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Dear Sir / Madam

I write to inform you that a Meeting of the Charity Trustee Committee will be held remotely via video-conferencing on Thursday, 16 December 2021 at 2.00 pm for the transaction of the following business:

1. **Apologies**
2. **Disclosures of personal/prejudicial interest**
3. **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Charity Trustee Committee held on 8 July 2021 and to consider any matters arising from those Minutes (Pages 3 - 6)**
4. **To receive a report on the Consultation regarding the relocation of two war memorial stone tablets at the Old School Tregaron (Pages 7 - 10)**
5. **Any other matter which the Chairman decides is for the urgent attention of the Committee**

A Translation Services will be provided at this meeting and those present are welcome to speak in Welsh or English at the meeting.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Edwards'.

Miss Lowri Edwards
Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services

To: Chairman and Members of Charity Trustee Committee
The remaining Members of the Council for information only.

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Minutes of the Meeting of CHARITY TRUSTEE COMMITTEE held remotely via video-conference on Thursday, 8 July 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Rowland Rees-Evans (Chairman), Councillors Bryan Davies, Euros Davies, Elaine Evans (Vice-Chair), Mark Strong, Wyn Thomas and Ivor Williams.

Also in attendance: Councillors Elizabeth Evans (Observer and Sub-Group review Member), Councillor Keith Evans (Sub Group review Member) and Councillor Rhodri Evans.

Officers in attendance: Louise Harries, Solicitor; Tom Williams, Disposals and Acquisitions Surveyor; Eirian Jones, Building Maintenance Manager and Nia Jones, Democratic Services.

(10.00 -10.50 am)

Procedure

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

1 Apologies

Councillors Marc Davies and Lyndon Lloyd MBE apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

2 Disclosures of personal interest

There were no personal and prejudicial interest declared

3 To confirm the Minutes of the Meetings of the Charity Trustee Committee held on 17 December 2019 and to consider any matters arising from those Minutes.

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th December, 2019

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4 To receive a report in relation to the former Tregaron Secondary School

It was noted that during the meeting of 5th November 2019, the Charity Trustee Committee resolved to market the property for sale through the Estates Section, inviting offers in the region of £160,000; to pay the Estates Section's fees of 1% of the sale plus the cost of an EPC report from the proceeds of sale, and to give delegation to a sub-group to consider any offers received.

The sub-group comprising Cllr Elizabeth Evans, Keith Evans and Ivor Williams met in June of this year to consider an unconditional offer. Cllr Elizabeth Evans noted that the sub-group had scrutinised every single avenue, and recommended that the Charity Trustee Committee proceed with the sale due to the severe and continuing deterioration of the building and the lack of money to put towards the cost of maintenance, noting that complaints have been received in relation to overgrown vegetation.

Louise Harries informed the committee of two side matters relating to this property:

- a) There are several historical plaques relating the First World War, the Second World War and Headteachers fixed to the internal walls of this building. It was noted that a report provided by Dr Robert Anthony in 2017 gave an outline of the rules around the relocation of these plaques which included consultation to identify a suitable location and notifying the War Memorial Trust. It was noted that consultation would proceed subject to a decision to proceed with the sale.
- b) It was noted that overgrowth of vegetation on the boundary meant that a neighbouring property is unable to open a window, and it is recommended that Estates are instructed to carry out minimal clearance in order to remove this obstruction.

Members were reminded that they must always consider what is in the best interest of the charity when taking decisions, and that proceeding would enable the Charity to realise the value of the asset to be utilised for the charity's objectives, being the advancement of education for pre-school and school-age children in Tregaron.

5 **Appendix A relating to the above report (Exempt)**

The report relating to item 5 on the agenda, Enclosure A is not for publication as it contains exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007. If, following the application of the Public Interest Test, the Council resolves to consider this item in private, the public and press will be excluded from the meeting during such consideration, in accordance with Section 100B(2) of the Act.

Members were requested, when dealing with the item, to consider whether to exclude the public and press from the Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press during consideration of item 5 on the basis that the application contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council) which should not, on balance, be disclosed to the public and press.

The Committee considered the unconditional offer received, before returning to an open meeting to vote on the recommendations.

