

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HEULWEN D HULME FOR RHIWCYNON WARD AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT, HIGHWAYS TRANSPORT & RECYCLING.

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POWYS REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Powys Regional Partnership Board (RPB) brings together representatives from the council, health board, third sector and other key people including citizens and carers, to **improve health and wellbeing in Powys**.

The partnership ensures that people, and 'what matters' to them, remain at the centre of health and care services in Powys. The RPB is responsible for allocating funds from Welsh Government and supports a wide range of health and care projects, such as Community Connectors, Befriending, among many others!

Here's how you can learn more - www.powysrpb.org or by email at prpb@powys.gov.uk with any questions.

COUNCIL TAX

This year the council tax has been set at 4.8%. The opposition proposed a 3.75% increase however, they could not provide detail as to where they could make further savings to support this. The council has to provide a balanced budget and this can only be achieved with a 4.8% increase.

POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

The authority made the decision on Monday 16th March, following an announcement by Boris Johnson PM, to move towards home working where possible and many meetings have since been conducted by Skype video.

This was quickly followed by a statement from Boris Johnson PM on 23.3.20 for non essential key workers to self isolate for 3 weeks and to work from home with immediate effect.

Non essential shops, libraries, gyms, churches closed.

Weddings and Christenings were suspended.

24.3.20 – Household Waste Recycling Centres were closed due to high demand and lack of social isolation at the centres.

25.3.20 – MOT's were suspended for 6 months and expired parking permits could continue to be used until normal service can be resumed.

27.3.20 – No longer undertake lettings of social housing other than for the homelessness.

POWYS WASTE & RECYCLING COVID – 19 UPDATE as at 31.3.2020

Services operating:

- Currently able to cover all domestic and trade waste and recycling collections.
- Green waste collections as normal.
- No further orders being taken for bulky waste collections, but fulfilling existing orders.
- Boxes and bin deliveries being undertaken through redeployment of civil enforcement officers.
- No household visits by Awareness Team to minimise social contact.
- Household Waste Recycling Centres closed due to excessive use and difficulty to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Also following Monday's 23 March, announcement, this is not essential travel and hence should not be encouraged.
- Transfer stations and haulage operating as normal.

Staff issues:

- Significant numbers of staff off due to underlying health conditions or self- isolating.
- Highways staff have been redeployed to cover gaps in service.
- Over 90 applications for Waste and Recycling operative posts through the external recruitment drive – these are being telephone interviewed and then kept on a reserve list should they be required further down the line.
- Agencies also have staff available as another option if required.
- Stressing need with crews for social distancing – where possible restricting to two in a cab, but if three required, the 3rd person travels behind in a separate vehicle.
- Washing facilities and hand wipes are available for crews, hand sanitiser is now available for the crews.

Liaison with WG, NRW and other authorities:

- PCC are Liaising daily/hourly with colleagues in other authorities.
- WG call regular meetings via skype to seek points for clarification and other concerns.

PLANNING IN RHIWCYNON WARD

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- ABERHAFESP PLANNING
 - 19/1825/FUL – 4 Shepherd Huts for holiday accommodation, Bronfynnon, Bwlch Y Ffridd. SY16 3JA
 - 19/1954/RES – Reserved matters for 10 dwellings, Beechcroft, Aberhafesp SY16 3HW
 - 20/0157/REM – Section 73 Design and layout changes, Bwlchcahaidd, SY16 3JB
 - 20/0430/VAR – Remove Section 106, 5 Tan Y Bwlch, Bwlch Y Ffridd SY16
 - 20/0137/FUL – Extension to Poultry unit, Cwm, Bwlch Y Ffridd SY16 3JD
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- DWYRIW PLANNING
 - 19/1475/FUL – Egg production unit at Tyn Yr Wrtta, Llanwyddelan, SY16 3BT
 - 19/1211/FUL – Agricultural building and access at Mount Pleasant, Adfa SY16 3DR
 - 19/2011/FUL – Erection of a manure store, Tyn Yr Wtra, Llanwyddelan, SY16 3BT
 - 20/0216/FUL – Installation of a flue, Plas Coch, Cefn Coch, SY21 OAE
 - 20/0295/VAR – Discharge of S106, 5 Mellionydd, Adfa SY16 3BF
 - 20/0191/HH – Single storey extension, 10 Mellionydd, Adfa SY16 3BF
 - 20/0233/FUL – 1st floor extension to outdoor centre, Red Ridge Centre, Cefn Coch SY21 OAZ
 - 20/0453/FUL – Agricultural Building & Associated works, Plas Coch, Cefn Coch SY21 OAE
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- MANAFON PLANNING
 - 19/1391/RES – Agricultural Workers dwelling at Caenant, Llanfair SY21 ODG
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- 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
 - 19/1939/FUL – Change of use of Agriculture bldg/wedding venue, Gwaentrebeddau, Tregynon, SY16
 - 20/0117/FUL – erection of an Equestrian Manege, Porth Maen, Tregynon, Sy16 3PF
 - 20/0133/DIS – Removal of condition 11, hedgerow, Lane Farm, Tregynon SY16 3PT

ABBREVIATIONS:

PCC – Powys County Council

NRW – Natural Resources Wales

WG – Welsh Government

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