

County Council

Meeting Venue
**Council Chamber - County Hall,
Llandrindod Wells**

Meeting date
Thursday, 13 July 2017

Meeting time
10.30 am

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AGENDA

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| 1. | APOLOGIES |
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To receive apologies for absence.

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| 2. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST |
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To receive any declarations of interest from Members relating to items to be considered on the agenda.

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| 3. | MINUTES |
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To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the meetings held on 23rd February, 7th March, 18th May and 13th June 2017 as correct records.

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| 4. | CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS |
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To receive any announcements from the Chair of Council.

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| 5. | LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS |
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To receive any announcements from the Leader.

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| 6. | CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BRIEFING |
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To receive a briefing from the Chief Executive.

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| 7. | CAPITAL VIREMENTS |
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7.1. Capital Virement for Fleet Vehicle Replacements

To consider a report by County Councillor Aled Davies, Portfolio Holder for Finance.

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7.2. Capital Virement for Brecon Cultural Hub

To consider a report by County Councillor Aled Davies, Portfolio Holder for Finance.

(Pages 155 - 158)

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| 8. | ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES |
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To receive and consider the annual report of the Director of Social Services.

(Pages 159 - 200)

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| 9. | HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE STRATEGY FOR POWYS |
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To consider a report by County Councillor Stephen Hayes, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and County Councillor Rachel Powell, Portfolio Holder for Children Youth, Libraries and Leisure Services.

(Pages 201 - 226)

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| 10. | MEMBER ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES 2016-17 |
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To consider a report by the Strategic Director – Resources.

(Pages 227 - 234)

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| 11. | MEMBERS' SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION 2017- 18 |
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To consider a report by the Strategic Director – Resources.

(Pages 235 - 258)

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| 12. | WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL REQUEST FOR ELECTION |
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To consider a report by the Solicitor to the Council.

(Pages 259 - 262)

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| 13. | PROTOCOL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS |
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To consider a report by the Solicitor to the Council.

(Pages 263 - 280)

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| 14. | APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES |
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To note the following appointments to Committees made by political groups and approved by the Monitoring Officer under the general power of delegation granted by Council on 16th May 2013:

County Councillor Iain McIntosh appointed to the Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee by the Conservative group to fill a vacancy.

County Councillor Iain McIntosh appointed to the Licensing Act 2003 Committee by the Conservative group in place of County Councillor Mark Barnes.

County Councillor James Gibson-Watt appointed to Scrutiny Committee B in by the Liberal Democrat group place of County Councillor Francesca Jump.

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| 15. | APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES |
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To consider appointments to the following outside bodies:

Board of Powys Care and Repair – 1 Member
Welsh Books Council – 1 Member
Wye Navigation Advisory Committee – 1 Member

(Pages 281 - 286)

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| 16. | CORRESPONDENCE |
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To consider a letter from The Royal British Legion asking for the Council's support for the Legion's "Count them in" campaign calling for changes to the UK census to capture data at a local authority level regarding the size and needs of the Armed Forces Community.

(Pages 287 - 290)

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| 17. | NOTICES OF MOTION |
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17.1. Notice of Motion on Household Waste Recycling Centres

During the recent county council election campaign many residents expressed grave concerns about the recent changes to the Household Waste Recycling Centres' (HWRCs) opening times and means of operation. We therefore call upon the relevant Cabinet portfolio holder to undertake an urgent review of the current operation of the HWRCs to ensure they are offering a fit and proper service.

Proposer: County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

Seconder: County Councillor James Gibson-Watt

17.2. Notice of Motion - Charges at Social Care Day Centres

A 50% increase in charges for attendance and meals at social care day centres in Powys was introduced by Cabinet before the end of the previous council and *after* the County Council had set its 2017-18 budget. We believe that that decision, which was taken without prior notice or consultation with service users or their carers, was an abuse of process and call on the current Council Cabinet to restore the charges to their previous levels with immediate effect.

Proposer: County Councillor James Gibson-Watt

Seconder: County Councillor Matthew Dorrance

17.3. **Notice of Motion - Use of Car by the Chair**

We call on the Council to cease the practice of purchasing or leasing a car for the use of the Chairman.

Proposer County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

Seconder County Councillor Bryn Davies

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| 18. | QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION |
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18.1. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Education from County Councillor Phil Pritchard**

Could you please tell me how many meetings were held between Powys CC Officers and representatives of The Church in Wales regarding the creation of two new schools in Welshpool to replace the current Oldford, Ardwyn, Gungrog and Maesydre schools?

