

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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

SUBJECT: Question from Mr Martin Aymes

Powys County Council protests the need for Openness, Transparency and Inclusion in its aims for democracy and public participation in the processes of Local Government.

At a public meeting in Abermule on the 4th December 2018 — in front of some 275 local residents — Leader Rosemarie Harris, and Cabinet Members Aled Davies and Phyl Davies jointly offered to give Martin Aymes access to the Council Solicitor, in order to discuss some legal aspects of the proposed Abermule Recycling Bulking Facility.

The Council Solicitor has subsequently refused any such legal discussions. Is Powys County Council prepared to instruct the Council Solicitor to engage in such discussions, and thus ensure that it lives up to its aims?

Response

Thank you for your question. Neither Councillors Aled Davies, Phyl Davies or myself can recall offering you access to the Solicitor to the Council. The Solicitor to the Council had advised me that he has received no request for a meeting and neither has the Council's Planning Lawyer.

If you were to write to the Solicitor to the Council in County Hall, he will arrange for an appropriate response to be provided.