

## **REPORT FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCILLOR HEULWEN D HULME PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

**OCTOBER 2019**

### **APPOINTMENT TO THE CABINET**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October I was delighted to accept the position of Portfolio Holder for Environment, Highways and Waste. I do not under-estimate the task ahead and I am committed to working hard. There will be difficult decisions ahead and I look forward to the challenge this will bring.

### **LITTER IN THE COUNTRYSIDE**

PCC are now participating in a new national project with the charity Keep Wales Tidy called 'Caru Cymru' which is a European/Welsh Government funded programme to help improve local environmental quality with more awareness being a key part of the project. We have identified the three priority areas for national campaigns; - year 1 dog fouling, year 2 roadside litter and year 3 fly tipping. The idea is that rather than every Council doing their own campaign we can all pool resources and run national publicity and education campaigns to help reduce these issues with shared branding and printing costs.

Meanwhile we continue to undertake proactive monitoring and enforcement and promote successful littering enforcement outcomes as a means of deterrence and education in itself.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH WALES**

It is that time of year again. Please plan ahead and book your flu vaccine in plenty of time.

### **KEEP WALES TIDY – LITTER PICKING HUBS IN POWYS**

The launch took place in Llandrindod Wells Library on 15 October. The Grab Kits are available from both Newtown and Welshpool Libraries. Each Grab Kit contains, recycling bags, waste bags, bag holders, grabbers, hi viz vests. Many individuals or community groups organise one off litter picking sessions in their communities. This facility now means you can go along to the library or go on line and pre-book a kit for a certain date. We must all take care of our beautiful countryside and environment and PCC are happy to support this initiative and will continue to work with Keep Wales Tidy.

### **MID WALES GROWTH DEAL**

This is a joint initiative with Powys County Council and Ceredigion County Council. The Councils are currently putting together a group to direct and take this forward to ensure we have growth in the following areas: Advanced Research, Energy, Tourism, Food, Skills and Connectivity.

### **WINTER SEASON - How to clear snow and ice**

When you clear snow and ice:

do it early in the day - it's easier to move fresh, loose snow

don't use water - it might refreeze and turn to black ice

use salt if possible - it will melt the ice or snow and stop it from refreezing overnight (but don't use the salt from salting bins as this is used to keep roads clear)

you can use ash and sand if you don't have enough salt - it will provide grip underfoot

pay extra attention when clearing steps and steep pathways - using more salt may help

### **PAVO COMMUNITY CONNECTORS**

The organisation will work with you to access the right services, support and information and during Quarter 2 ( July-September) they received 689 referrals. Contact details: 01597 828649

### **PAVO BEFRIENDING SERVICE**

Supports people who are over 50 who are isolated to maintain their independence and improve their social networks and during Quarter 2 (July – September) they received 85 new referrals for befriending opportunities.

Contact details: 01597 822191

### **ADULT SERVICES BRIEFING 31.10.2019**

Head of Adult Services did a presentation to all Councillors detailing how the department is transforming Adult Services. It included information about Hospital discharges, care packages, monitoring equipment, staff training, working with partners i.e. PAVO. The department are also promoting choice and control for our residents who require care via the direct payments system – whereby individuals can 'buy' in their own care. (see below)

We also received a presentation on the following system.

[Home Monitoring System for Independent Living - Canary Care](https://www.canarycare.co.uk) <https://www.canarycare.co.uk>

For anyone living with dementia, I strongly recommend having the **Canary Care system** installed in their home. There is an alert if the person leaves their home when they shouldn't. The **Canary Care** staff are very friendly and helpful and explain how the **system** works.

### **DIRECT PAYMENTS**

The aim of Direct Payments is to provide flexibility in the provision of social care services. By local authorities giving money to people in need of support, rather than directly provided social care services. Direct Payments gives people a greater control over their lives and how their care is delivered by promoting independence, choice and inclusion. For further information please email: [ilspowys@peopleplus.co.uk](mailto:ilspowys@peopleplus.co.uk) or by telephone 0330 123 2815

### **FOSTER CARERS WANTED**

PCC need more foster carers to care for Powys Children.

If you know of anyone who would make great foster carers in your community, I urge you to tell them about how they can help make a positive difference to the lives of local children by joining our team of foster carers.

We need foster carers who can provide a caring and safe environment for local children full time or even over a weekend or a week to give carers or families a break. Foster carers receive support every step of the way including, 24 hours support, access to training, over £350 per week for each child they care for, and access to local support groups. It's simple, just tell those who would be great carers about how they can help, and to give our fostering team a call on 0800 22 30 627 or email us at [fostering@powys.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@powys.gov.uk)

### **PLANNING IN THE RHIWCYNON WARD**

#### **ABERHAFESP PLANNING**

19/1560/HH – 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension above single storey, Woodview, Aberhafesp SY16 3HL

#### **DWYRIW PLANNING**

18/0499/FUL – 6K Egg Production unit at Llawnt Uchaf, New Mills SY16 3NP

19/0995/OUT – Agricultural dwelling, garage and assoc. works, Argae Fields, New Mills, SY16 3NG

19/1475/FUL – Egg production unit at Tyn Yr Wrtta, Llanwyddelan, SY16 3BT

19/1501/HH – Erection of garden shed at Min Y Ffordd, Adfa. SY16 3DB

19/1568/FUL – Erection of 2 Agricultural Buildings at Penygelli, Adfa Sy16 3BX

19/1211/FUL – Agricultural building and access at Mount Pleasant, Adfa SY16 3DR

19/1542/DEM –Demolition of Agricultural Buildings at The Bryn, Adfa Sy16 3DL

#### **MANAFON PLANNING**

19/1391/RES – Agricultural Workers dwelling at Caenant, Llanfair SY21 0DG

19/1523/FUL – 3 pods, Tan Yderwen, Llanfair SY21 0DG

19/1803/ELE – Upgrade Electricity Supply to 3 phase – Hillview, New Mills SY16 3NW

#### **TREGYNON PLANNING**

P/2018/0580 – 76K Poultry Rearing Shed, Red House, Tregynon

19/1532/RES – Reserved matters for 4 affordable houses, Ty Perllan, Tregynon SY16 3EH

19/1633/REM – Section 73/ Conditions at Dolycod, Tregynon SY16 3PY

### **ABBREVIATIONS:**

PAVO – Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations

PCC – Powys County Council