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KEEPING IN TOUCH | SPRING 2025

from Cllr Amanda Jenner

POTTERS/TIP BOOKING SYSTEM

As you may have seen in the local press, I tried to get Powys County Council to halt the introduction of the booking system. The council refused to consider my attempt due to “constitutional” reasons. I won’t give up and will continue to work with Russell George and other Councillors on this. I am now calling on Powys Council to consider the evidence following the introduction of the system and to look at whether people are facing difficulties using it, whether there are any increases in fly tipping or bonfires etc. We would like to hear your views on this so that we can continue to ensure your voices are heard. There is a survey you can complete here: <https://shorturl.at/FwdRF>

SAFETY OF A458 OUTSIDE BANKFARM

On 24th March the Welsh Government Petitions Committee again considered my petition regarding the safety of the A458 Trunk Road outside Bank Farm following many accidents and a tragic fatality. You can listen to this meeting by following the link below.

<https://www.senedd.tv/Meeting/Archive/90456146-a21f-47ca-be02-d6e04edcdfe4?autostart=True>

I wrote to the committee to request they keep the petition open following the Minister agreeing to carry out a further assessment of the road. The petitions committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport to ask for more details of the assessment; for the time frames for its completion to be provided to the community and the petitioner; for the public, the petitioner and the community council to be consulted as part of the study; for the results/options which are then considered to be shared with them; and to ask if there is an ultimate timeframe for implementing any proposed recommendations or measures. The committee agreed that the petition would be kept open pending that response.

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

This month we will be considering the future of day opportunities for adults who are in receipt of services from Powys County Council. I want to ensure that there are good day opportunities which are flexible, strengths based and provide respite for carers. This year we will also be looking at the North Powys Wellbeing Hub and continuing to scrutinise performance and the budget.

SPEED LIMIT OF THE LEIGHTON ROAD

I have been raising questions and concerns regarding the 40mph speed limit outside of Leighton school. From the responses that I have received it is clear that Leighton is one of the only schools in Powys which does not have a permanent 30mph or 20mph speed limit outside of it. I will continue to work with the school, residents and the community council to call for this road to be made safer.



FAR HELDRE ROAD REPAIRS

I am pleased to report that the Council has finally repaired the bank at this location to make it safe following years of myself and the Community Council raising safety concerns.

SAVE WELSHPOOL AIR AMBULANCE

As mentioned in previous updates, I have been part of the Save Welshpool Air Ambulance campaign team and worked 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, and the hearing took place in January. We are awaiting a decision from the Judge who heard the case and I will update you when I hear further.

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 REPORT A BONFIRE THAT IS CAUSING CONCERN

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4481/Report-a-bonfire-problem>

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>