

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HEULWEN D HULME – RHIWCYNON WARD

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POWYS PARTNERSHIP BOARD FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT APPROVED.

Partnership working will be vital in Powys as the county recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, the county's Public Services Board has said. The board is a statutory strategic partnership established under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 including Powys County Council, Powys Teaching Health Board, Mid and West Wales Fire Service and Natural Resources Wales. It requires the partners and key local organisation in Powys, including Police, Brecon Beacons National Park, the third sector and community councils, to work together and take a more co-ordinated and long-term approach to the issues that really matter to the people of the county.

The leader and chair of the board stated "We ended the 2021-2022 year in a very different place to where we began, with public services, communities, the third sector and local businesses continuing to find new ways of doing things, being both innovative and resourceful as they emerged the pandemic to the "new normal". "The partnership response coordinated and carried out through relevant emergency planning frameworks has been commendable and I have no doubt that the effectiveness is in part due to the relationships and connections developed through the PSB.

"We have continued to progress some of our Well-being Plan objectives and steps. These are at the heart of what the PSB is trying to do, to improve the opportunities and experiences for residents and communities in Powys. Projects that began in 2018-19 have continued to grow, with new ideas and the continued ambition of partners. "As we move forward, the PSB will have an important role to play in supporting Powys to continue to recover from the pandemic," he added.

POWYS TEACHING HEALTH BOARD

<https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/>

Phone first before attending a Minor Injury Unit in Powys



Powys Minor Injuries Units can treat adults and children aged 2+ with injuries that are not critical or life-threatening. Please call before you visit our Minor Injuries Units.

Property Services return to Council

Repair and maintenance work on Powys buildings and schools are now being carried out by council staff following the successful transfer from Heart of Wales Property Service. The five-year joint venture company, which operated as a partnership between Kier and the county council, ended at the end of June with services formally transferring on July 4.

All repairs and maintenance on the Council's housing stock, corporate buildings and schools will be carried out by staff, previously employed by Heart of Wales Property Services. Outstanding repairs recorded or started by HoWPS before the June deadline have been passed to the Council to complete.

Housing contact numbers

In future there will be four ways for our tenants to report repairs and maintenance needs:

- Telephone – 01597 827 464
- E-mail – powys-repairs@powys.gov.uk
- Logging onto our website - <https://en.powys.gov.uk/housingrepair>
- For emergency out of hours - 01597 827464

CITIZEN ADVICE BUREAU – POWYS DATA

Since April 2022, we have seen record breaking demand for our services as people begin to struggle financially.

2022 has seen our highest average daily level of phone demand since 2019. In April – June 2022 we received **4,059 requests for advice**. For the same period in 2021 we dealt with 2,751 requests. **47% increase** in demand

With people struggling to afford everyday living costs we are finding people are using credit to do their weekly shopping and cutting back on paying bills such as council tax and energy.

Our current figures show during the last 3 months we dealt with:

- **£212k** of credit card debt
- **£43k** of energy debt
- **£41k** of council tax debt

And every working day in the last 3 months, our advisers have issued a foodbank and/or fuel vouchers.

RURAL POLICE MEETING

In the Rhiwcyon Ward from 9.6.22 – 30.8.22 there have been 3 Road traffic collisions, 3 Criminal damage, 1 Anti social behaviour, 2 Thefts and 4 Suspicious Acts.

PLANNING IN THE RHIWCYNON WARD

- ABERHAFESP PLANNING
- 20/1122/FUL – Building for pig rearing & associated works at Bank Farm, Aberhafesp, SY16 3LS
- 22/0646/REM – Section 73, vary condition 2 and allow for amended plan, Wern To, Aberhafesp, SY16 3JH
- 22/0825/FUL – 2 holiday pods and 2 sewerage treatment works at land south of Bwlch Y Ffridd SY16 3JN – **Approved 9.8.22**
- 22/1145/CLE – Change of use of holiday cottages for self catering, The Old Rectory, Aberhafesp, SY16 3HL
- 22/1271/HH – Single storey extension, Lymeswood, 9 Hillcrest, Aberhafesp, SY16 3JR

- USE/220129 – regulatory use of land at Old Rectory, Aberhafesp SY16 3HL
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- DWYRIW PLANNING
- 21/2090/TEL – 15m lattice tower and 3 no. antennas – Land at Tycoch, Llanwyddelan SY16 3BT
- 22/0453/FUL – Construction of general agricultural building & yard, Brookfield, Cefn Coch SY21 0AG
- 22/0384/REM- Sct 73 to vary conditions 4 & 5 to allow occupancy restriction wording Hill View, Fron Green, Llanllugan SY21 0AG
- 22/0926/FUL – Part barn conversion into additional accommodation to existing dwelling, Plas Helyg, Cefn Coch SY21 0AJ
- BOC/20/0242 – Pavement at Plas Coch, Ardwyn, Dolwar Fach, Awel Las, Cefn Coch SY21 0AE
- BOC/22/0184 – Pavement at Cyntaf ac Olaf, Penymynedd, Delfryn, golygfa Uchel, Cefn Coch SY21 0AE
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- MANAFON PLANNING
- 22/0523/FUL – Barn conversion into new dwelling & installation of treatment plant at Plas Docyn, Manafon SY21 8BS.
- OPDE/22/0160 – Brynteg, New Mills, SY16 3NQ – **case closed but re-opened.**
- 22/1102/FUL – Holiday Pod development at Tyn Y Celyn, Llanfair Caereinion SY21 0DQ
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- TREGYNON PLANNING
- 19/1633/REM – Section 73 Conditions at Dolycoed, Tregynon SY16 3PY
- 22/0760/RES – Reserved matters for land opposite Llys Cynon, Tregynon SY16 3EJ

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