

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**County Council  
24<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Rosemarie Harris, Leader**

**SUBJECT: Question from Mr Jeffrey Matthews**

**Given the motion proposed by Cllr Gareth Pugh and passed unanimously at the full Council Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October, which proposed greater connection, consultation, engagement with communities, honesty, openness and transparency in local government, does the council feel that this is now being fully achieved when we are still seeing the citizens of North Powys continuing to be highly concerned and anxious about building construction consent which has been hastily and crudely bulldozed through which includes errors and possible misrepresentation of data provided to Powys County Councillors and which suggest that now some historical consent needs re-looking at and updating before construction begins?**

**Response**

The motion proposed and carried at the Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October was in relation to how communities are better engaged with in general. The Council does endeavour to communicate as effectively as possible with communities and will endeavour to continue to improve effective communication.

The motion in itself did not refer to any particular issue, although the development at Abermule was referenced. The consultation on this proposal was over and above what is required of such a development and following the council meeting there been further engagement with a public meeting held with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder all present. We have committed to hold further meetings of sufficient regularity with the community representatives going forward.

Proper process continues to be followed for this development, and the Council is not aware of any errors or misrepresentation of data which would require any further investigation.