

County Council

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

Meeting date
Thursday, 5 March 2020

Meeting time
10.30 am

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You are welcome to speak Welsh or English in the meeting, and a simultaneous translation service will be provided.

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 meeting held on 23rd January 2020 as a correct record.
(Pages 7 - 46)

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 Chief Executive.

7.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS
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7.1. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Countryside and Transport from Kate Jones

I want to ask what is Powys County Council doing in order to address the current climate emergency our planet is suffering?

For example:

In terms of recycling - where does it end up?? Is it all actually recycled?

General waste - how is landfill coping??

Renewable energy - Is Powys investing in windfarms, hydro schemes (we get enough rainfall!), ground source heat pumps etc...

Are all new builds given specific eco standards so they are carbon neutral?

Why are our supermarkets in Powys STILL using SO MUCH single use plastic???

Why do we only have a handful of 'refill' shops?? Every supermarket should give us the option to refill our shampoo, hand soap, washing liquid, washing powder, dishwasher powder, pasta, rice, coffee etc. (thus reducing plastic)

Come on Powys our lush green county should be leading the way on climate change for the rest of Wales and the rest of the UK.

Please invest more in the forestry industry. We need more trees planted to absorb more CO2 and to emit more oxygen. Powys has the surface area. Let's get planting it.

Are you going to make sure that climate change and environmental science becomes a key topic in our education system from pre-school to university?

(Pages 47 - 52)

7.2. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment from Ann Rooney Evans

What will the Council do to initiate and support a trial at the recycling centres of allowing residents to take for re-use, any items that are useful, rather than see them thrown away for recycling or landfill; thus supporting the hierarchy of Reduce, Re-use, Recycle?

This would be a valuable step towards a circular economy, it would help to normalise the practice of offering things for re-use rather than throwing them away. I am shocked and dismayed by the perfectly good stuff that is thrown away, and that could be re-used. The staff at the recycling centre must be very frustrated by it too. You could ask for donations for items taken (voluntary). There are similar schemes running elsewhere that have overcome any perceived challenges around health and safety, or staff training.

(Pages 53 - 54)

7.3. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment from Wendy Joss

Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced last week that a ban on fossil fuel cars would be brought forward to 2035, five years earlier than initially expected.

How are PCC intending on delivering the ability of its occupants and its tourists to have frequent and reliable charging points so as to invest in new Electric Vehicles in time for 2035?

There are only 1.8 public charging points per 100000 in Wales.

(Pages 55 - 56)

8.	COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION FOR 2020/21
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To approve the Council Tax resolution and set the Council Tax for 2020/2021.
(To Follow)

9.	2020/2021 ANNUAL REVIEW OF VISION 2025 OUR CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN, INCLUDING OUR STRATEGIC EQUALITY OBJECTIVES 2020-2024
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To receive and consider the 2020 update of Vision 2025 Our Corporate Improvement Plan.
(Pages 57 - 126)

10.	PAY POLICY STATEMENT
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To consider the Pay Policy Statement for 2020/2021.
(Pages 127 - 150)

11.	NOTICE OF MOTION
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In view of the fact that Powys County Council paid nearly £4m in the use of gagging orders; otherwise technically known as compromise or settlement agreements; from 2005 to 2019; with 105 non-disclosure agreements; Council calls for all such agreements and payments over 5k to be approved by a Cabinet member with a quarterly update report presented to the Audit Committee, therefore ensuring openness and transparency.

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

12.	QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION
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12.1. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment from County Councillor David Selby

Can the Portfolio Holder confirm that the former main road through Newtown (A483) has now been officially de-trunked, and therefore confirm what works are now planned on Llanidloes Road to improve the road surface and safety for pedestrians and cyclists?

(To Follow)

12.2. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance and Engagement from County Councillor Gwilym Williams

Can the Cabinet member inform myself and other members, giving total numbers how many non-disclosure agreements, N. D. A. have Powys Council done in the last two years to current date, including financial cost, could each year be listed separately? Can the total financial cost for N D A be given for each year?

(To Follow)

12.3. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care from County Councillor Francesca Jump

We will all be aware of the recent reports in the press in relation to the difficulties experienced in some parts of Powys in resourcing domiciliary care for people who have care and support needs. Can the Portfolio Holder for ASC inform Council what the current position is in relation to people waiting for services; how many people are currently waiting for domiciliary care without support? What is the average wait for a domiciliary care and what is the longest wait? In addition, can the Portfolio holder advise Council what is being done to address this?

(Pages 151 - 154)