

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HEULWEN D HULME FOR RHIWCYNON WARD AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT, HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT, RECYLCING & COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES

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HEALTH & CARE ACADEMY

A briefing from the Regional Partnership Board on the proposed Health and Care Academy. Recruiting into the health care profession is very difficult. PCC need to attract people into the health care profession and to work in partnership with PTHB, PAVO and the private sector. There will be 4 sectors to the academy.

- Professional and Clinical Education & Training – a centre of excellence for research through trials and testing.
- Research, development and innovation –
- Leadership – provider of rural professional & clinical education
- Volunteers and Carers – the sector provides invaluable support to our communities.

DOMICILLIARY CARE

We now have 30 micro businesses established since April 2020 providing domiciliary care across the county and many businesses based in rural communities and providing a localised health and care service. This is supported via direct payments together with modern technology. This provides greater stability and a more robust service within the County.

THRIVING AND SUSTAINABILITY FOR POWYS.

An update on the grants that had been approved since the start of Covid-19 = 57.889m

Economic Resilient Fund Phase 1 & 2 has helped 463 businesses and approved 6.4M

Town Centre Grants to assist in adaptations have been received from 13 of our largest towns

Unemployment in Powys for the last 12 months has increased from 1330 to 3400 claimants

Public Protection visited 49 premises from 20.11.20 and issued 3 improvement notices on licensed premises.

TRANSFORMATION DELIVERY BOARD

North Powys Wellbeing Programme – PTHB hope to have the programme business case approved by the end of this year. The scheme has been delayed by 6 months due to Covid-19 but the programme is back on board now. This includes North Powys Health Hub in Newtown and the new Medical Practice in Llanfair Caereinion.

School Transformation – the delivery of the programme is on track and the cabinet will visit a number of schools during the Christmas shutdown period.

Extra Care – The planning application by Clwyd Alyn for re-development of Neuadd Maldwyn to provide 62 independent living accommodation is expected to go before the planning committee in January or February 2021.

Affordable Housing – PCC commitment to build 250 affordable houses by 2022 is well underway and 232 are either under construction or have been approved and awaiting development.

CABINET 15.12.20

Following a number of Executive Management Meetings the cabinet put forward the following :

Regional Partnership Board Health & Care Academy (see above). School Transformation Programme and the schools going forward for consultation regarding closures. School Funding Formula regarding funding for ALN/SEN needs and how the education service will verify it in the future.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Community Councils have continued to meet remotely via Zoom and this has ensured local issues and concerns have been addressed.

BUSINESS CRITICAL ACTIVITIES

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and rising numbers, we have reviewed our Business Critical Activities with immediate effect: They are:

- 1. Adult Services** – maintaining Business Continuity Plan, roll out of Vaccination Programme with PtHB, roll-out of lateral flow testing
- 2. Homelessness Service** – maintaining the provision of housing for all homelessness presentations in both permanent and temporary accommodation
- 3. Test Trace and Protect** - delivering activities in accordance with the Prevention and Response plan
- 4. Children's Services** – maintain all services, including Safeguarding

5. Mutual Aid, where appropriate (particularly to protect in-County provision)

6. EU – Transition Period - adhere to all National Guidance and advice to ensure appropriate preparations for the end of the EU Transition Period

7. Financial Support for Business - prompt and efficient delivery of all available financial Support for Business and commerce

8. Support for Schools in keeping staff and learners safe (including School catering, cleaning and Transport)

9. Recycling and waste services – all kerbside collection services to continue, and HWRC to remain open for essential use only (where safe to do so)

10. Housing – emergency repairs and maintenance

11. Highways – Winter Service, emergency response and essential repairs

12. Corporate and Housing Property - Checks and Compliance

13. Workforce - maintain health and wellbeing of staff; maintain Health and Safety; management of response to redeployment activities; recruitment process for critical posts

14. Financial Management and Reporting; maximise access to Covid-19 grants and support from UK Government and Welsh Government

15. Corporate Support Services – IT, Information Management, Communications

16. Delivery of time-critical grant projects

ABBREVIATIONS

ALN – Additional Learning Needs

PCC – Powys County Council

PTHB – Powys Teaching Health Board

SEN – Special Educational Needs

PLANNING IN THE RHIWCYNON WARD

- ABERHAFESP PLANNING

- 20/1122/FUL – Building for pig rearing & associated works at Bank Farm, Aberhafesp, SY16 3LS

- 20/1894/VAR – Section 106, Ty Coed Afalue, Aberhafesp SY16 3JQ

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- DWYRIW PLANNING

- 20/1296/RES – Reserved matters for 5 dwellings at land adjacent to Minffordd, Adfa SY16 3DB

- 20/1535/FUL – Agriculture buildings & Associated works Nant Y Wyllt, Cefn Coch SY21 0AY

- 20/1652/CLE – Certificate for use of existing caravan, Ffraithwen, Adfa, SY21 3DB

- 20/1891/RES – Reserved matters for Plot 2, Fronoleu, Adfa SY16 3DB

- 20/2003/FUL – Erection of replacement dwelling & associated works, Pant Farm, Adfa, SY16 3DF

MANAFON PLANNING

- 20/1448/RES – Reserved matters for 5 dwellings, Tremhirnant SY21 8BX

- 20/1660/FUL – Pod development, Tyn Y Celyn, Llanfair Caereinion SY21 0DQ

- 20/1713/FUL – Remove 15m, replace with 23m mast Ffynant, Manafon SY21 8BX

- 20/1798/FUL – 6 Lodges & associated works, Belan Deg, New Mills, SY16 3NJ

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- TREGYNON PLANNING

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

- 20/0556/FUL – Re-use of abandoned dwelling & Associated works, Brynheulog, Tregynon SY16 3PP

- 20/2100/TRE – Arboricultural work on trees at The Old School, Tregynon, SY16 3EH

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HAPPY NEW YEAR AND I WISH YOU GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS THROUGHOUT 2021.