CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor William Powell

With the imminent completion of the new area Ysgol y Mynydd Du with library/community facilities on Hay Road, Talgarth, the current Bronllys and Talgarth school sites will shortly become redundant, as will Talgarth Branch Library. While understanding the importance of Powys County Council observing protocol, and avoiding any precipitate action, it is important to make comprehensive plans to consult on the future use of these sites, taking account not only of County Council policy, but also community sensibility and local aspirations.

This is especially the case in the context of the Talgarth assets, as they are more extensive and fall within the Brecon Beacons National Park planning regime, comprising: the former Youth and Community Centre, the Current Primary School, Army Cadet Hut, Library and the locally cherished School Field.

Given the level of interest and concern felt locally about these key sites, will the Cabinet Member liaise with his relevant portfolio colleagues and me as Local Member to initiate a scoping meeting to discuss, openly and transparently, the future of these assets at the heart of the town?

Given the historic experience locally of the dereliction of the former Mid Wales Hospital site, and the short comings surrounding the disposal of that site, it is imperative that we adopt an open and proactive approach, involving Talgarth Town Council, local stakeholders and BBNPA.

Answer

I would be happy to meet with you and take on board any feedback you may have regarding the future of the assets in Talgarth. Any final decisions will of course need to be made in line with professional advice and in line with our policies and with the objectives of the Council.