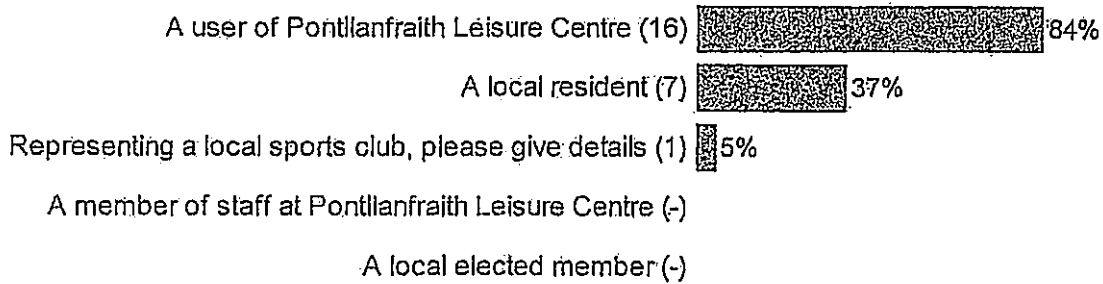


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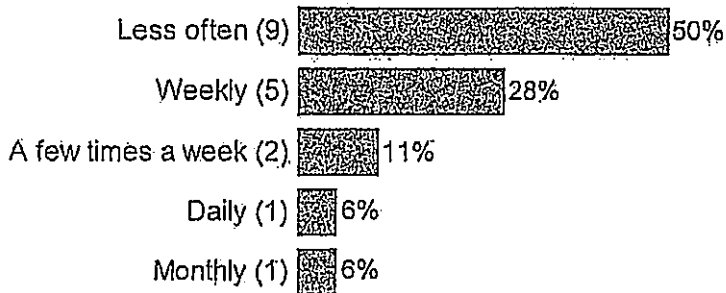
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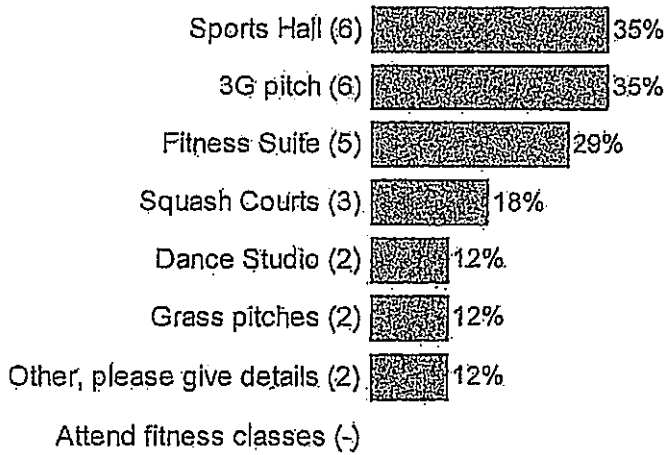
Please give details

- Football
- i dont go to this leisure centre but use it at school
- youth forum
- Youth Forum Rep
- I attend inovate

How often do you use Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre?



**What facilities do you use at Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre? (please tick all that apply)**



**Please give details**

- youth club
- free time
- none
- never

**What impact will the closure of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre have on you?**

- Nothing to do
- Wont be able to have football matches anymore
- no impact
- this may impact on my future choices and options
- school would have worse facilities
- my footballs team's training day may have to change resulting in me being unable to attend training and having to quit
- I am very disappointed
- not a lot
- not much as it's further away than the rec that i can use
- none
- I will need to move to next nearest leisure centre which will be much more costly
- The leisure centre is easy to access and keeps young people off the street and become active.
- We can't keep playing netball.
- When we would train for netball it wouldn't continue for us
- We get to learn new things like this and play new games and have lots of fun
- lots
- I play football and my friends play netball
- We play netball in Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre

Are alternative arrangements/facilities in place to meet your needs?



