

Llangyniew Community Council

PUBLIC MEETING

Notes of the Public Meeting held on Tuesday 21st October 2014 at Pontrobert Village Hall

The meeting started at 7.00pm and Councillor Gwalchmai welcomed everybody and thanked them for their turn out. 25 members of the public were in attendance. Cllr Gwalchmai then handed over the meeting to County Councillor Barry Thomas who proceeded to give a presentation on the subject of the future expenditure/saving that Powys County Council will be making in the coming three years. Cllr Thomas explain about Waste management. He stated that presently 52% is recycled. New vehicles are being provided to collect from the areas. All the bins/containers for bottles, food waste, paper tins/metal and plastic will be rolled out by the end of March 2015. There will be big savings- building 3 bulking stations in the area (Newtown, Radnor and Brecon). At the moment the costs for recycling of paper are very low.

Q & A taken by Cllr Barry Thomas:

Q: Will the Health Board when it joins the Council be an elected board?

A: The Health Board will not be elected so it is envisaged that it will become a collaboration with the council.

Q: The upkeep of minor road, will they be maintained?

A: The question was not directly answered, Cllr Thomas stated that minor road are a major issue.

Q: Street lighting in Llangyniew. Light on school and street. Can only one be in use?

A: Lights are now all LED light for school was purchased by council on request. Council acted on public opinion.

Q: What is the total budget and salary - Cutting Pensions and Salaries can you not save from budget?

A: Council have looked to save front line staff. County Council will have to work with the unions. By 2020 it is envisaged that there will be 1600 less jobs in Powys CC. Libraries are not being closed but will reduce their hours.

Q: Why is there bilingual need for it produces so much paperwork?

A: It is in place by an Act of Parliament.

Q: What is the heart of the problem?

A: The problem is that there is just not enough money, austerity occurred in England 3 or so years ago.

Q: What is the formula or process of getting allocation of money.

A: Formula used by Welsh government is that of Deprivation. (ie No of cars per house hold etc)

Q: How much will the council tax be rising by?

A: CClr Thomas could not answer that question. He assured the public that the council was trying to get the best value for money.

Q: A question was asked on the subject of Trust funds for Sports Centres.

A: Putting Out to tender throughout Powys.

Meeting Closed at 7.45 pm