

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Darren Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Social Care

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gareth Morgan

Can the Portfolio Holder indicate whether he is still intent on closing the Llanidloes Day Centre at Maes y Wennol by withdrawing County Council funding, if so can he state the date of closure? If he has any alternative plans to keep it open with external support could he describe precisely what they are and with whom they are being discussed and negotiated, and how far advanced his negotiations have reached?

Powys County Council resolved to disinvest from the direct delivery of Older Peoples Day Centres and work in partnership with the third sector and Community Councils in order to find alternative delivery mechanisms. The Council wishes to identify alternative service providers for the following day centres; Ystradgynlais, Brecon, Crickhowell, Llandrindod, Llanidloes, Newtown, Welshpool. This decision has not been changed.

I can confirm that the Day Centre at Llanidloes will continue to run in its current form in the 2015/16 financial year. Council officers are looking to commence work in the Llanidloes area during 2016, with alternative arrangements being put in place by the end of the 2016/17 financial year.

If a local group were to come forward with an interest in running Llanidloes Day Centre, then we would be very happy to meet with them and consider a revenue grant. No discussions have commenced in this area to date.