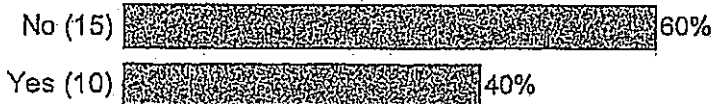
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- blackwood
- I dunno
- caerphilly leisure centre is close by (5 mins walk)
- the rec caerphilly leisure centre
- Leave the astroturf. do not close the leisure centre,
- Netball, football
- Have none
- Have none
- Have none

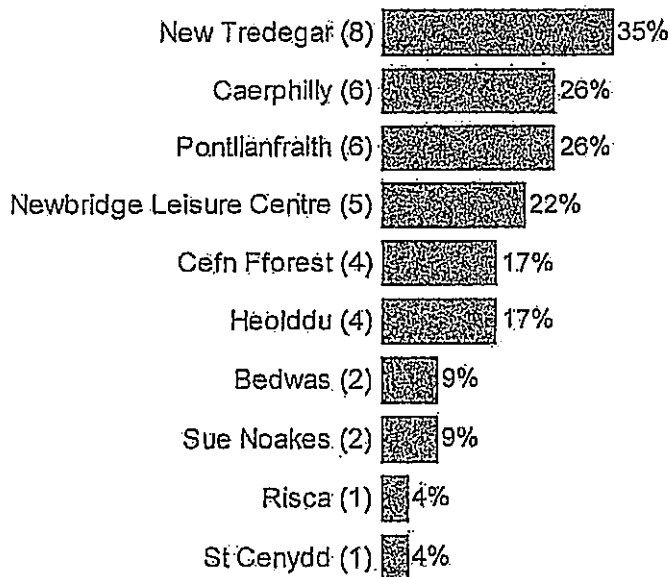
Please detail how the impact of the closure of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre could be further reduced?

- new youth club
- school uses the netball courts and dance studio/gym and 3G for pe lessons, if we didnt the school wouldnt have enough space for lessons
- By not closing it!
- letting people know where their nearest leisure centre is now. notify them of clubs they use i.e. dance which are close by outside of council services
- have it open once a week
- Dont close it
- More games
- More games
- More games

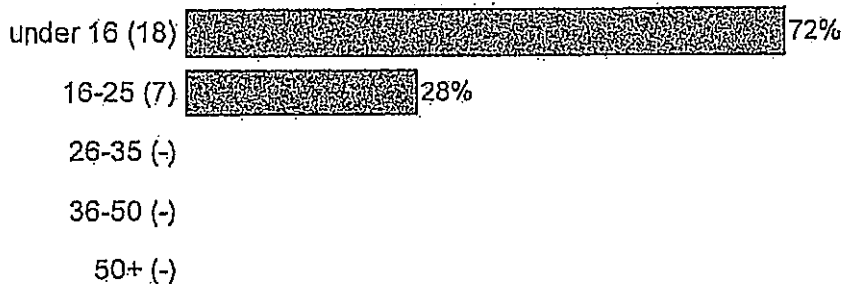
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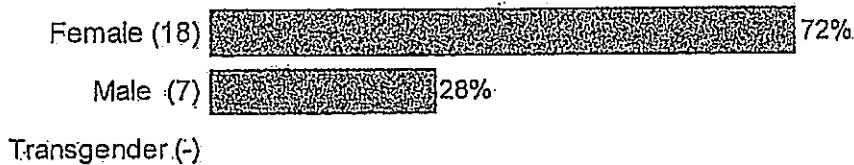
**Do you use any other leisure facilities in the Caerphilly county borough area?**



**What is your age group**



**Are you**



**Please provide your postcode.**

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Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre Youth Forum Responses – comments Q4, Q6 and Q7

Q4
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Q6
Please give details of alternative arrangements below.
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Q7
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From: Emma Curtis [redacted]@childcomwales.org.uk]

Sent: 30 January 2018 10:27

To: Sharma, Elizabeth

Subject: RE: Consultation on the proposed closure of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre

Dear Liz

Thank you for your email to the Commissioner.

As the Office of the Children's Commissioner for Wales we are unable to respond to consultations in respect of local funding - such interventions could prejudice the Commissioner's independent status.

However as you have taken the time to contact us, we would like to take the opportunity to highlight two points in relation to the existing requirements under the Local Authority's framework and its relationship with Children's Rights. It may be useful for you to be aware that where we are contacted by members of the public in relation to matters such as this we would also make them aware of these points and may consider following up concerns related to these.

- Equality Impact Assessments require consideration of the impact of people within recognised protected characteristics including age. There is an expectation that children and young people should be a key consideration in respect of this section given the matter concerned.
- Under Article 12 Children and young people have a right to say what they think on matters affecting them and their opinions taken into account. All public bodies have a duty to contribute toward the realisation of children's rights. Whilst Local Authority consultation requirements vary as the Office of the Commissioner we would expect that children and young people would be afforded the opportunity for meaningful consultation along with evidence that their views, as well as those of other consultees, have been taken into account on matters which affect them such as this.

