

**THE CABINET 8/05/18**

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**Present-**

Councillors: Dyfrig L. Siencyn, Dafydd Meurig, Craig ab Iago, Gareth Wyn Griffith, Nia Wyn Jeffreys, Peredur Jenkins, Dilwyn Morgan, W. Gareth Roberts, Gareth Thomas, Ioan Thomas and Dewi Owen

**Also present:**

Dilwyn Williams (Chief Executive), Iwan Evans (Head of Legal Services), Dafydd Edwards (Head of Finance Department), Morwena Edwards (Corporate Director)

Item 6: Dafydd Gibbard (Senior Property Manager), Arwel Wyn Owen (Senior Housing and Well-being Manager)

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cabinet Members and Officers were welcomed to the meeting.  
No apologies were received.

**2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

A declaration of personal interest was received from Cllr Nia Jeffreys for item 6 as she was a member of the Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd Board, but it was not a prejudicial interest.

**3. URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

There were no matters arising from overview and scrutiny.

**5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

The Chairman signed the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 10 April 2018, as a true record.

**6. SALE OF FORMER SCHOOL SITE, ABERDYFI**

The item was presented by Cllr. Dafydd Meurig

## **RESOLVED**

To delegate the right to the Senior Property Manager to use powers under General Disposal Consent (Wales) 2003 to sell the former Ysgol Aberdyfi site directly to Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd (CCG) for less than market value to ensure the provision of social, economic and environmental benefits. To allocate the capital receipt towards funding the Council's contribution towards improving school buildings as part of the 21st Century Schools Programme.

## **DISCUSSION**

The report was submitted noting that the school had closed in 2013 and that pupils now attended Ysgol Penybryn. It was added that, since the closure of the school, efforts had been made to secure alternative use of the site. It was noted that Cartrefi Cymuned Gwynedd was eager to purchase land in order to construct 11 affordable housing.

It was explained that the District Valuer had noted that the value of the site on the open market was £320,000 but it was noted that the Council felt that a price of £187,000 was a suitable amount for the sale of the land due to the social, environmental and economic benefits. It was noted that there was a real need for affordable properties in the area and that there had been no developments of social properties in Aberdyfi for over 11 years. In addition to this, it was noted that the provision of affordable housing was a priority which could be seen in the Council Plan and in the Plaid Cymru Manifesto.

The Local Member noted that he was supportive of the item and he emphasised the need for affordable housing in the area.

Observations arising from the discussion

- There was a discussion around the assurances that Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd could give that it would be local people obtaining the tenancies of the new houses. It was noted that this needed to be noted in the planning application and that it must comply with the planning conditions and policies imposed by the National Park.
- It was noted that this report stated that the proceeds of this sale would be returned to the Education Department in order to improve school buildings, but it was added that three other schools had closed in the area and a question was asked in relation to where had the proceeds of the sale of those locations gone. It was noted that the department would report directly to the Local Member.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and concluded at 1.30 pm

**CHAIRMAN**