

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

MARCH 2022.

CABINET 1.3.22

To approve the Powys Nature Recovery Action Plan – the purpose and aim is to reverse the decline in bio diversity by focusing on developing a resilient ecological network via the PNRAP. Working in partnership with stakeholder to identify local priorities to contribute to the delivery of the national objectives.

To approve the Climate Change Strategy – the authority declared a climate emergency in Sept 2020 and we face a serious challenge to meet 0% emissions by 2030. To have focused engagement with stakeholders, farmers, local food producers to reduce food miles. To consider the local procurement strategy which links into the Economic Strategy.

To approve a Welsh Adoption and Fostering collaborative arrangement and this will provide a follow through from fostering into adoption with the same group of officers overseeing the board.

To approve the Regional Partnership Board Agreement for April 22 – March 26. A formalised agreement of Powys County Council, Powys Teaching Health Board and Powys Assoc of Voluntary Organisation to effectively carry out statutory duties.

CABINET 8.3.22

The cabinet resolved to close Llanbedr C in W School with effect from 31.8.22.

To approve Sennybridge Strategic Outline Case for a new 150 space dual stream new primary school to be submitted to Welsh Government for approval.

To note the ongoing Llanfyllin area school transformation programme.

To note North Powys Health Care Provision on a site in Newtown incorporating Powys CC, Powys Teaching Health Board/ Education and Social Services Department.

To approve the Housing Revenue Account – 30 year plan incorporating new builds, compliance, welsh housing quality standards. 509 new homes to be built in next 5 years.

To note the Housing Tenancy Survey – with an outcome of 71% overall satisfaction including neighbourhood, quality, repairs and maintenance.

CABINET 11.3.22

The cabinet approved the closure of Mount St. Infants and Junior Schools and Cradoc School and to approve plans to create new primary school.

To consider the Vision 2025 annual review and the transformation of services in extra care, North Powys wellbeing programme, digital transformation.

To consider the current budget position for revenue and capital and the projected year end forecast.

WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL 2.3.22

Attended a meeting to discuss highways concerns raised by the Mayor of the council.

POWYS BYWAYS USER GROUP 2.3.22

This is a forum of Countryside Landowners Assoc, Local Access Forum. Farmers Union of Wales, British Horse Society, Ramblers Assoc, Green Lane Assoc to discuss public rights of way, bridle ways, byways open to all traffic and to address issues.

FULL COUNCIL 3.3.22

The council tax was approved at 3.39% for 22/23. The council approved the Pay Policy Statement (not pay rates). The motion for the non exploitation and sustainable approach for afforestation was passed in favour of our land is used for food production and not tree planting. Motion to look at providing greater support for food and fuel poverty was passed. Motion to delay education transformation by 1 year was defeated.

SOCIAL CARE WORKSHOP 4.3.22

A briefing on current and future care provision in Powys. Covering day centres, care homes and the management of them, independent living accommodation, dementia care, hospital transfers into local hospitals/care homes or home, care provision and demand, care technology – carelines and canary care systems. Adult Social Care contact details 0345 602 7050.

EXTERNAL VISITS

Visit to Pontrobert School to address road safety issues. Joint Cabinet meeting with Shropshire County Council to

NORTH POWYS WELLBEING HUB

A new state of the art health and wellbeing campus in Newtown has taken a significant step forward following endorsement from Welsh Government. A Programme Business Case (PBC) had earlier been submitted to Welsh Government by the North Powys Wellbeing (NPWB) Programme highlighting the benefits of bringing together health and wellbeing services onto a single site adjacent to Park Street in Newtown. Endorsement for this business case was announced by First Minister Mark Drakeford MS in the Senedd on 15.3.22.

PERFORMANCE PANEL – WORKFORCE & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT 24.3.22

A briefing on Health & Safety, New ways of working, Payroll, Recruitment including retention and remote working, Apprenticeships, staff wellbeing post covid, and re-opening the offices.

PERFORMANCE PANEL – EDUCATION 25.3.22

Removal of Estyn monitoring due to service improvement. The development of on line mandatory staff training. Regional arrangements in place between Ceredigion and Powys and working together for post 16 education provision. The provision of statutory and non statutory education. To improve outcomes for education needs and additional leaving needs by 2024.

PERFORMANCE PANEL – FINANCE 29.3.22

A briefing of services provided: Procurement, Risk and Insurance, Local Government Pension Fund Administration and Investment, Accountancy, Treasury Management, Business Partnering, Collection of Revenues and Awarding of Grants, Benefits, Fraud Prevention and Money Advice Support, Internal Audit.

PERFORMANCE PANEL – HIGHWAYS TRANSPORT AND RECYCLING. 29.3.22

A briefing on services provided: Highways maintenance, winter service, land drainage, engineering design, street works, parking services, traffic management, highways development control, countryside services (public rights of way), recreation areas (parks and housing estates), public and home to school transport, biodiversity and ecology, fleet management, waste and recycling.

TRANSFORMATION DELIVERY BOARD 25.3.22

HOUSING - A briefing on new accommodation: 39 units built, 79 in build, 109 awaiting planning consent 19 in design. This years total spend £9m with a £2m rollover and a further spend of £12.5m in 22/23.

EXTRA CARE PROVISION – an update on new independent living accommodation in Welshpool, Machynlleth, Llandrindod and Brecon. The focus will be to provide accommodation for local residents wanting to remain independent but with on site provision for extra care as and when required.

JOINT POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL AND SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CABINET MEETING 31.3.22

The joint cabinet identified similar areas of concern in terms of the demand on extra adult and children services, the shortage of domiciliary and home care packages, highways infrastructure, developing tourism across border via the Offa 's Dyke footpath and the Montgomery and Shropshire Canals.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS IN MARCH 39 AND ALL 4 COMMUNITY COUNCILS MET.

PLANNING IN THE RHIWCYNON WARD

- ABERHAFESP PLANNING
- 20/1122/FUL – Building for pig rearing & associated works at Bank Farm, Aberhafesp, SY16 3LS
- 21/2202/FUL – Erection of Rural Enterprise Dwelling and associated works. Swn Y Gwynt, Aberhafesp, SY16 3JL
- 22/0195/FUL – Barn Conversion to residential unit & assoc. works, Bwlchcaehaid, Aberhafesp SY16 3JB
- 22/0345/VAR – Discharge of S106 at 12 Tan Y Bwlch, Bwlch Y Ffridd SY16 3JA
- 22/0466/VAR – Discharge of S106 at Ardwyn, Bwlch Y Ffridd SY16 3HT
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- DWYRIW PLANNING
- 21/0322/OUT- 1 dwelling, garage and assoc. works at Argae Fields, New Mills SY16 3NG
- 21/2090/TEL – 15m lattice tower and 3 no. antennas – Land at Tycoch, Llanwyddelan SY16 3BT
- 22/0356/TEL - Telecoms Installation Mast, Frongoch, Cefn Coch SY21 0AP
- 22/0386/FUL – installation of a septic tank. West of Cefn Bryn, Cefn Coch SY21 0AE
- 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
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- MANAFON PLANNING
- 21/2242/FUL – Erection of log cabin, treatment plant and associated works at Lower House Farm, Manafon SY21 8BJ
- 22/0402/HH – 2nd floor extension, new chimney, remove old chimney, front & rear oak porches Plas Docyn, Manafon SY21 8BS
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- TREGYNON PLANNING
- 19/1633/REM – Section 73 Conditions at Dolycoed, Tregynon SY16 3PY

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