

County Council

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

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AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES
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To receive apologies for absence.

2.	MINUTES
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To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 12th July 2018 as a correct record.
(Pages 17 - 72)

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

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

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

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

7.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS - MAXIMUM OF 20 MINUTES
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7.1. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture from Richard Spanswick

Given that Welshpool has an excellent, purpose-built, easily accessible, and well used library at its Brook Street site, would the Council please confirm that it will prioritise the needs of the community above the desire to relocate council office accommodation from Neuadd Maldwyn to the library building at the same time as reducing library stock and amenities, and safeguard this facility for future public use?

(Pages 73 - 74)

7.2. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language from Buddug Bates

Can the Member with responsibility for the Education portfolio please confirm when it is likely that a new North Powys category 2a high school is likely to open?

(Pages 75 - 78)

7.3. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language from Heidi Wilson

In light of the recent re-tendering exercise of all Home-to-School transport arrangements, can the council please reassure me and other parents whose children use the x48 local bus (route BW61 Llanddewi to Builth Wells) that a full risk assessment has been carried out and that the council are satisfied that in the event of a road traffic incident sufficient safety measures are in place to protect our children as far as is possible on this dangerous stretch of road? I ask this particularly in relation to those pupils who have to stand whilst using this service.

(Pages 79 - 80)

7.4. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from Trudy Stedman

During a recent "meet the council" event in Hay-on-Wye several residents asked about issues in relation to the transfer of assets from Powys County Council to Hay Town Council as this has been under discussion for over 3 years. I would be grateful if the cabinet member could please advise on when the cabinet discussions in relation to asset transfers in Hay are likely to take place and a potential timescale for completion so that this information can be made available to Hay residents.

(Pages 81 - 82)

7.5. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from Jane Rees**

Given reports confirm that over 300 fires a year occur in recycling plants throughout the UK* how satisfied are Powys County Council that in the event of a major incident at the planned recycling plant in Abermule the economy of Mid wales will not be paralysed by the closure of the A483 trunk road and Cambrian Rail Line? Such a fire in a building wedged between two main arterial routes and with a cubic capacity of over 18545m³, will be left to burn out over several days. This will have a catastrophic effect on this sensitive environment and result in a long period of disruption. The noxious gasses known to issue from burning plastic+ will require the urgent evacuation of residents in the nearby village. In view of the above the Council should be considering other more suitable locations.*

<https://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2017/jul/06/troubling-fire-record-uk-recycling-plants>

* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xjzrd7Vrh_Q

+ <http://www.regeno.in/images/wastemanagement.pdf>

(Pages 83 - 84)

8.	NOTICES OF MOTION
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8.1. **Notice of Motion - Engaging the Electorate**

This council believes that local authorities too often lose the confidence of the electorate because they can appear detached and unaccountable. More needs to be done to engage and enthuse the electorate to make local government a more vibrant and relevant part of our communities.

Proposed by County Councillor Gareth Pugh
Seconded by County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

8.2. **Notice of Motion proposing the banning of the use of wild animals in circuses in Powys**

Whilst the use of wild animals in circuses may have been something which was regarded as entertainment in the past, as a society we become more civilised over time and many are now of the view that it is cruel to train non domestic or wild animals to do tricks and to keep such animals in restricted conditions – particularly when travelling on tour. Indeed, it is reported that 45 countries in the world have already introduced prohibitions on using animals in circuses, including Scotland and Ireland. We need to follow suit.

The concerns have been recognised by the Welsh Government which commissioned a report, published in 2016, finding that “life for wild animals in travelling circuses...does not appear to constitute either a

‘good life’ or a ‘life worth living’.

Consulting the public on the broader issue last year, the Welsh Government also asked if a ban on wild animals in circuses should be considered. News reports suggest that the response from the public was overwhelming, with the Welsh Government stating that there was “strong support for a ban”. However, the legislation is taking time to come to fruition and circuses will still be able to freely come to Powys which the consultation results imply would be against the wishes of many of our residents. Although it has been stated that a bill will be introduced in the next 12 months, given that this has been on the cards since 2013, and could be delayed further, there are steps which local authorities can take in the meantime. This Council can take direct action now and encourage such circuses not to come to our county.

10 Local Authorities have already banned the use of circuses using wild animals on their land. We need to do the same. We need to send a message to the Welsh Government that this matter cannot be delayed further. We need to show the public that we recognise their concerns.

