin' in the morning, being looked after during the lunchtime period and then to attend the school's Foundation Phase class in the afternoon.

Concern was raised regarding the process taking a long time and that it would not be in place for the beginning of the new academic year in September.

One person present offered to present the proposal in the next Community Council meeting.

Resolved:

Mr Jones suggested that all parties who would like to show their support for the proposal can do so in the form of an email or letter by 12 noon, 17th May. Mr Jones would compile all the documents to support the application and present them to the Work Committee on June 10th. Everyone agreed.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance.