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1. Community Information

Car Parking Review update

Recommendations for the county's car parking arrangements following the cross-party review underway since early in 2025 were agreed by the county council's Cabinet in June.

The agreed recommendations include:

- The reintroduction of the one-hour parking tariff to all long stay car parks.
- The confirmation of new car parking tariffs, as follows:
 - Up to 1 hour of parking ~ £1.50
 - 1-2 hrs parking ~ £2.50
 - 2-4 hrs parking ~ £3.50
 - all-day parking ~ £5.00.
- The introduction of a single car park permit (to be used in one specified car park only) at a cost of £280 (annual), £155 (6 months), £90 (3 months) and £30 (1 month).

The previously agreed changes to the parking arrangements for Blue Badge holders were also agreed and will also be introduced. Blue Badge holders will be required to purchase a pay and display ticket in council car parks and all tickets displayed with a Blue Badge will carry an additional one hour of parking, free of charge, after the expiry of the ticket.

All Powys car parks have offered a payment by mobile app since 20th May. The PayByPhone app also enables drivers to manage their parking session via their phones, and opt in to have text message reminders of when their parking session is about to expire.

The review process involved a cross-party review working group, a cross-party independently-facilitated workshop and consideration of all of the feedback submitted to the council during the review period.

Income generated through parking charges is used to maintain and improve Powys car parks.

The new car parking charges will come into effect on 1st August 2025.

The new single car park permit will be introduced later in the year.

Further information about car parking charges can be obtained [here](#).

New Powys Public Transport Network

A redesign of the county's public transport network was agreed by the Cabinet on 24th June.

Local bus timetables and service routes have been revised, incorporating public feedback from last year's review and engagement. The redesign includes an increase in routes, bus

numbers and evening and weekend travel options

The new network is designed to be more efficient, inclusive and sustainable. The Sustainable Powys 'five hub' model includes an ambition for each of the county's five hub towns to be reachable from its surrounding hub localities within an hour's journey time on public transport. The revised network provides for in-county travel meeting this aim. It also includes longer distance services throughout the county and for onward travel to bigger towns and cities outside Powys, recognising that Powys residents need sometimes to travel out of county for health, education and other services that are not available locally.

The upgrade will require additional funding of a one-off investment of £1.349 million and an annual increase in the transport budget of £2.354 million. These costs were considered and approved by Full Council at an Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 4th July.

The new seven-year contracts will be awarded to a range of local and regional transport operators and the enhanced services will operate from September 2025.

Details of the new services, including timetables, will be published later in the Summer.

The new network will begin alongside the extension of the Welsh Government's young person's travel concession (MyTravelPass) from September 2025 which enables travel on all buses within Wales for £1.

Additional items for recycling kerbside

A number of mixed material containers which have until now required to be disposed of in general waste can now be recycled by households in the red kerbside collection box.

Items newly recyclable in this way include:

- crisp tubes, dough tubes, gravy granule tubs, and other paper-based tubes and tubs with metal ends and/or foil or plastic lining
- plastic-lined paper coffee cups and food and drink cartons

N.B. These paper-based items cannot be recycled in the blue paper and card box. Because they are made from a mixture of materials, they cannot be recycled in the same way as normal paper and card. At the recycling centre, the mixed-material paper-based items are separated from the plastics and cans and baled together. The bales are sent to a dedicated reprocessing facility, where they are broken down into their component parts to be recycled.

Red boxes therefore can now collect:

- Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays
- Tins, cans, kitchen and bathroom aerosols, foil and metal lids
- Food and drink cartons

- Paper/card containers with metal ends and plastic or foil lining
- Paper/card coffee cups with plastic lining

We are asked to rinse all items to clean them and where possible to squash them before adding them to our red recycling boxes.

20 MPH limit review update

All Welsh councils conducted public engagement during 2024 on the new Welsh default 20 MPH limit implemented in September 2023, as part of Welsh Government's extended review of the measure. The review has now concluded.

No roads in Llangors with Bwlch will revert from the 20mph limit to a 30mph limit.

The county-wide feedback received included:

- 53 requests for the revoking of the 20mph policy. These were directed to Welsh Government.
- 97 responses in support of retaining 20mph speed limits.
- 67 requests for a 20mph limit to return to 30mph or for a 30mph to reduce to 20mph, at 43 specific locations.
- 25 speed limit requests that fall outside of the remit of the 20mph review. Subject to resources, these will be reviewed by the county council following the publication of new guidance on Setting Local Speed Limits for local authorities in Wales currently being produced by the Welsh Government. The publication is expected this year.

The feedback relating to the 43 individual sections of road were assessed against the revised Welsh Government guidance on setting 30mph speed limits on restricted roads and other 20mph speed limit roads.

Where it was deemed appropriate to make changes, either back to 30mph or down to 20mph, the proposals were shared with all county councillors and town and community councils for any further comment. Their input has been used to finalise proposals to take to the next stage. The next stage is that the proposals will be considered by the council via a Portfolio Holder Delegated Decision paper.

If approved, the proposals will be subject to a legal statutory traffic regulation order (TRO) process, before any changes are implemented. Every TRO will involve a public consultation, whereby residents will be invited to express support or raise objections. Information about how to engage in this process will be published on the county council's website at the appropriate times, [here](#).

Support with the cost of living in Powys

The council is running its first campaign to support people with the cost of living, beginning last month with an exercise targeted at households that may be struggling financially.

The campaign sent letters to nearly 900 Powys households, offering support to maximise household income by identifying all state payments to which they are entitled and providing advice and support in the making of applications.

Approximately half of the targeted households are council tenants. To help identify those most in need, the council invested in the Low Income Family Tracker intelligent data analytics

Software, and all targeted households were identified using the software.

One resident who responded was supported to apply for an additional £1200 per month in benefits that they didn't realise they were entitled to, and are now receiving.

The letters offer free and confidential support from trained and accredited council officers that includes:

- Support with managing household bills and energy costs
- Guidance on benefits and entitlements
- Help with budgeting and managing debt
- Advice tailored to the household's personal circumstances

Support is available online, over the phone or in person at a council office, in the person's community or in their own home.

The county council has been informed that some recipients have suspected that the letters are a scam and have been deterred by this from responding. Please reassure anyone you know who has received one of these letters that they are genuine.

Council tenants can access support from the council's financial support officers, as below:

Phone: 01597 827464

Email: fsogroup@powys.gov.uk

Website: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/Financial-Support-Officers-Information>

Other households can access financial support as follows:

Phone: 01597 826618

E-mail: wrteam@powys.gov.uk

Website: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/moneyadvice>

Growing Mid Wales July Newsletter

Growing Mid Wales is a regional partnership and engagement arrangement between the private and public sectors, and Welsh Government. The partnership seeks to represent the region's interests and priorities for improvements to the local economy.

It hosts a range of collaborative work across the region, including the Growth Deal, the Regional Skills Partnership and the Corporate Joint Committee, and delivers initiatives including the Mid Wales Energy Strategy and the Agri-tech and Food Technology Clusters for Mid and North Wales.

Further information is available on the partnership's website, [here](#).

The June newsletter can be viewed [here](#).

The July newsletter can be viewed [here](#).

Previous newsletters can be viewed [here](#).

Temporary changes to Minor Injury Units and Community Hospital functions – update

Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) considered recommendations on the next steps for temporary service changes to community hospital services in Bronllys, Brecon, Llanidloes and Newtown, and to the opening hours of Minor Injury Units (MIUs), at its public Board meeting on 30th July.

The recommendations followed a six-month evaluation of the temporary changes, which were introduced in December 2024. The Health Board states that the evaluation found positive impacts, including improved service reliability, enhanced patient and staff safety, reduced staffing costs, and better patient outcomes.

The Board was asked to approve the temporary continuation of:

- Revised opening hours (8am–8pm) for MIUs in Brecon and Llandrindod Wells.
- The Ready to Go Home Units in Llanidloes and Bronllys community hospitals
- Strengthened rehabilitation services in Brecon and Newtown community hospitals

The arrangements were approved by the Board. Further information is available on the health board's website, [here](#). The changes will remain temporarily in place pending decisions through the Better Together programme, which is currently reviewing the future shape of adult physical and mental health community services in Powys.

Engagement with patients, residents, staff and stakeholders on the Better Together programme has been taking place throughout 2025. Events considering the opportunities and challenges for adult physical and mental health community services has been underway through the Summer, and events being planned for Autumn 2025 aim to work with

communities across Powys to develop and agree the future shape of services. More information is available from the health board website, [here](#).

Meetings of the Board take place in public, and members of the community are able to follow the meeting online via livestream. The agenda and papers for the Board, with a link to livestream, will be available in advance of the meeting from the health board website [here](#).

Siarter Iaith/ Welsh Language Charter awards for excellence for Powys schools

Twenty-five schools across Powys have been recognised for outstanding commitment to a national initiative designed to embed the Welsh language into the everyday life of schools.

The Siarter Iaith / Welsh Language Charter encourages pupils to use Welsh naturally within and outwith the classroom, and at home. It supports schools in creating a whole-school ethos to support Welsh to become a living, vibrant language shared by pupils, staff, families, and the wider community.

The siarter/charter operates through a three-tier award system which recognises schools' progress in developing a strong Welsh language culture. The gold award reflects excellent work in creating an environment where the Welsh language is used naturally by pupils and staff. The silver and bronze levels recognize ongoing efforts to strengthen the use of the Welsh language.

This year's award-winning schools have undertaken a range of initiatives to create vibrant Welsh-speaking environments, such as daily Welsh assemblies, playground games, community events and digital projects.

The county council is committed to supporting the Welsh Government's vision of reaching one million Welsh speakers by 2050.

Both Welsh-medium and English-medium Powys schools achieved Siarter Iaith awards.

Welsh-language schools

Gold Award

Ysgol Llanbrynmair

Ysgol Glantwymyn

Silver Award

Ysgol Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant

English medium schools – Siarter Iaith: Cymraeg Campus

Siarter Iaith: Cymraeg Campus is a parallel programme tailored for English-medium schools, developed originally by Powys and Pembrokeshire councils and now adopted nationally.

Gold Award

Crickhowell Primary School
Penygloddfa C.P. School
Carreghofa C.P. School
Arddleen C.P. School
Radnor Valley C.P. School
Ysgol Bro Tawe
Llansantffraid Church in Wales School

Silver Award

Llanfaes C.P. School
Sennybridge C.P. School
Builth Wells C.P. School
Berriew C.P. School
Ysgol Llanfyllin
Rhayader Church in Wales Controlled School
Ysgol Y Cribarth
Franksbridge C.P. School
Ysgol Meifod
Llanfechain Church in Wales School
Treowen C.P. School
St Mary's Catholic School
Abermule C.P. School

Bronze Award

Crickhowell High School
Welshpool High School

More information about the Siarter Iaith and how schools are getting involved is available [here](#).

Gwernyfed High School receives national environmental award

Gwernyfed High School's Eco-Club won the Revive Our Oceans category at the 2025 Climate Challenge Cymru Awards.

Climate Challenge Cymru is a national innovation competition for schools across Wales, inspired by The Earthshot Prize. It encourages pupils to develop and share imaginative solutions to global environmental challenges through short video submissions. The Revive Our Oceans award recognises pupils' creative and committed efforts to protect marine life and raise awareness of ocean conservation.

The initiative is delivered by Keep Wales Tidy's Eco-Schools Wales team, in partnership with the Welsh Government, and aims to empower young people to take meaningful climate action in their schools and communities.

The awards ceremony, held in Cardiff on 25th June, featured keynote speeches from First Minister Eluned Morgan and Deputy First Minister Huw Irranca-Davies.

Gwernyfed's entry was judged alongside hundreds of entries submitted by schools across Wales. The team's thoughtful and practical ideas to reduce ocean pollution and promote marine conservation were recognised at the ceremony, where they were presented with a trophy and certificate by Future Generations Commissioner Derek Walker, in front of an audience of peers, educators, and environmental leaders.

For more information about the competition, visit Keep Wales Tidy, [here](#).

Initiative to support new entrants to the horticulture sector in Powys

Farmers have started work on three new plots totalling 36 acres of Powys County Council-owned land, to test whether Powys land can be used to grow fruit and vegetables agroecologically on a commercial scale.

The aim is for the horticultural development, in Sarn near Newtown, to supply produce to local markets, schools in Wales and possibly, in future, nearby cities such as Birmingham.

The farmers, who all come from Powys or the nearby border areas, were selected based on their business plans and former growing experience.

They will develop individual enterprises, and will work collaboratively to provide a local veg box scheme. Their plans include selling organic vegetables to wholesalers and salad crops to local cafés and restaurants, supplying seeds to the Wales Seed Hub, selling vegetable, herb and tree seedlings, fruit and eggs, offering beehive building and food preparation courses, and selling kimchis, chutneys and other prepared foods at local markets.

The farmers also plan to incorporate agroforestry and a small number of livestock, along with

woodchip and biochar production, to increase soil health and fertility, balance types of insect and create a more closed-loop system, with little or no need for external inputs such as compost and fertilisers.

The project is being delivered by the Future Farms Partnership between Powys and Carmarthenshire County Councils, Our Food 1200 (based in Crickhowell) and Social Farms & Gardens and others (see below for the partnership's full membership).

The site includes three temporary homes. The homes received planning permission under new guidance issued last year by Powys County Council which supports the installation of temporary dwellings as part of small-scale horticultural enterprises.

The work at Sarn is a pilot which the county council hopes can be replicated across the county on land owned by the council and by private individuals, as part of a much bigger programme to grow more of the fruit and vegetables eaten in Powys, cut the county's food miles, improve its food security, support more resilient farming communities and create meaningful jobs.

Funding of £270,000 has been provided for the project by the Welsh Government through its Asset Collaboration Programme; £341,000 by the UK Government through its Shared Prosperity Fund and £20,000 by the National Lottery Heritage Fund through its Local Places for Nature Capital Fund.

The new farmers are being supported by Cultivate, Pathways to Farming, Mentera, Lantra and Farming Connect.

The Future Farms Partnership comprises Powys County Council, Social Farms & Gardens, Our Food 1200, Shared Assets, Landworkers' Alliance, Cultivate, Nature Friendly Farming Network, Lantra, Black Mountains College, Ecological Land Cooperative, Eco Dyfi and Gwlad Consortium.

More information on the Sarn Farms project is available [here](#).

Aneurin Bevan Health Board consultation on service plans at Gwent local hospitals

Aneurin Bevan Health Board has been running a public engagement on its plans for the services delivered in the Gwent local general hospitals used by Powys patients, Nevill Hall, the Royal Gwent and Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr. The engagement is aimed at potential service users and stakeholders, and runs until Friday 15th August.

The Health Board has arranged a public meeting at the Clarence Hall in Crickhowell on Tuesday 12th August, 1-3pm. The poster attached provides more detail.

Information about the service proposals and a link to the online consultation are available in the briefing document attached and on the Health Board's website, [here](#).

Showcase events for Mid Wales at the Royal Welsh Show

1. Agri-tech and food-tech innovation

The Growing Mid Wales Partnership hosted the 'Powering Progress: Innovation and Funding in Agri-Tech and Food-Tech' event at Tŵr Brycheiniog. The event brought together agri-tech and food-tech businesses, funders, cluster members - Ambition North Wales, AberInnovation, M-Sparc, Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) Cymru - University of Sheffield, Welsh Government and Innovate UK - and other stakeholders to explore opportunities for innovation, share funding success stories, and encourage cross-sector collaboration.