Furthermore, since looking into this issue, I have discovered that a circus that uses wild animals which recently toured to Powys, was advertised through schools, and possibly even in other Powys CC public spaces. We need to filter down a strong communication to our departments, stating that we do not welcome the use of wild animals in this way. I therefore propose the following motion:

This council proposes that the relevant steps are taken to prohibit any Circuses using non domestic and/or wild animals, from hiring any Powys County Council owned land.

This council further proposes that Powys Council’s properties and services (including Schools, Libraries, Community/Youth Areas) do not advertise circuses using non-domestic and/ or wild animals.

This council urges the Welsh Government to commit to banning the use of wild animals in circuses in Wales, by bringing forward the proposed legislative ban at its earliest opportunity.

Proposed by County Councillor Amanda Jenner

Seconded by County Councillor Lucy Roberts

8.3. **Notice of Motion - Supporting our Young People**

Our young people face considerable pressures and challenges.

We therefore call on the Council to:

- Acknowledge the challenge, dangers and pressures on our young people
- To prepare a support strategy for 16 – 25 year old’s in Powys bridging from children’s social services including:
- Ensure Wellbeing project in our junior and secondary schools

- Ensure that Social services and Housing co-operate to avoid silos in the authority
- Co-operate with Young Farmers to raise awareness about loneliness in rural communities, mental health issues, sexuality and drugs
- To acknowledge the work of local charities and third sector providers and work with them to ensure the sustainability of their support services for the future
- Co-operate with Shelter Cymru to promote housing rights
- Co-operate with Cais
- Develop work experience opportunities
- Develop one of the Council's small holdings to provide experience of working on the land, horticulture and the open air as part of the process of strengthening and getting stronger for individuals.

Proposed by County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan
 Seconded by County Councillor Bryn Davies

8.4. **Notice of Motion - Impact of Brexit**

Council notes the current state of negotiations between the UK Government and the European Commission on a Withdrawal Agreement for the UK's exit from the European Union (EU) on the 29th March 2019, and the continuing possibility of the UK exiting the EU without a legal agreement in place (the 'No Deal' scenario).

Council further notes that, in the event of 'No Deal', the UK's trading and political relationship with the EU will probably be based solely on the terms set by the World Trade Organisation.

Council also notes that a number of other Welsh and English local authorities have carried out Brexit impact assessments for their areas of the UK.

Council therefore requests Powys County Council's Cabinet to implement the following:-

Using as a basis the all-Wales analyses carried out by Welsh Government and the WLGA in to the impact of various Brexit scenarios on Wales as a whole, commission a comprehensive analysis of the impact the same scenarios will have on:-

- a) The Powys economy, including the impact on individual business sectors and at shire and district levels.
- b) The consequential impact on Powys's communities at local level, including likely demographic and household income changes; and to include the impacts on local cultural and recreational opportunities.

- c) The impact on the Powys environment in the short, medium and long-term.
- d) The impact on the Welsh language in Powys.
- e) Powys County Council's ability to deliver its statutory and non-statutory services, including the potential impact of Brexit on the council's workforce and budgets.
- f) Ensure all the impacts identified in a) to e) are included on the Council's Risk Register.

and further calls for a Special Meeting of Council to debate the issues when the impact analyses are completed.

Proposed by County Councillor James Gibson-Watt
Seconded by County Councillor Pete Roberts

8.5. **Notice of Motion - People's Vote**

This Council notes that:

- The UK is set to leave the European Union on Friday, 29 March 2019;
- Wales receives £245 million more from the European Union than it pays in (Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University, May 2016);
- It will take years for the UK to secure a new trade deal for farming with the US or Australia. In the meantime, farmers will have to live under tough WTO rules with little support (External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee, Senedd, January 2017);
- A significant proportion of the Powys economy depends on the EU for trade and financial support;
- A bad deal or no deal Brexit will be bad for Powys, for jobs and for our economy; and
- The 'Chequers Statement', issued on 6th July 2018 and the closest indication yet of what a final deal might look like, has managed to alienate both Remainers and Brexiteers alike.

This Council resolves to:

- 1) Formally add its voice to those calling for a public 'People's Vote' on the final Brexit deal;
- 2) Liaise with the official 'People's Vote' campaign on ways in which it can help promote its petition;
- 3) Write to its MPs, AMs, the Secretary of State and the Prime Minister expressing its views and asking them to support a People's Vote; and
- 4) Asks the Leader to make representations and write to this effect.

Proposed by County Councillor Matthew Dorrance
Seconded by County Councillor Susan McNicholas

9.	DRAFT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2017 - 18
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To consider the draft Annual Performance Report 2017-18.

