

Annual Parish Meeting Report

7.30pm THURSDAY 19th May 2016

Speakers:

Cllr Rosemarie Harris and Mr Ian Harris of Waste Management, Powys County Council.

- **Cllr Rosemarie Harris described the county of Powys as having 133,000 people, 60,000 homes, 5,000+ teachers, the County Council is the largest employer, the biggest road network, extensive rights of way (end to end it would stretch from Powys to San Fransisco), there are 24,000 welsh speakers all in a sparsely populated geography. The Local Authority is about delivering services - £27m has to be saved from the budget. Secondary education is being restructured – Llandrindod Wells and Builth Wells have joint management, Brecon needs a new building, Gwernyfed is being considered for closure but is a very good school. Libraries are being looked at, Crickhowell will not be retained, although current talks are considering running the library from the High School. The mobile library is being kept (so far). Bus Service is being kept but no complacency! Blaina Gwent children are paid for by Blaina Gwent, especailly transport.**

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- **Mr Ian Harris, Manager of Waste and Recycling for Powys County Council. There are 160 workers, 15 contractors, 70,000 tonnes of rubbish collected every year, 58% recycled currently but with a future target of 62%. Food waste goes to Oxford for processing and use in farming, green waste goes to landscape landfill sites. Plastic film cannot be recycled and if found amongst recycling will reduce the quality to the point where it cannot be sold and must go to landfill. Plastic film includes carrier bags, food wrap, film covering meat, crisp packets. A resident asked if it would help to separate cans and plastics before collection – the reply was no. Another asked if it would be possible to visit Brecon waste and recycling site – Mr Harris responded that he would ask but could not guarantee the answer.**

Residual waste is being taken to Sweden for incineration as it is a cheaper solution than landfill.

- **The Car Parking Review was available for inspection – no-one made a comment.**
- **Greenman traffic – Cllr Rosemarie Harris will continue to work with the police and Glan Usk Estates.**

The meeting was closed by Chairman Margaret Price.