The session was part of the wider project Nurturing Innovation in the Agri-tech and Food Technology Cluster for Mid and North Wales, and included:

- A celebration of the impact of Innovate UK's Launchpad funding
- Featured projects such as Tirlun.ai, Terrafarmer, Diagnostig Ltd, Pennotec (Pennog Ltd), Chitexo Ltd, Neurobotics Ltd, Arcitekbio Ltd, and SmartApiary
- A Funding Success Surgery, where representatives from Innovate UK and its Business Growth team shared insights into what makes a strong application and how businesses can tap into future opportunities.

Attendees also heard directly from funded businesses such as the Pennotec project, MilaCel Plus, which aims to develop innovative, sustainable and fibre-rich fat and sugar replacement ingredients for prepared foods, using underutilised local crops to support healthier diets, reduce food waste and boost biodiversity in Mid and North Wales.

Organisation leads reflected that being involved in the cluster arrangement has, in addition to providing funding, enabled knowledge exchange, support, and partnerships that will help to successfully scale innovations, and that involvement in events like this at the RWS have built momentum around innovation, enabled collaboration and supported the development of new ideas.

The session concluded with informal networking and opportunities for businesses to pitch ideas, forge partnerships, and sign up to cluster groups.

Businesses interested in joining either the Agri-Food or Food Technology clusters and staying informed about future funding opportunities can find more information on the Growing Mid Wales website, [here](#).

2. Sustainable energy in agriculture

The Growing Mid Wales Partnership also hosted a stakeholder session which spotlighted progress in developing sustainable energy approaches for agriculture, supported by the Welsh Government's Whole Systems Research and Innovation for Decarbonisation (WSRID) challenge fund. The fund is helping to identify practical ways to reduce agricultural emissions while supporting rural economies.

Five feasibility projects across the region have received WSRID funding. Two of these – **Lafan & Coleg Sir Gâr** and **Water to Water** – were featured at the event, and shared early insights into how farms can contribute to Wales’ net zero goals through clean energy, better resource management, and circular economy solutions.

Lafan’s work explored the potential of regional slurry treatment hubs using anaerobic digestion and pyrolysis.

Water to Water focused on how Smart Local Energy Systems (SLES) can help dairy farms become energy self-sufficient.

Stakeholders attending the session included representatives from government, industry, academia and agriculture.

The feasibility projects showcased results arising from innovation matched with local insight and ambition. Developers believe that the innovations could also cut costs and open up new income streams for farmers.

Information and updates about future developments in the region are available by signing up to the Growing Mid Wales newsletter at: www.growingmid.wales/newsletter

The first year of Farming Fit

The Farming Fit initiative was designed to support the health and wellbeing of Powys’ farming communities by delivering tailored health checks and health and wellbeing advice in familiar settings across rural Powys, including livestock markets and farming events. It aims to break down barriers to accessing health support, such as long, unsociable hours of work, by meeting farming people where they are, on farms, at markets, and at shows.

In its first year, since its launch at the Royal Welsh Show in 2024, the initiative has:

- Attended livestock markets or agricultural events on 44 different occasions across Powys.
- Recorded 2,800 health-promoting engagements with members of rural communities.
- Undertaken 766 health checks
- Advised 97 people following checks to contact their GP or local pharmacy.

The initiative continues to offer:

- Blood pressure checks
- Lifestyle assessments
- Smoking cessation advice
- Signposting for and awareness-raising of mental wellbeing and support
- A safe and confidential space for discussion of health promotion opportunities.

The feedback from the farming community has been consistently positive.

More information about the Farming Fit programme is available [here](#).

New Reflective Foster Carer role in Powys

Children's Services is the first in Wales to offer this specific type of Foster Carer, as a role to potential foster carers and as a placement for children and young people in need of care and support and their families in crisis.

This is an on-call role. Reflective foster carers will be available at short notice to provide immediate support when it is needed.

The role carries a salary of £19,000 per year for being available, an additional £250 per week when a child is in the foster carer's care and five weeks annual leave. 24-hour support will be available to foster carers all year, and they will receive specialist training. The majority of the payment is free of income tax.

