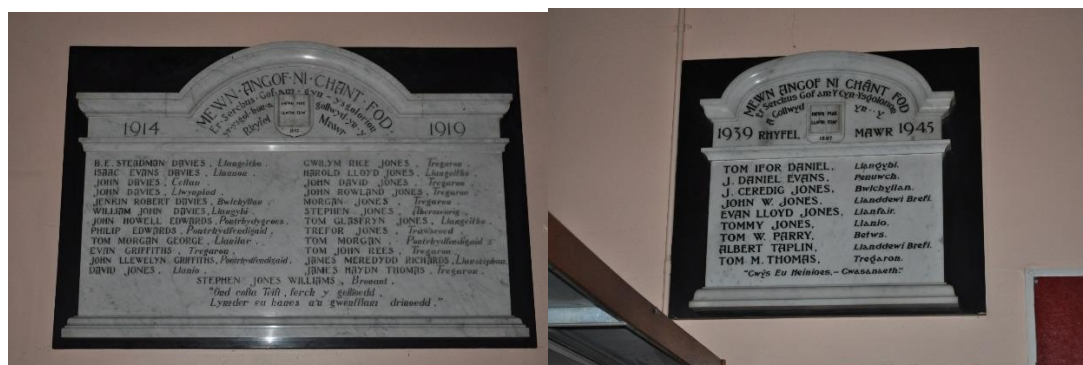


CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

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

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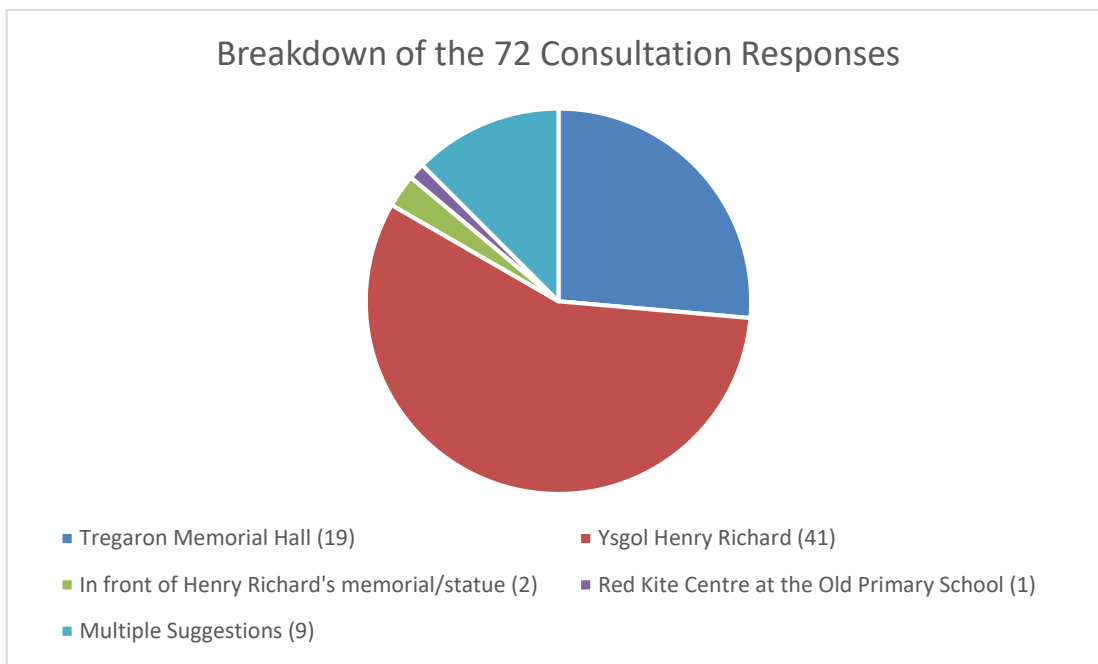
Appendix 1 – Outcome of Consultation

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.