

1st July, 2015

Dear Clr Rev. Mayor,

Re: Llanidloes Day Centre

As a Community Council we are very disappointed at the feedback from the Community on the recent meeting which was arranged to discuss the future of the Llanidloes Day Centre.

The lack of information that evening from Clr.Rev. Darren Mayor on the details of changes to the service was unacceptable when Clr. Rev. Darren Mayor is the the Portfolio Holder and should have knowledge of what Powys County Council propose to hand not seem to come to a meeting unprepared.

For example how much funding is Powys County Council setting aside to provide the service. We know how much the Day Centre is currently costing but how much savings are required, it would also be interesting to see costings on the use of Consultants on this matter and the savings that will be incurred within Powys County Council when the Department overseeing this service is reduced, if this indeed is the case.

It is felt that the cuts should be made firstly within Powys County Council before vulnerable people are affected. Not all families have aged relatives who can lead independent living. Day Centres are the only places where they can interact with others and families have some respite from caring

The purpose of the Day Centre is to provide a caring service, provide all sorts of activities which can include games, craft activities, exercise, TV or local outings. A nutritious meal is provided every lunchtime, other services can also be organised at day centres, which might include bathing, chiropody and hairdressing. Day Centres have a pleasant, caring atmosphere where people can meet, renew friendships and make new ones. Service users have a needs assessment before they can attend a day centre, some with varying degrees of disabilities, wheelchair use, increasing prevalence of dementia in adults. Social interaction is very important as otherwise it can place extra strain on families and have a knock on effect to other social care services.

We look forward to receiving details of the savings that are required, and the savings that will be made within the Department with regard to the Day Centre, and what measures will be put in place to insure the safety of the Service Users in the future. This is a copy of a letter sent to Clr Rev. Mayors and Clr. Barry Thomas for your information.