

**FIVE COUNCILS' LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
LLANGYNIDR VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER
2015 AT 7.30 PM**

NOTES

The Chairman of Llangynidr Community Council welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Guest Speaker Mr Jeremy Patterson – Chief Executive of Powys County Council.

- 1. Powys County Council – Guest Speaker Mr Jeremy Patterson, Chief Executive of Powys County Council (Llangynidr CC).**
The Welsh Government has protected local government from the austerity measures that have hit English local government so hard. However, this financial year Powys budget will be reduced from £239 million to £225 million. Powys is in a difficult position because of the age structure of its population – more elderly people with increased care needs and fewer young people, both factors impact negatively and directly on funding levels. The council must begin to cope with these financial pressures.
- 2. Maes-y-Ffynon Crickhowell Day Care Centre. (Llangattock CC)**
Two years ago PCC started looking for an alternative means of delivery for the day care centre services. The latest approach is a pilot project based around the befriending service pilot evaluated in March. It may be a model that could be adopted more widely, it is based on the idea that intensive support is not required for everyone in day care.
- 3. Crickhowell Library – membership of the steering group. (Llangattock CC) – no-one to present the item.**
- 4. Partnership working with the Voluntary Sector. (Llangattock CC)- no-one to present the item.**
- 5. Local Government Reorganisation. (VoGCC) Local Government is undergoing massive reductions in England but nothing will happen in Wales until the Assembly elections in 2016. The Williams Commission report has 65 recommendations**

– 4 on local government reorganisation. Some are now being reconsidered. There is also an increase in the level of regulation by Welsh government, for example the Social Services Well-being Act and the Future Generations Act. So a different way of providing services is being sought. Town and Community Councils or groups of them, can reduce the cost of delivering services by 50% or more, services will still be there but differently delivered.

6. Welsh-medium secondary school provision. (Llangynidr CC)
The specific issue of Welsh secondary school provision in South East Powys is subject to consultation. However, the question arose because of falling pupil numbers at Brecon raising questions about the standards and cost of Welsh medium provision. At the moment all options are open.

7. Setting the precept for 2016-17. (Llangattock CC)
Final settlement this year will not be until 3/3/2016 – months later than usual this could, but should not, affect town and community councils' ability to set their precepts.

Some additional information was presented about the recent National Parks response to the Designated Landscapes Report. It introduces economic development as a main purpose of the Parks and recommends local appointees are included in their governing bodies. The response is under going consultation with the general public.

8. Set date and place of next meeting – Vale of the Grwney host the meeting in March/ April next year.

Mr Patterson was thanked for his contribution, the meeting was thanked for attending on such an inclement night. The meeting was closed.



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