You may be aware that recently the Children's Commissioner has published - "The Right Way" A Children's Rights Approach. This guide is designed to help public bodies to meet their duties. The approach is about placing the UNCRC at the core of planning and service delivery and integrating children's rights into every aspect of decision-making, policy and practice. We are conscious that many Local Authorities are already undertaking excellent work in respect of some aspects of the approach on a whole, departmental or service level. I hope this document is useful and that you may like to share it and raise in relevant forums.

Kind Regards,

Emma

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From: Shárma, Elizabeth [REDACTED]@CAERPHILLY.GOV.UK

Senti: 23 January 2018 12:04

To: Post <Post@childcomwales.org.uk>

Subject: Consultation on the proposed closure of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to you in regard to a consultation on the proposed closure of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre within the county borough of Caerphilly.

Following an extended period of consultation with the local community during October and November 2017, it has been proposed that the consultation should be extended to a wider stakeholder group including yourself for further comment.

The following link will take you to the public consultation page on our website:

<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/involved/Consultations/Proposed-closure-of-Pontllanfraith-Leisure-Centre>

I have also attached a copy of the Cabinet report outlining the proposals and a copy of a survey for your information.

If you have any comments, I would very much appreciate if you could return any these to me by midday on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Kind regards

Liz Sharma

Swyddog Ymgynghori ac Ymgysylltu â'r Cyhoedd | Consultation and Public Engagement Officer

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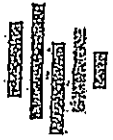
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By email

19/02/2018

RE: Consultation on the proposed closure of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre

Dear Elizabeth,

Thank you for your invitation to respond to the extended consultation on the future of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre.

I have seen in the press that you have decided to postpone your decision for now.

I have received letters from members of the public relating to this issue and also decisions relating to the closure of other sports facilities in the county. I monitor all correspondence I receive to seek to detect any systemic issue which can arise.

As you are aware, the Well-being of Future Generations Act gives a legally-binding common purpose and the seven well-being goals set out a full picture of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being for Welsh Government, local authorities including Caerphilly County Borough Council, local health boards and other specified public bodies. It details the ways in which specified public bodies must work to improve the well-being of Wales and it also requires them to set well-being objectives that enable them to maximise their contribution to the seven well-being goals.

The Act also provides for better decision-making by ensuring that those public bodies adopt the five ways of working: taking account of the long-term, helping to prevent problems occurring or getting worse, taking an integrated and collaborative approach, and considering and involving a diverse range of people. These ways of working are a very important part of the Act as they are about how public bodies need to work differently to make better decisions for future generations. Whilst there is no hierarchy within the five ways of working, involving citizens and community groups in decisions that affect them is crucial to achieving long-lasting change and the Act makes clear that the way public bodies involve people should reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves. Collaboration and integration include a consideration the impact of decisions or policies on the work or delivery of services in the area by others which might sit or not on the public service board, as another example.

As Future Generations Commissioner, I have a general duty to promote the sustainable development principle (including the five ways of working), to act as a guardian of the ability of future generations to meet their needs, and to encourage public bodies to take greater account of the long-term impact of the things that they do. As you

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Know, while I do not have a case-work function to provide support to individual cases I cannot get involved in every consultation, the Act does give me the power to provide advice and assistance to public bodies and public services boards and promote and encourage them to consider the long-term impact of what they do and meet their well-being objectives. It is within this context that I provide the following comments:

As Caerphilly County Borough Council is directly covered by the Act, it is important that you apply the sustainable development principle (outlined above) in your work and show how the decision you are taking makes progress towards achieving the well-being goals through your well-being objectives, which includes a Healthy Wales.

To support this process, in collaboration with the Welsh Government, we have recently designed a Future Generations Framework for Service Design to help public bodies to use the Act. I attach it here as it could be useful to you. The framework can be used by those who design and oversee the provision of services, like leisure services, to prompt thought, have structured discussions, and make decisions to ensure services are resilient and are seeking to improve all four aspects of people's well-being (economic, social, environmental, cultural) now and in the future.