(Pages 291 - 292)

18.2. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways from County Councillor John Morris**

We have learned through a press release that you intend to review the decision to make charges in 9 council owned car parks that were previously free. There is presently an inconsistency across Powys with some car parks being pay and display and some free. In the interest of fairness and equality for all council tax payers across Powys and to support the economy will you extend your remit to review the car park charging policy across the whole of Powys?

(Pages 293 - 294)

18.3. **Question to the Leader from County Councillor Emily Durrant**

The lack of gender balance in democratic representation in Wales is dire. Of the 1,254 new Councillors elected in May, only 359 are women. This takes the previous 26% female representation to 27% - a pitiful rate of progress for Wales.

However, the picture in Powys is better. Women now make up 31.5% of the Council, which though still 20% out of balance, is progress worth celebrating. I would particularly like to congratulate the council for appointing its first female Leader, and thereby enabling female Council leadership across Wales to double from 9% to 18%.

(Statistics from the Equality and Human Rights Commission. Obtained

directly and from Who Runs Wales, 2017)

Even so, the current Cabinet consists of only 3 women out of 10 members.

This raises a question to the Leader:

Could the Leader of the Council have done more to ensure that women in Powys are represented fairly in the Cabinet?

(Pages 295 - 296)

18.4. Question to the Portfolio Holder for HR, ICT and Communications from County Councillor James Evans

The situation for the council's workforce in Powys is different, though still leaves much to be desired. Whilst women make up the majority of the Council's workforce in Powys, this is not reflected in positions of power – 59% of roles for senior managers and above are held by men (SEP Annual Monitoring 2015-16).

This raises a question to the Portfolio Holder for Equality:

Will Cllr James Evans commit to see power equality within its workforce in his term?

(Pages 297 - 298)

18.5. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Youth, Libraries and Leisure Services from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

I along with local residents am pleased to see the council is revisiting decisions on waste recycling centres and parking. Will the Leader of the Council be open to discussions on revisiting the Library reduction in hours policy were communities can show the wider impact on council services if there is a reduction in hours?

(Pages 299 - 300)

18.6. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Countryside Services from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

Following queries raised by residents that they are being charged for washing line rental and have to share with other tenants, as well as alarm call cover they do not even have set up on their weekly rental break down, can the portfolio please provide a breakdown of the list of what council tenants could be charged (including cost) and how they are able to opt out of these charges if they do not receive or wish to receive them as part of their rent?

(Pages 301 - 304)

18.7. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Education from County Councillor Graham Breeze**

Many residents in the Welshpool Llanerchuddol Ward have voiced concerns regarding the closure in 2018 of Ardwyn Junior & Infants School and the future of the building in particular.

Could the Portfolio Holder outline what considerations have been given to this building's future following closure in 2018, particularly in view of its Grade II Listed status, limited access and any potential impact on nearby residents?

(Pages 305 - 306)

18.8. **Question to Portfolio Holder for Housing & Countryside Services from County Councillor Graham Breeze**

Some residential properties in the ownership of Powys County Council appear to be treated with little respect by the tenant and as a result are being allowed to deteriorate at a long-term cost to the council, while at the same time causing problems for adjoining tenants.

Could the Portfolio Holder outline the council procedures for:

- a. Identifying problem properties.
- b. Whether there are scheduled inspection processes in place.
- c. What action has been taken against problem tenants in the last 12 months?

(Pages 307 - 308)

18.9. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Property and Waste Services from County Councillor David Selby**

Could the Portfolio Holder please confirm when he believes the Community Asset Transfer of the open space and amenity land in Newtown to Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Town Council will be completed?

(Pages 309 - 310)

18.10. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Property and Waste from County Councillor Huw Williams**

The Council is undertaking an urgent review into the impact of cuts to the Household Waste Recycling Centres.

What are the terms and scope of the review and when will the final report be published?

(Pages 311 - 312)

18.11. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Education from County Councillor Sandra Davies**

What is Powys County Council's policy on the use of Schools delegated budgets to provide home to school transport for learners and is the Council aware of any schools in the County undertaking this practice and if so, what advice have they received?

(Pages 313 - 314)

18.12. **Question to the Leader from County Councillor Matthew Dorrance**

Will the Cabinet make a statement on how it fulfils this Council's responsibilities as part of the Armed Forces Covenant?

(Pages 315 - 316)

18.13. **Question to the Leader from County Councillor Roger Williams**

In the White Paper entitled "Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed" the Welsh Government writes in question 25:

"The Welsh Government intends to make a return to a form of the Committee system available to local authorities where best meets local circumstances."

Does the Council have any information when that may become available?

(Pages 317 - 318)