Further information about becoming a foster carer for reflective, short-term, or long-term placements is available as follows:

1. The council's fostering team are holding drop-in information events throughout Powys in August, and the first one is the one local to this ward, this Friday:

- 1st August, 11am-2pm: Costa Brecon
- 5th August, 10am-12.30pm: Llandrindod
- 6th August, 11am-1pm: Welshpool Integrated Family Centre
- 13th August, 11am-2pm: Newtown Integrated Family Centre
- 14th August, 11am-2pm: Y Gorsedd, Ystradgynlais
- 15th August, 11am-2pm: The Lake, Llandrindod
- 21st August, 10am-2pm: Fun and Information Fair, Newtown

2. By email at fostering@powys.gov.uk

3. By phone on 0800 22 30 627.

New online option for applying to hold a temporary event

A temporary event notice (TEN) is required for small-scale events for fewer than 500 attendees, to be held at a location not covered by a licence and lasting up to seven days (168 hours). Previously, applications for a TEN were made via a UK government website, by email, or post. The Digital Development and Licencing services at the county council have now created this new online option for applying for a TEN direct to the county council.

The type of events that require a TEN include:

- Plays or films
- Indoor sporting events
- Live or recorded music
- Dancing or dance performances
- Facilities for making music or dancing
- Sale or supply of alcohol
- Sale or supply of refreshments (hot food and drinks) between 11pm and 5am

The county council teams have redesigned the system following long delays and complications arising from the previous system.

The fee for an application remains £21, as before.

Applications must be made at least 10 working days before an event is to be held, but disagreements can occur and require time to be resolved, so it is recommended that applicants try to apply as early as possible.

More information about applying for a temporary event notice is available on the county council's website, [here](#).

A direct link to the online application form is [here](#).

The pathway is: Homepage > Services > Licences and Permits > Temporary Event Notices

The licencing team at the council can be contacted for further information by email at: licensing@powys.gov.uk

And by phone on: 01597 827389

Contacting the county council

Set out below is a range of ways to contact the council, report faults or issues with council services, and make a complaint.

Opening a My Powys Account

A My Powys account can be used for a range of activity, including:

- Keeping a record of requests and reports made by the resident, and information obtained by the resident (such as school bus routes, as discussed above)
- Enabling the resident to view and track requests and reports

- Pre-filling forms submitted by the resident with the resident's address and contact information
- Expediting phone calls made by the resident by enabling the call handler to view and track the
- resident's requests and reports
- Enabling the council to send residents updates about their requests and reports

Residents can open a My Powys account [here](#).

The pathway is via the 'Log in/Register' function at the top right of the county council's homepage, [here](#).

All residents, with or without a My Powys account, can contact the council by any of the following means:

Contacting the council online

- Use the online live Chat function on the website's Contact Us page, [here](#).

The pathway is via the 'Contact Us' function at the top right of the council's homepage.

- Identify the email address for the service required and contact the service direct (on the same Contact Us page, scroll down to the grid of different services at the base of the page)

Contacting the council by phone

General Enquiries: 01597 827 460

Enquiries for a specific person whom the resident can name: 01597 826 000

Contacting the council in person

Several transactions with the council can be undertaken at local libraries, Monday to Friday.

Library staff can signpost residents to the council services required and put them in touch with the appropriate council staff member/s for their enquiry.

Information about all Powys local libraries is available [here](#).

The pathway from the county council's [website](#) is:

Homepage > Services > Libraries (page 2 of the Services section).

Reporting an issue

Residents can report a range of service-related issues directly via the council's website, [here](#).

Pathway: From the county council's [homepage](#), scroll to the first row of options below the search bar. 'Report' is second on the left. The function enables the uploading of photographs, also.

Complaining and commenting about a service

Residents can submit complaints and comments about any council service directly via the 'Contact Us' page of the county council's website, [here](#).

Scroll down to the grid of options at the base of the page. The complaints and comments function is the first option in the second row in the grid. There is a separate function (second grid on the second row) specifically for complaints and comments about Social Services.

Complaining formally in this way ensures that the complaint is logged and can be tracked by the resident making the complaint.

The direct link to the general complaints page is [here](#).

All of the functions outlined above can be performed via a resident's My Powys account, and 'as a guest' for anyone without an account.