The tool provides a guide for public bodies to think through what the five ways of working mean in practice for services, setting out a series of questions to stimulate structured discussions and enable organisations to make decisions about how they work. We recognise that considering the ways of working throughout the design and delivery of services will, for many public bodies, involve a radical change of working practices. The tool has been developed by a cross-public service leadership group, and tested with practitioners representing a full range of public services. Early findings indicate it will be helpful in a range of ways, from planning a new service; reviewing an existing service; or articulating (and sharing) good practice which is already happening.

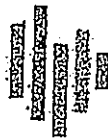
The tool is designed to be used flexibly, and adapted according to the particular circumstances being explored. This is an offer to use such tools, rather than an expectation - it is for you to decide if it will be of assistance to you, how you use it, and who to involve. My team would be happy to discuss this, in more detail, provide support for using the tool, and would be pleased to hear experiences of using it in practice so it can be refined and made most useful to you. We are keen this should continue to be developed through use. Please contact Heledd Morgân ([Heledd.Morgan@futuregenerations.wales](mailto:Heledd.Morgan@futuregenerations.wales)) to discuss further.

There are a number of other tools in development that aim to support you in using the Act as a framework for thinking in different contexts. In particular, we have also developed a 'Future Generations Framework for projects', which has been designed to assist public bodies to use the five ways of working and maximise contribution to the seven national well-being goals when designing, developing and reviewing projects.

With specific focus on Pontllanfraith, the letters that we received raised concerns around the integration and involvement of the decision-making process. As I am keen to empower individuals and community groups in understanding how they can use the Act to challenge public bodies, I suggested that they ask the following questions:

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**Involvement** - The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals; and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.

*For example, how have the relevant authorities involved people (e.g. residents, community groups, sport providers, health professionals and school children) in discussing how they can improve the health of people in the area, specifically, different options for sport facilities? How have they evidenced that they have responded to what people have told them, and has the process been transparent? Have they made sure that the people involved reflect the diversity of the area which the authority serves?*

**Long Term** - The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.

*For example, how will the loss of the facilities affect the well-being of the people of your area in the long term? How will it affect what your area looks and feels like in the year 2040 (a generations' time)? How have the relevant authorities identified the long-term trends that are most relevant to this issue (for instance, inequalities in health, obesity, youth disengagement). Are the underlying assumptions about future trends that the current provision is based on realistic? What impact does this proposal have on these trends?*

**Prevention** - How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.

*For example, how will the loss of the training facilities exacerbate problems that the local community faces - social, economic, cultural, environmental? Does the leisure centre support breaking negative cycles such as poverty, poor health or health inequalities? What are the conflicts emerging between different aspects of well-being and sustainability and how have these been resolved?*

**Integration** - Considering how the public body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.

*For example, how will the loss of leisure facilities impact on economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being - it cannot focus on one of these areas, at the expense of the others. Has the decision connected different areas of public policy agendas to generate multiple benefits? Does it impact on both the Council's well-being objectives and the work of the Caerphilly public services board so far? How will this decision impact on the work and service delivery of other organisations in the areas considering organisation on the Public Service Board and beyond?*

**Collaboration** - Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives.

*For example, have the relevant authorities thought about how it could work in collaboration with other organisations - including public, private and third sector organisations, in finding a solution?*

Under the Act, I have a duty to assess and monitor the extent to which Caerphilly County Borough Council meet its well-being objectives and I take into account the issues raised in public correspondence sent to me in my assessment and monitoring. One of your objectives is specifically focused on promoting the benefits of an active

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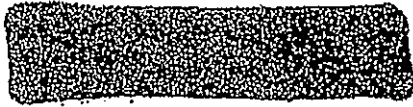
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and healthy lifestyle (p.10-12). Under the Act, public bodies must take all reasonable steps to meet their objectives.

Finally, for completeness, I attach our advice to Caerphilly public services board on their well-being assessment and on their draft well-being plan in case this could be of use to you. The draft well-being plan has objectives and steps relating to asset management with partners, preventative approaches to health and social care and increasing community resilience. One of the issues raised with us in public correspondence was the frustration that the Chair of the public services board (PSB) was not allowing the issue of Pontllanfraith to be raised at a PSB meeting. Whereas we understand that it is not practicable for every single issue to come through the public services board, PSB members could ask themselves what impact an important decision would have on other stakeholders and partners, and indeed on the work of the public services board so far. For example, the closure of the leisure centre could impact on the local health board and Public Health Wales.

I hope that you will find this response useful. Thank you again for getting in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Marie Brousseau-Navarro  
Director of Policy, Legislation and Innovation

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