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A NICE PLACE TO BE

## Planning Session held for School Public Meeting Bryn School at 6pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2014

### Present

Graham Roland, Paul Bulmer, Dianne & John Thomas, Stephanie Badham, Louise Crawley, Clare Dare, Michelle Dixon, Karen Hallam, Rebecca Healey, Lucy Hollaway, Jenna Nicic, Helen Rees

### Aim

To agree how the School Support Group will work with BRAG to oppose the closing of Bryn School. To agree the next steps required to run a public meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> Oct in support of retaining Bryn School. The community centre has been booked from 5:30 to set up for the meeting at 6pm.

### Next Steps

1. Rebecca is to organise the taking of minutes. In a meeting of this type it can be very difficult to keep up so more than one person should take the notes then Rebecca will pull these together into official minutes.
2. Children are welcome to attend but the meeting must be run professionally so all to ensure children are on best behaviour.
3. Proposed agenda for meeting (Draft for refinement) is:
  - 6:00 Doors open, Attendees can browse information on display, watch video of School Project presentation and start to take their seats.
  - 6:25 Chair (Graham) Welcomes everyone to the meeting and goes over the safety aspects and outlines the evenings agenda.
  - 6:30 Present video of how important school is to the village and also some children get up and express their views.
  - 7:00 Chair outlines BRAG's view of why it is important to keep the school.
  - 7:10 Chair of Governor's or his nominee express the Governors View
  - 7:20 A Parent' Representative expresses their view
  - 7:25 Short Break
  - 7:45 Debate Starts, opened by the chair with introduction of invited panel. Questions from the audience. Use a roaming microphone. One Speaker at a time.
  - 8:20 Chair Presents a summary of outcomes and the Next Step.
4. It was agreed Dianne would send invites to the following people, or arrange that other send them.
  - Bethan Jenkins, Plaid AM
  - David Rees, Aberavon Labour AM
  - Suzy Davies, Conservative AM
  - Peter Hain, MP for Neath
  - Bryn's Councillors
  - The 9 Cabinet Councillors
  - Our community Police
  - The Press
5. Paul to ask Peter Phillips if he can prepare a video of the school children expressing their views about the school.

6. Dianne to organise a team to deliver refreshments on the evening.
7. School support team to obtain refreshment items to sell on the evening. Ask residents and local business.
8. Paul to circulate an email contact list.
9. Dianne to organise the writing of letters by the Children's School Council. These will be put on display on the evening.
10. Clare to organise the writing of letters to landlords of the rented housing stock in Bryn. The main one being NPT Homes, seeking their response.
11. Obtain a contact list of potential housing developers.
12. Clare and Paul to coordinate the delivery of the Bryn Newsletter and Flyer for the public meeting.

The meeting was then closed

Paul Bulmer  
3/10/14