

## **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HEULWEN D HULME FOR RHIWCYNON WARD AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT, HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT RECYCLING AND COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES.**

**DECEMBER 2021**

### **WELSH GOVERNMENT CROSS PARTY GROUP ON ACTIVE TRAVEL 1.12.21**

A briefing by WG to discuss the use of E Scooter and to consider the use of them on our designated Active Travel routes which are town based in Powys. This is to encourage better use of them and to take the E Scooters away from our pavements and roads. On a general note to encourage adults and children to wear clearly visible hi viz clothing when out cycling and if buying a new bike for Christmas to add the hi viz as part of the present.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY FORUM 2.12.21**

The forum highlighted the most recent concerns about fatigue within the workplace. Violence and aggression in schools, all the services within the authority and in our public libraries. Due to the new variant of Omicron it was stated that we encourage all employees to use face coverings, adhere to the one way system, hand hygiene and social distancing.

### **CABINET/EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM 2.12.21**

To receive a briefing from Housing Services in terms of re-structuring, staffing, customer care, the work of the housing compliance team.

To discuss Adult Housing in the county to age well/live well accommodation. To ensure we provide appropriate older persons accommodation which is rapidly changing as our older population is living longer.

To consider the Regional Economic Framework as a vehicle to promote collaborative regional planning, integration, bringing benefits and to move forward to common economic development objectives.

To look at the wider catchment area of Llansantffaid, Llangedwyn, Llanfechain, & Ysgol Bro Cynllaith Primary Schools and not to proceed with the current consultations and to instruct the Transformation Education Team to bring forward alternative proposals.

### **POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL MONEY ADVICE TEAM**

#### **Do you know someone who needs help with benefits, budgeting, debt or fuel costs**

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all our lives in many ways – and that includes our finances too. So, if you know someone who is struggling because of a loss of benefits income, redundancy, the end of furlough, rising fuel costs or debt problems – send them our way! Powys County Council's Money Advice Service offers free and confidential support to anyone in financial difficulty. During the last tax year (2020/21) it helped 529 Powys residents gain benefits worth an extra £2,046,118.65 and would like to help many more. Our trained and accredited advisors can:

- Offer advice over the phone
- Offer advice face-to-face in a client's own home or local council office
- Deliver advice sessions in the community

If anyone needs our help, they can visit the Powys County Council website and search 'money advice'. Here they will find a range of free tools to help them manage their money better, and an online form that will allow them to 'request money advice'. Alternatively, they can call 01874 612153 or email [wrtteam@powys.gov.uk](mailto:wrtteam@powys.gov.uk) and ask for help. This pack contains a variety of resources which can either be printed out or be presented in a digital format on a display screen. We hope you will make use of them to promote our service, so that we can help even more people in Powys obtain financial peace of mind.

### **POWYS POPULATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT.**

Population in Powys is currently 133,030. 16% are aged 0-15, 57% aged 16-64 and 37% aged 65+. In the last 20 years the number of people living in Powys has increased by 5%. The changes in population are as follows: Under 16 -14% reduction, 16-65 -2% reduction and 65+ saw 47% increase and 80+ 53% increase. 4088 families in Powys live in absolute poverty. This year we have seen the largest increase in children eligible for free school meals and the

increase from 1601 to 2371 children. 80% of people are economically active i.e. working and self employed. 93% or 8030 businesses in Powys are micro businesses (employing 0-9 employees. 19% of residents can speak the Welsh language. Powys have distributed 3204 3 day emergency food parcels. Newtown East is ranked as the most deprived area in Powys. All these statistics and data enable the authority to plan ahead in terms of educational needs, types and sizes of houses we will need in the future, types of business and employment opportunities we can create and adult care provision. All of which is vitally important.

## **FULL COUNCIL 9.12.21**

The full council and executive management team met to hear the Director of Social Services Annual report on the service and to discuss a number of motions put forward by members on support for the agricultural sector in terms of wool production and the end use, Climate change and the work that the council have done so far and the use of agricultural land for mass tree planting as against food production.

Total number of meetings attended = 16 Only Manafon Community Council met in December

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

- ABERHAFESP PLANNING
- 20/1122/FUL – Building for pig rearing & associated works at Bank Farm, Aberhafesp, SY16 3LS
- 21/1295/FUL – Steel portal bdlg to cover manure store. Cwm, Bwlch Y Ffridd, SY16 3JD
- 21/1757/VAR – Removal of Section 106. Ty Newydd, Glanynant, Aberhafesp SY16 3HB.
- 21/2202/FUL – Erection of Rural Enterprise Dwelling and associated works. Swm Y Gwynt, Aberhafesp, SY16 3JL
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- DWYRIW PLANNING
- 21/0322/OUT- 1 dwelling, garage and assoc. works at Argae Fields, New Mills SY16 3NG
- 21/0453/RES – Single dwelling & access at land adjoining the garage, Adfa SY16 3DD
- 21/2090/TEL – 15m lattice tower and 3 no. antennas – Land at Tycoch, Llanwyddelan SY16 3BT
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- MANAFON PLANNING
- 21/2082/FUL – Erection of a dwelling at Upper Glyn, Manafon SY21 8BS
- 21/2097/FUL – Erection of a gym building, Caenant, Manafon SY21 0DG
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- TREGYNON PLANNING
- 19/1633/REM – Section 73/ Conditions at Dollycoed, Tregynon SY16 3PY
- 21/2135/FUL – Change of land use Glebelands, Tregynon SY16 3EH

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