(Pages 85 - 190)

10.	VIREMENT FOR HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT: WELSH HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS, OLDER PERSON ACCOMMODATION
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To consider a capital virement in respect of the Welsh Housing Quality Standards.

(Pages 191 - 194)

11.	DRAFT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES, GAMBLING ACT 2005
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To consider approving the Draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

(Pages 195 - 236)

12.	APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL
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To appoint a member to serve on the Community Health Council.

13.	ARRANGEMENTS TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
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To consider the arrangements to fill one vacancy arising from the completion of a term of office of an Independent (Lay) Member on the Standards Committee.

(Pages 237 - 242)

14.	APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES
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To note the following appointments to outside bodies 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 Sarah Lewis resigned from the Health, Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee

County Councillor Iain McIntosh appointed to the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority in place of County Councillor Sarah Lewis

County Councillor Gary Price resigned from the Audit Committee and Democratic Services Committee.

County Councillor Maureen Mackenzie resigned from the Health, Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee.

15. QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION
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15.1. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture from County Councillor Gareth Jones

To what extent does the YFC movement within Powys support the council's statutory Youth Service?

(Pages 243 - 244)

15.2. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Huw Williams

We rightly celebrate the high level of household waste recycled by Powys residents, but what is the path taken, and final destination of each kerbside recycle gathered by the Authority's Waste Services? What is the current destination of our residual waste?

(Pages 245 - 248)

15.3. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection from County Councillor Huw Williams

In October 2017, the Council agreed to support the following motion:

RESOLVED

1. That Council believes that it must do as much as it can to help residents in fuel poverty to mitigate this situation;
 - a) Residents of Powys would benefit greatly from reduced energy bills through a Powys County Council run collective energy switch scheme;
 - b) The authority can join in with other authorities and organisations in Wales through the Cyd Cymru scheme;
 - c) The Ceredigion run schemes provide a best practice model for the running of such fuel clubs;
 - d) The authority can exert its power of collective bargaining for both dual fuel and oil purchasing schemes
2. To ask the Anti-Poverty Champion and the Anti-Poverty Group to explore the feasibility of implementing its own or joining the Cyd Cymru scheme.
3. To ask the Anti-Poverty Champion and the Anti-Poverty Group to explore the feasibility of implementing an oil purchasing scheme across Powys.
4. To work with local housing associations, Powys Teaching Health Board, voluntary groups, care homes and households across Powys to increase awareness and encourage them to sign up to these schemes.

Can we be provided with a current situation report and a progress update regarding these matters?

(Pages 249 - 254)

15.4. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Pete Roberts**

The consultation earlier this year into charging for the use of disabled spaces in council car parks has caused a significant level of distress and uncertainty for many users. Whilst I appreciate the welcome extension of the consultation it has now been over a month since it closed and there remains significant concerns about the plans the council now has on the issue.

Can I therefore ask the portfolio holder:

1. How many responses he received to the Blue Badge Consultation from affected groups and existing badge holders and is he confident that the consultation did reach the right people, i.e. those most affected?
2. What level of support each of the options received and when he will be bringing forward formal proposals to Cabinet as a result of this consultation or will he be abandoning his plans to charge blue badge holders?

(Pages 255 - 256)

15.5. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture from County Councillor Roger Williams**

What work has Powys County Council undertaken to understand better the large increase in Looked After Children in its care?

(Pages 257 - 258)

15.6. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Planning from County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan**

In view of the motion this Council passed last year emphasising the need to increase the percentage of goods and services purchased from Powys, can we have an update report on the latest position?

(To Follow)

15.7. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language from County Councillor James Gibson-Watt**

From the 1st October 2018 Powys County Council is withdrawing from the School Milk Subsidy Scheme and will no longer be making claims to the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) for the school milk subsidy on the county's primary schools' behalf. From that date the primary schools will have to administer the scheme and claim the subsidy themselves if they wish to remain in the scheme.

On the assumption that she was the decision-maker, could the Portfolio Holder confirm or otherwise whether she carried out a full Impact Assessment to determine the effect this change will have on the take up

of the school milk subsidy and the provision of free milk to Powys primary school pupils before taking this decision?

(Pages 259 - 260)

15.8. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Countryside and Transport from County Councillor Jackie Charlton

Financial implications long term on existing projects which rely on European funding support and how the gaps will be bridged.

