

HTC Transfer of Assets Issues October 2018

Trudy Stedman recently submitted a formal question to the Powys Cabinet, and, surprisingly we got a response!

Hay Town Council has been struggling to reach agreement with PCC on the terms of the transfer of assets (public toilets, recreation facilities and council building). In December 2016 we finally reached a point where we felt able to sign the transfer agreement, just as the legal representative in PCC who had been dealing with this retired!

Different officers picked this up and started backtracking on some of the things we thought we had agreed. Then the new cabinet came into post and at a meeting with them we were told that essentially we were starting afresh and a new agreement would need to be reached. That was in September 2017.

The Hay Town Council transfer agreement has been on the Powys Cabinet agenda every month since March 2017 and every month is deferred.

This is despite numerous phone calls, emails, the involvement of our local AM and the Welsh Assembly Minister for Local Government and most recently our local MP.

This latest response although not satisfactory does at least give an indicative timescale that we can hold them to.

Read the question and response below:

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL County Council

18th October 2018

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Phyl Davies, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Recycling and Assets

SUBJECT: Question from Trudy Stedman

During a recent "meet the council" event in Hay-on-Wye several residents asked about issues in relation to the transfer of assets from Powys County Council to Hay Town Council as this has been under discussion for over 3 years. I would be grateful if the cabinet member could please advise on when the cabinet discussions in relation to asset transfers in Hay are likely to take place and a potential timescale for completion so that this information can be made available to Hay residents.

Response

The Cabinet will consider these matters at its meeting on 28th November 2018 with any actions required being completed as soon as possible thereafter, but within a maximum further 3 or 4 month period.