

Report for Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council Meeting 17th
September 2008

From: Cllr. Wynne Jones. Elected Member Powys County Council –
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1. Improvements to Bypass North Junction.
Work will begin on 29th September for 6 weeks to complete the widening of the carriageway, which will facilitate under passing and hopefully make the junction safer.
2. Abermule Traffic Calming Scheme.
I have now met with Council Officers to consider the results of the consultation and to prepare the final scheme for committee approval. The scheme will remain as per the original proposals except that the proposed 'build out' opposite the school has been removed from the scheme and replaced with a carriageway pad. There will also be no entry signs placed on the North exit lane from the School/Community Centre. I have agreed that the chicane entrance/exit system to the zone will stay in the absence of being able to find another method that is likely to prove any better. The scheme will be constructed Jan/Feb and its success monitored and if there are problems then it will be adjusted accordingly.
3. Railway Crossing Abermule
The meeting with Network Rail has now taken place and they have agreed that the new crossing is sub-standard. They will now undertake work to grade the Abermule side to allow for a smoother crossing. It will take 6 months to programme the work.
4. Llandyssil Passing Place.
I understand that the owners of the land the Church in Wales have finally responded to the Council after several months and are willing to allow the construction of the passing place to be done using the Church Land. The money is in the current year's capital budget so hopefully we will finally get it done.
5. Street Lighting.
The Council has decided to turn off two of every three StreetLights in order to save money and reduce the carbon footprint. This year the measure will save £225,000 and next year about £500,000. Our area turnoff will be late October.
6. Parkside Safety Measures.
Continual parking on the grass verge has placed has caused safety problems at Parkside estate and this has brought complaints for residents there. As the problem has continued to persist the Council has now inserted concrete bollards along the grass verge to prevent parking.
7. Web based Planning Services.

The Council Planning services are now aligned with the National Planning Portal, which means that planning applications can be made using this NPP from any computer. We are also moving to a web based planning service at end of October, which means that all planning application information will be available via the Councils web-site.

8. Village Hall/Community Centres.

Responsibility for these have now passed to me (Cllr Wynne) as they are now seen as Community Regeneration and therefore come into my Regeneration & Development Portfolio. I am taking a report to the Board next week that proposes to set up a small task & finish group under my chairmanship, to change the current revenue formulae to include an element of use, which will provide for a much fairer scheme than currently exists.

9. Windfarms

It will have been noted that Wind Farms have been very much in the news and my name very much included. I have been trying to highlight to the public the huge problems this area is going to face, on a daily basis, for as long as 10 years, whilst the construction phase takes place. I feel it is important that the public should be informed of these huge problems ahead and what the Council and I are doing to try and alleviate the problems. My going public has also meant that my political opponents have tried to use this as an opportunity to undermine my position and make life difficult for me. That is life in a political system, something I live with daily, and is of no consequence other than to give the press something to report. In fact I shall be meeting with Welsh Assembly Ministers on 14th October to discuss the problems with them.

Wynne Jones