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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Iain McIntosh
Subject:	School Closure Proposals - Follow up
Question To:	County Councillor James Gibson-Watt, Leader and Cabinet Member for an Open and Transparent Powys and County Councillor Pete Roberts Cabinet Member for a Learning Powys

Question:

I thank Cllr Pete Roberts for the response given today [12/0/22], to the question asked on behalf of myself, residents, teachers, parents and children within the Yscir and Honddu Isaf with Llanddew ward here - [Agenda item - Question from: County Councillor Iain McIntosh Subject: School Closure Proposals Cyngor Sir Powys County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#), but I am disappointed it took five weeks to respond, and that neither Cllr Pete Roberts nor the Leader, Cllr James Gibson-Watt, have identified nor answered the very simple questions at the end of the agenda item.

The first part, or the preamble, within my question dated 7th July laid out the commitments made by the Liberal Democrats during the recent election campaign, to keep Powys primary schools **open**. It was very clear. These commitments have also been reported in the Brecon and Radnor Express over the last three weeks, as per the attached screenshots, and restated within the video I circulated here - <https://www.facebook.com/CllrIainMcIntosh/posts/pfbid02wJ4wTz15g6YmBX13MHB Sj5fuCqYU2So8MvUP3XZvSb4cM9Yj3XSu9BPmGnEBG7x5l>.

Further to this, I attach photographs of Cllr Pete Roberts and other Liberal Democrats attending a protest walk objecting to the closure of Cradoc Primary School, and a copy of the petition signed by Cllr Pete Roberts against the school's closure. These actions enhanced public perception that Liberal Democrats were against the closure of Cradoc Primary school. It is therefore very clear the Liberal Democrats made commitments to keep primary schools open, and made members of the public believe they wanted to keep Cradoc and other primary schools open, and would do so if elected to Council. Therefore, can they please answer the simple question put at the end of the agenda item of 7th July:

Can the Cabinet Member for Education and the Leader confirm whether the LibDem/Labour coalition intends to carry out their pre-election commitments to prevent the closure of all three schools, (Cradoc, Dolau and Llanbedr) or not?

The second part of the question sent to you on 7th July referred in the preamble to misleading comments made during a Cabinet meeting and an Education Scrutiny meeting. Links to video recordings of both meetings, with the exact time during the

meetings when the claims were made have been provided. I therefore repeat the second question, made very clear at the bottom of the previous agenda item:

Can they (Cllr James Gibson-Watt and Cllr Pete Roberts) also both apologise for misleading Cabinet, Council and the public please?

Finally, as Cllr Pete Roberts has tried to suggest no question was asked within my submission made on 7th July, when there were two very clear questions at the end, can he apologise to myself, residents, teachers, parents and children within the Yscir and Honddu Isaf with Llanddew ward, for what appears to be a very cavalier, antagonistic and quite frankly insulting response?

Can he also reply sooner than five weeks this time, please?