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**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, 5th October, 2023**

## **S U P P L E M E N T A R Y P A C K**

<b>1.</b>	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION - PROPOSAL TO REINSTATE THE UP TO 1 HOUR CAR PARKING CHARGE IN DESIGNATED LONG STAY CAR PARKS.</b>
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We are surprised that the motion for car parking charges has come through as at last council this motion was withdrawn to go to a review.

In light of the motion coming forward, we propose the council hold off on any change in parking charges and refer the original motion to the cross-party car parking review group established by the Portfolio Holder to be considered with other options, including options to consult with communities and the council to seek their views as to whether they would like Powys County Council to reintroduce the 1-hour parking in their community long-stay car park or to forgo the 1 hour and stay with a 2-hour minimum with 50p from every 2-hour ticket issued going back into the community to help them run tourist facilities such as public toilets and community activities. Any recommendations from the review board are to be brought back to scrutiny prior to being considered by the cabinet.

Proposed by Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

Seconded by Councillor Angela Davies

### **Financial Assessment**

The amendment has no financial implications as it simply refers to continuing with the original proposal regarding the work and expectations of the review group. The cost of the review has previously been set out and agreed.

Once the review is completed there may be financial implications but they will form part of agreeing and implementing any changes.

<b>2.</b>	<b>QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION</b>
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2.1. **Question to the Cabinet Member for a Learning Powys from Councillor Elwyn Vaughan**

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In noting this, what consideration has been given to the European minority or Regional languages Charter and those powers in this context?

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2.2. **Question to the Leader from Councillor Gwynfor Thomas**

What communications have Powys County Council had with Bute Energy/Green Gen Cymru?

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# 12.2

## CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council  
5 October 2023

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Cabinet Member for a Learning Powys

**SUBJECT:** Question from County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

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### Response

Your previous correspondence with me in regards to the European minority or Region Languages Charter was one of the factors in identifying this potential opportunity as it offers a way forward in confirming responsibilities for the provision of school transport.

In terms of the impact on the wider catchment review. The way forward approved by Cabinet identifies [Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant](#) as a site for extending Welsh medium in the NW of the catchment and there are further opportunities in Welsh Stream or Welsh medium education within reach of Oswestry and Shrewsbury.

In the medium term the review also identifies the possibility of developing further Welsh Medium provision in one of the settlements along the A483 between Welshpool and the county border. As a first stage the plans call for the enhancement of Cylch Meithrin and Ti a Fi provision in the area. Given the good road links to Oswestry support from across the border may strengthen the business case for moving forward with this proposition.

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## CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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**REPORT AUTHOR:** County Councillor James Gibson-Watt  
Leader

**SUBJECT:** Question from County Councillor Gwynfor Thomas

### **What communications have Powys County Council had with Bute Energy/Green Gen Cymru?**

Many thanks for your interesting question, it begs the further question of the extent to which we, Powys County Council, should engage with potential major investors seeking to develop in Powys, in this instance in energy and infrastructure. Bute Energy is just one of a number of companies proposing multi-million-pound investments, the sum total of which far outweighs the Mid-Wales Growth deal.

Powys Council has declared nature and climate emergencies and is making progress with plans to adapt to the changes which will need to be made by us all. And so, in this context, I strongly suspect that we need to be engaging much more with any and everyone who has a potential contribution to make.

That said, and to directly answer your question, I shared the same table at the President's lunch on the first day of the Royal Welsh Show 2022, with two employees of Bute, but to my best recollection no discussions took place about any proposals they had for Powys. A few months ago, I attended an online information meeting with PCC and Bute officers and I believe Bute officers attended one of PCC's events at this year's Royal Welsh Show and were also present at this year's WLGA Conference, but I had no contact with them.

I am also aware that the Cabinet Member for a Connected Powys met Bute Energy and other major developers in a round table event he had organised on community benefit. He had one follow up meeting with the community benefit team and also attended a public pre-application meeting for the Radnor Forest proposals, hosted by Cllr Geoff Morgan. I also understand that he visited the Bute stand at the Royal Welsh Show, as you and other members may have done, but for which I can't account. Like myself, he has not knowingly spoken with anyone at Green Gen Cymru.

Planning services have been approached on a number of projects by Bute Energy/Green Gen Cymru in relation to seeking pre application advice.