Can the portfolio holder give Council an indication of what projects are currently funded by direct match funding or other European funding links to localised, Powys wide projects such as Highways improvements, projects in Social Services (both Adult and Children's Services), capital projects and infrastructure projects?

What plans are in place to ensure continuity of service long term in the coming years?

(Pages 261 - 262)

15.9. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

In view of the listing of this project as one of High Risk for the authority, can we have an update report about the project including any additional costs incurred?

(Pages 263 - 264)

15.10. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Matthew Dorrance

How is the Council ensuring young people receive healthy, nutritionally balanced meals in schools across Powys?

(Pages 265 - 268)

15.11. Question to the Leader from County Councillor Matthew Dorrance

It's more than a year since the Council's regulators inspected Children's Services and found serious failings. The latest Children's Services performance report (August 2018) shows the Council is failing to deliver against the top five performance indicators.

Will the Leader explain to Council why, a year later, her administration is still failing children, young people and families in Powys?

(Pages 269 - 272)

15.12. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Susan McNicholas

It has been brought to our attention in Ystradgynlais that Bring Sites in other areas are still in use. We were told that in order for our Recycling site to remain open we had to agree to close our sites.

We don't want other sites to close but we want to be treated equally. Can

the Portfolio Holder tell us what the position actually is?

(Pages 273 - 274)

15.13. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe**

Earlier this year the then portfolio holder for highways lifted the moratorium on traffic orders across the county. Whilst the community of Hay understands there are severe financial implications on Powys County Council's budget due to cuts in funding and increased costs across council services hitting budgets like highways harder as it's a non-statutory service. Over the next couple of years there are major developments in the community that will involve traffic orders being raised to their works. Will the portfolio holder support Hay Town Council and the local community in engaging with them prior to any orders being raised to support the town plan retaining to speed reduction within town and traffic orders to support safe transport around the town?

(Pages 275 - 276)

15.14. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe**

Hay-on-Wye residents welcome the moving forward of replacement rails on Hay bridge it is something the Town Council and myself have been pushing for many years to make safe and update one of the entrances in to our community over the river Wye. Can the portfolio holder confirm that the council plans to start works in this financial year?

(Pages 277 - 278)

15.15. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection from County Councillor Mark Barnes**

Powys has had a lot of recent successes in prosecuting rogue traders in Powys and credit must go to the officers who are helping to keep our streets safe. Can the Portfolio Holder comment how much money has been raised from Proceeds of Crime?

(Pages 279 - 280)

15.16. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Jackie Charlton**

I am seeking information on the process for applying for Road Traffic Orders now the Shire Committees no longer exist.

Cllr Davies has been very helpful in trying to pursue a local issue for my Llangattock and continues to support my regular requests for an update. Unfortunately he is unable to provide any and I understand this may be the case for other Cllrs.

Could Cllr Davies confirm that Road Traffic Orders are being dealt with, how the process works and how Cllrs can generally be given an idea

where in the system their individual requests are?

(Pages 281 - 282)

15.17. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language from County Councillor Karl Lewis**

Can the Portfolio Holder for Education tell council what new methods of digital delivery she is promoting to support the Council's Vision for 2025?

(Pages 283 - 284)

15.18. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection from County Councillor Peter Lewis**

Can the Portfolio Holder update the council on the delivery of the 250 new homes for the County?

(Pages 285 - 286)

15.19. **Question to the Leader from County Councillor Diane Jones-Poston**

Can the Leader update the council on the progress of the Mid Wales Growth Deal?

(Pages 287 - 288)

15.20. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Countryside and Transport from County Councillor Claire Mills**

Will the Portfolio Holder for Finance please update the council on what negotiations are taking place to ensure Powys receives its fair allocation of funding in the budget formula from the Welsh Government?

(Pages 289 - 290)

15.21. **Question to County Councillor William Powell, Member of the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel from County Councillor Michael Williams**

In light of concerns expressed over the summer by leaders of the Association of Police and Crime commissioners (APCC) around the dangers of a 'No Deal' Brexit, what contingency plans is the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys, Dafydd Llywelyn, making, in collaboration with his commissioner colleagues in the North Wales, South Wales and Gwent police force areas?

Given the real concerns expressed around security of supply of food and medical supplies, in the event of 'No Deal,' what consideration has been given to the cancelling of leave across Dyfed- Powys Police in March/April 2019 to ensure community safety?

In addition, what action is being undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner to spearhead preparations with the Public Service Boards in Powys, Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire, in the face of

this unfortunate eventuality?