Following discussion and a vote, the Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- a) accept the offer to purchase the former Tregaron School;
- b) to resolve that Officers, on the trust's behalf, agree and complete all necessary documentation and ancillary matters in order to effect the sale of the property
- c) to create a sub-group with delegation, post-sale of the property, to consider recommendations in relation to how any capital and income held by the charity should be utilised to fulfil the charity's objects. Any recommendations of the sub-group shall be reported to a CTC meeting for final consideration and decision. Members of the sub-

group will be nominated at a later date.

6 Any other matter which the Chairman decides is for the urgent attention of the Committee

There were no other matters to consider.

**Confirmed at the Meeting of the Charity Trustee Committee held on
XX.XX.XXXX**

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

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CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Charity Trustee Committee

Date of meeting: 16/12/2021

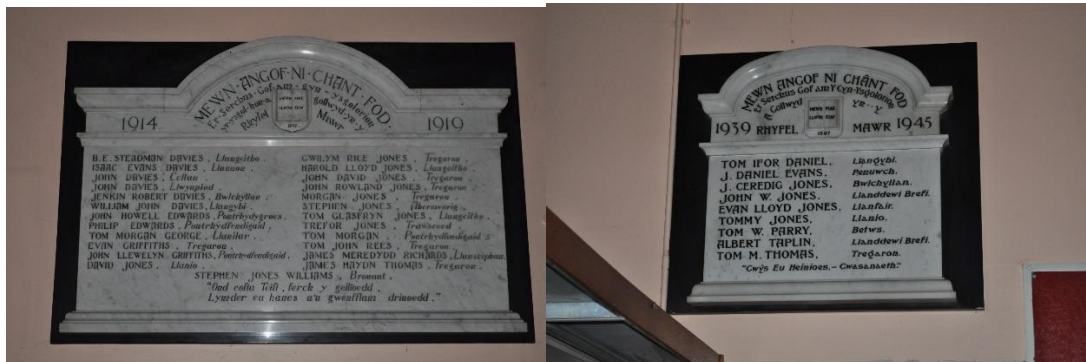
Title: Tregaron War Memorial Tablets – Outcome of public consultation

Purpose of the report: To consider the results of the public consultation on the relocation of the war memorial tablets

For: Decision

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As Members may recall, in order for the sale of the Old Tregaron School to progress to completion it is necessary to relocate the 3 stone tablets relating to former Headmasters of the school and the 2 stone war memorial tablets commemorating former pupils who gave their lives in the two World Wars.
- 1.2 The Headteacher of Ysgol Henry Richard has agreed in-principle for the former Headmaster tablets to be relocated to Ysgol Henry Richard.
- 1.3 The relocation of the 2 war memorial tablets is slightly more complex however as they constitute a ‘war memorial’ and are recorded in the UK National Inventory of War Memorials under references 36744 and 36745 www.ukniwm.org.uk



- 1.4 In accordance with War Memorial Trust guidance on the relocation of war memorials, a public consultation was undertaken to ask local inhabitants for suitable suggestions on a site for the relocation.
- 1.5 The public consultation was launched on the Council’s website on 1st November 2021 and ran for four weeks. Members may have seen the Cambrian News article relating to the consultation following a press release by the Council’s Communications Team or may have seen reference to it on the Council’s Facebook newsfeed. The Communication Team also ‘tagged’ various local Tregaron groups in the post so that they would be aware.

1.6 The consultation was also advertised on Tregaron Town Council's Facebook page and Digiboard and various groups were contacted directly to make them aware of the consultation and the ability to participate, such as:

- Ysgol Henry Richard;
- Past Pupil's Committee of Tregaron;
- The Armed Forces Veterans Forum;
- Tregaron Memorial Hall.

2. OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

2.1 Please see Appendix 1.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 As the war memorial tablets are to commemorate those former Tregaron school pupils who lost their lives fighting in each World War it is recommended that it would be appropriate for the tablets to be relocated to Ysgol Henry Richard as they would continue to raise awareness amongst current and future pupils of the sacrifices former pupils made and also the tablets would be viewed, and the fallen remembered, by the wider local community for generations to come.

3.2 Any relocation to Ysgol Henry Richard would have to be undertaken with the consent of the school, however, as the Headteacher has already suggested that Ysgol Henry Richard have the tablets in the main hall of the school, this should hopefully not present a problem. Confirmation will be sought from the Headteacher and a verbal update given to Committee on the day.

3.3 Finance have identified a budget to pay for the removal and relocation of the tablets which will be paid for corporately by the Council as there is no trust fund linked to the tablets to pay for such costs.

