

Meifod Qualitative Analysis.

This document is intended to provide an overview of the themes identified from analysis of the emails and survey responses from families and carers. Also included are some quotes around the options presented as part of the engagement

1. Themes from the free text around what is important to (& for) people

Theme	Recurrence	Notes
Continuity, stability, familiarity, trust	5	
Sense of achievement, pride	9	This was quoted as being really important to people – making and selling products and seeing those products being used in the local community
Mental health/emotional wellbeing	8	Some responders were concerned about the impact of closure on mental and emotional well-being
Friendships, companionship, relationships, social life	9	
Work - the products, usefulness, quality and variety of	4	
Work – part/sense of identity	4	E.g. workwear, having particular things they're the boss for
Physical wellbeing/abilities	6	
Routine and structure	7	
Learning new skills	4	
challenging behaviours	3	
Impact on carers, lack of respite, carer wellbeing,	6	
Motivation, purpose, something to look forward to	6	
Designed to meet LD needs, inclusive, safety	5	
Keeping occupied	2	Separate from work identity/sense of purpose, more about having something to do
Quality of products from consumer perspective	2	
Good staff	3	Skills, understanding, experienced etc.
Citizen confidence and independence, outgoing	5	
Work experience	1	
Building – good layout and atmosphere	1	
wages	1	

2. Quotes around the options presented (and other useful comments)

- A venture along the lines of Woodland Skills in Aberwheeler would provide a more efficient service [sic]
- An external organisation may prioritise financial gain and may not offer the same level of support. I feel it is important for service users to be a part of the workforce but acknowledge they will commonly find it impossible to carry out duties within a timeframe to meet the needs of external employers.
- There is no commercial pressures for individuals to work to specific job timescales which allows for personal development without undue pressure.
- My son doesn't like change and a new company may not be accepted by the people attending. The Council have run it really well and I trust them.
- XX has been supported by the staff at Meifod for many years and knows and trusts them well, XX know which member of staff to go to if she was in need of some assistance.
- Keeping Meifod as a Council run unit will ensure that there is local support & understanding for the needs of the clients.
- I am conflicted in my decision, as option 1 is also a preference. However, if an external organisation can provide or introduce a new set of activities/skills, I believe XX could benefit.
- The range of products should be expanded to provide additional funding that can be used to support the facility.
- I can just imagine my son's face if he thought he was returning to Meifod as it was before, only to find out that it was now, for instance, a recycling facility.
- I have tick the Council run service, but an external run organisation could do the same as long a minimum fixed term of say 5 years is included in their service provision?
- The actual woodwork is not the factor that provides the positive impact in the people supported lives.
- Maybe the staff, families and service users could meet to discuss new ways of working or alternative, smaller products.
- They are not looking for the results of 'reduced activities' at Meifod and they are certainly not looking for closure.
- Three options are presented at the end of the survey. I suggest a 4th is needed, i.e., Re-open Meifod as a council-run service, but with improvements to the facilities and some modernisation which could lead to the expansion and improvement of current services.