2. Council Information

Cabinet and Full Council meetings

Cabinet, Full Council and Scrutiny Committee meetings are all open to the public and are live-streamed and recorded for public view. The links to the live-streaming and the webcasts, the Minutes, and all documents discussed, are available on the PCC website.

The pathway to access the material for all Cabinet, Full Council and Committee meetings is:

PCC homepage > My Council (top menu bar)

From the My Council page, all public meetings can be accessed from the left-hand menu, via **Calendar** or via **Meetings**.

Public participation at Full Council meetings

Members of the public are invited to submit questions to Full Council. Questions are submitted and responded to in writing in advance of the meeting. Questioners are able to submit one supplementary question each and also to attend Full Council to ask their supplementary questions. They are not required to give advance notice either of their intention to ask a supplementary question or of the question itself.

Further information about public participation at council meetings is available [here](#).

It can be reached via the following pathway:

Powys home page > Contact Us (top right) > Consultations (bottom left) > Get Involved (bottom right) > Document Public Participation (bottom right)

Cabinet met on 10th and 24th June and 15th and 29th July

Items discussed on 10th June included:

- A report on the outcome of the statutory objection period for the Cabinet decision in February to close Ysgol Bro Cynllaith in Llansilin, North Powys
- A report on site security and site safeguarding works in schools across the county.
- Consideration of an expression of interest to participate in a Home Office asylum seeker dispersal pilot
- A report on the activity of the Corporate Safeguarding Board
- The county council's Welsh Language Standard annual report 2024/25

The papers, minutes and livestream link are available on the calendar page via the pathway outlined above. A direct link to the calendar page is [here](#).

Items discussed on 24th June included:

- The car parking review and new charging, as outlined above
- The redesigned public transport network, as outlined above
- The updated Corporate and Strategic Equality Plan
- The Annual Information Governance Report
- A report on school standard and improvement

The papers, minutes and livestream link are available on the calendar page via the pathway outlined above. A direct link to the calendar page is [here](#).

Items discussed on 15th July included:

- A proposal to commence with the statutory notice period to close Llandinam County Primary School
- A report on Powys schools' budget outturn positions at 31st March 2025
- The Powys Sustainable Resource Strategy (dealing with recycling and waste) 2025-30
- Phase 2 of the Winter Maintenance Review (gritting hierarchy and routes)
- The county council's first Climate Emergency Annual Report
- The final Customer Service Framework, including insights from the public engagement period
- A report on the county council's use of covert surveillance in the last reported period, April 2023- December 24, under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (there was no use of covert surveillance by the council in the period)
- The Corporate Complaints Annual report
- The Treasury Management End of Year Report

All materials and links relating to the meeting can be accessed via the pathway outlined above, or via the direct link [here](#).

Items discussed on 29th July included:

- An update report on the Powys Child Poverty Task Force
- The county council's Annual Governance Statement 2024/25
- Reports on the council's Financial Outturn and Capital Outturn for the year ending 31st March 2025
- A proposal to purchase 13 properties from Wales and West Housing Association (this item was discussed in confidential session)

All public materials and links relating to the meeting can be accessed via the pathway outlined above, or via the direct link [here](#).

Full Council met on 10th July

There were three questions to council from members of the public, on the subjects of:

- Council tax rates
- Council tenancy allocations
- Road repair scheduling and monitoring

Other items on the agenda included:

- A petition on road safety from residents in Crai

- The updated Corporate and Strategic Equality Plan
- The Standards Committee Annual Report
- A report seeking approval for the Wales Pension Partnership, of which the county council's Pension Fund is a member, to establish an Investment Management Company (to cover the Powys Pension Fund and a number of other local authority pension funds also members of the WPP)

Six motions were brought to council, on the subjects of:

- The booking system for Household Recycling Centres
- The new waiting times arrangements being introduced by Powys Teaching Health Board
- The sale of county farms
- A proposal to introduce a new role to oversee the council's financial efficiency
- Bluetongue movement restrictions
- Home to School transport

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