

The Fate of Culverhay - David Dunlop (The Bath Society)

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Last week we were treated to what was described as “wrecking amendments” to two motions.

The first (regarding Culverhay) included the phrases “collation of responses” and “asks the Cabinet to consider all responses carefully in making an informed decision”

Since then, Councillor Watt’s statements as reported in the Western Daily Press make it plain that his mind is already made up “in the wider interests of the whole of Bath.”

He fails to accept that Culverhay is a vital Community asset as described last week by Squadron Leader Brian Higgins. It is obviously more than just a school- with many more user groups of all ages.

Furthermore what provision has been made for an increase in the birth rate ?

Have the traffic and travel costs of closure been analysed since last week’s statement by Chris Shire – and if not why not ?

The second wrecking amendment contrasts with the cost cutting approach to Bath schools.

Instead of following Transport Ministers guidance, you resolved to persist with the out-dated, flawed and costly Bath Transport Package unchanged except for “an element of additional council funding “ – presumably by selling off assets.

The Bath Society believes that your approach to both topics is inconsistent and unfair. Will one of the assets to be sold off be Culverhayschool ?