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KEEPING IN TOUCH | DECEMBER 2024

from Cllr Amanda Jenner

SAFETY OF A458 OUTSIDE BANKFARM

On 2nd December the Welsh Government Petitions Committee considered my petition regarding the safety of the A458 Trunk Road outside Bank Farm following recent accidents and a tragic fatality last year. You can listen to this meeting by following the link below and this matter starts at 24.12 mins into the meeting.

<https://www.senedd.tv/Meeting/Archive/90456146-a21f-47ca-be02-d6e04edcdf4?autostart=True>

The petitions committee are happy to keep this petition open to push for updates on action. At the moment though it looks like recent CCTV monitoring by Welsh Government officials have been inconclusive and so they are looking to do further work and again consider what actions they think will be proportionate. I will be making further representations to the committee in due course. It is positive that the committee are willing to help us push for action, but worrying that a year down the line, despite all our efforts to date, all that has been done in terms of action (other than monitoring) is to re-do the white lines like for like. I will continue to keep you posted.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Earlier this month I attended the Remembrance service at Holy Trinity Leighton Church. There was some lovely artwork on display made by local children and members of the community. Thanks to all involved.

MY ROLE AS CHAIR OF POWYS' HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE – POWYS LEISURE CENTRES

This month we considered the Council's proposals to go to consultation on the future of Powys' Leisure centres. I raised serious concerns about the paper as felt there was a lot of further information needed to justify the proposals. For our area, any future closure of smaller leisure centres could impact the capacity of the Flash in Welshpool. In the paper there was a lack of information on capacity or parking availability at Welshpool should the centre cover a wider catchment. The Council has since agreed to stall this matter and re-consider their proposals.



PARKING IN HOUSING ESTATES

I've been contacted by residents who are concerned about obstructive parking on housing estates which prevent waste/bin lorry access and cause a concern about access for emergency vehicles. I've reported this to both the police and the Head of Housing at the Council. I'd like to ask residents to be as considerate as possible and use the estate car park in Pentre Gwyn to prevent obstructions.

SAVE WELSHPOOL AIR AMBULANCE

As mentioned in my last update, I have been part of the Save Welshpool Air Ambulance campaign team and have been working with the team and their lawyers to bring a Judicial Review legal claim against the decision to close the base. The High Court granted permission for the case to proceed to a full hearing, meaning that the Judge has agreed that the case is arguable. This hearing is now scheduled for the 22/23rd January 2025.

WANT TO SPEAK/MEET WITH ME IN PERSON

Myself and Russell George MS will be at the Leighton Christmas Coffee Morning on 14th December at Leighton Village Hall. Please come and say Hi and feel free to raise any local/national issues with us both.

USEFUL INFORMATION /CONTACTS FOR YOU

HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM WITH A ROAD OR DRAIN

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/732/Report-a-problem-with-a-road-pavement-or-bridge>

HOW TO ORDER REPLACEMENT BINS/RECYCLING

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/723/Get-new-bins-or-bags>

HOW TO REPORT MISSED WASTE COLLECTIONS

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/825/Report-a-missed-bin-collection>

HOW TO REQUEST SALT/GRIT BIN REFILLS OR REQUEST SALT/GRIT PILES

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/9901/Report-a-Problem-with-Salt-bins-Gritting-or-Footways>

HOW TO CHECK FLOOD WARNINGS IN WALES

<https://flood-warning.naturalresources.wales/>

INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR ADULTS & CARE

(e.g. discharge from hospital, care in the home, care equipment needed)

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/ASSIST>

INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE WELFARE OF A CHILD

(e.g. services and activities for children and families locally, or for advice and guidance on how to get extra support, or to raise an issue or concern around the welfare of a child or young person.)

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/803/Powys-Front-Door>