(Pages 291 - 292)

15.22. **Question to the Leader from County Councillor William Powell**

It is a matter of public record that the town of Talgarth and its economy experienced considerable turbulence in the years leading up to and following the closure of the former Mid Wales Hospital from 1995-2000. In the last decade, the opening of the A479 Talgarth Relief Road, a renewed civic pride, enterprise and purpose and earlier this year the establishment of Ysgol y Mynydd Du have all served to signal fresh confidence in the town's future.

However, the sheer scale of Powys County Council owned sites in the town centre, currently or soon to be declared surplus, combined with the consultation on the Development Brief on the former Mid Wales Hospital site and other allocated sites once again see the town at a cross roads.

Given her understanding of the cross portfolio challenges and opportunities that Talgarth faces, what assessment has the Leader made of the merits of a Strategic Development Plan for Talgarth? With the County Council working in renewed partnership with Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Talgarth Town Council and by harnessing the energy and vision of local people, such a plan would promote holistic, sustainable development of the town at a time of unprecedented growth. To this end, will the Leader please commit to convening an early meeting to establish the groundwork for such a plan?

(Pages 293 - 294)

15.23. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Iain McIntosh**

As the current list of farmers and contractors who were called upon to clear the heavy snowfall last winter struggled to cope, will the portfolio holder for highways consider creating a second list of farmers and contractors with equipment suitable for clearing snow, so that they can be called upon should we get the same level of snowfall as last winter at some point in the future?

(Pages 295 - 296)

15.24. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Iain McIntosh**

The roads around the Yscir ward are in a very bad state. Many areas need resurfacing and numerous pot holes remain unrepaired. Can the portfolio holder for highways offer any reassurance to the residents of rural wards such as Yscir that their roads will be repaired to a better standard soon?

(Pages 297 - 298)

15.25. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets from County Councillor Liam Fitzpatrick**

What do Puffins and Y Gaer Brecon Cultural Hub have in common? They both come with extremely large mysterious bills. (that's not the question) Last weeks Brecon and Radnor express had a startling front page advising us that Y Gaer (Brecon cultural hub) will be delayed until next year due to issues with Stone and Puffins breeding.

However, a local ornithologist and the RSPB advised me that Puffins only breed in April and May every year and are not native to Powys but can be found in Scandinavia as well as the Isle of man and Yorkshire as well as Skomer island. Roast Puffin pie is of course a delicacy in Jamtland in northern Sweden and I am sure with the award of a Michelin star to Ynshir in Machynlleth will not be long that it may appear in Northern Powys.

Taking into consideration that Puffins will not be benefiting the Powys Pound soon and that it is October and Not April and they are of course not breeding I will now ask the cabinet member the question.

Will the Cabinet member agree the following; that not only is this possibly the most laughable excuse for incompetence since the classic 'the dog ate my homework' it is deeply unfair that all council tax payers throughout Powys will have to continue to pay for this farce when there is a likelihood, with budget cuts in 2019 for libraries, museums and other cultural centres, that the building may not even have sufficient resources to actually open?

(Pages 299 - 300)

15.26. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection from County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry**

Good Governance is essential in Local Government and working to Powys County Council's Agreed and Published Vision . Regarding the private housing development south of the former Bronllys CP School and that of Bronllys Village in general, how was the Public Engagement Event for you and how did you engage with significant persons in the process leading up to the day?

(Pages 301 - 302)

15.27. **Question to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection from County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry**

Regarding Procurement of Housing Association/Private Developer, are you satisfied that the correct procedures and guidelines adopted by Powys County Council have been adhered to, by Councillors and Officers and can you explain the procedure that was utilised?

(Pages 303 - 304)

16.	EXEMPT ITEMS
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The Monitoring Officer has determined that category 1 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules applies to the following item. His view on the public interest test (having taken account of the provisions of Rule 14.8 of the Council's Access to Information Rules) was that to make this information public would disclose personal data relating to an individual in contravention of the principles of the Data Protection Act. Because of this and since there did not appear to be an overwhelming public interest requiring the disclosure of personal data he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider these factors when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.

17.	NOTICE OF MOTION
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That Council should debate, consider and make any recommendations to Officers to agree a one off exception to the Council's Housing Allocation Scheme to allocate a vacant property to the mother of a deceased tenant in Welshpool in the interests of the deceased tenant's children in line with the European Rights of the Child Regulations, and other legislation.

Proposed by County Councillor Phil Pritchard
Seconded by County Councillor Michael Williams