Recommendation(s): To approve the relocation of the war memorial tablets to Ysgol Henry Richard with delegation to officers to agree the exact location within the school with Ysgol Henry Richard.

Reasons for decision: To enable future generations to view the war memorial tablets and remember the former Tregaron pupils who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Outcome of Consultation

Head of Service: Elin Pryor – CLO Legal & Governance Services

Reporting Officer: Louise Harries - Solicitor

Date: 29/11/2021

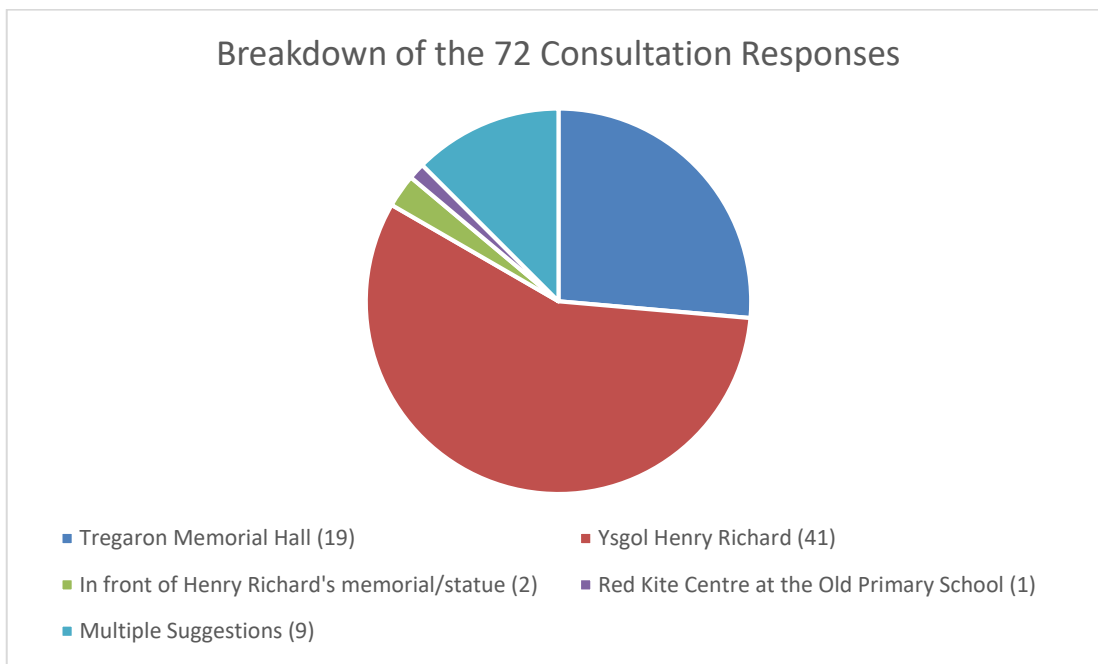
Appendix 1 – Outcome of Consultation

1. There were 72 responses to the consultation, 71 through the online consultation form and 1 via email. The consultation's focus was the question:

“Please state where you believe would be an appropriate new location for the two war memorial tablets.”

The question was quite open therefore the public could make any suggestion they felt appropriate.

2. The responses fell into the below categories:



The ‘Multiple Suggestions’ category shown on the pie chart comprised responses which gave more than one relocation suggestion. These comprised the following responses:

- Bwlchgwynt Chapel or Tregaron Church (1 response);
- Ysgol Henry Richard or Tregaron Church (2 responses);
- Memorial Hall Tregaron or Ysgol Henry Richard (3 responses);
- A communal green area could be set up above the car park and Coffi a Bara etc to show Tregaron's history and the war memorial tablets OR the old school building could be kept as a small museum OR a war memorial area could be created along the country road near Tregaron, possibly near the hospital (1 response);
- Ceredigion Museum or the National Library of Wales (1 response);
- Tregaron Memorial Hall or Bwlchgwynt Chapel (1 response).

3. In addition to the consultation responses I confirm that the Headteacher of Ysgol Henry Richard has suggested that the war memorial tablets could be placed on the

wall of the school hall. This also coincides with the wishes of the Past Pupils Committee.

4. As you will note from the consultation responses, over half of the responses suggested that the war memorial tablets should be relocated to Ysgol Henry Richard.