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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES,** **PLANNING AND** **COUNTRYSIDE MEETING**

MONDAY, 8TH JULY, 2019

PRESENT: Councillors D Sammon (Chair)
D Jones (Vice-Chair)

Councillors M Colbran, J Davies, L Davies and B Smith

Cooptees:

R Holdaway (Public), J McCarthy (Public) and T Butler (Youth Forum Representative)

Other Councillors in Attendance:

Councillor D Hughes (Portfolio Member)

Officers:

J Jones (Chief Officer Neighbourhood Services), R Barnett (Parks and Open Spaces Manager), P Davies (Waste Management), S Thomas (Waste Management), J James (Waste Operations) and R Delaney (Performance and Scrutiny Officer)

M Hemmings (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
178	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Clive Jones. Councillor Bill Smith in attendance as substitute.

179	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were received.
180	Recycling Rates for Food and Household Waste	<p>Stephen Thomas provided a brief summary on the Recycling Rates for Food and Household Waste Report.</p> <p>The following questions were raised by Members and answered in detail by the Officers:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the reason for the drop in recycling performance in 2017/18 • What are the per tonne figures and current cost of disposing of refuse • Are figures per tonne or per year • How is the other 80% disposed of • 4.6 – clarity on ‘flat complexes’ • 7.2 – What does second advisory letter say • Low participation rates in New Gurnos (low mental health/reading and writing ability. Could there be more door knocking rather than letters. • How much do North Walian Authorities fine their residents • 4.3 – Are these trolleys value for money and will this scheme be rolled out without further funding. • WRAP Cymru – where are we with this/when will the report be received • Problems with Community Collections • 5.6 – 55% food recycling – is there a reluctance to recycle food compared to other materials • 5.7 - Are many residents using the paint recycling scheme • How is the data collected for participation monitoring • Councillors engaging in door knock and when will this happen • 7.2 Have all other options been exhausted before fines issued • How much is the fine going to be and will it be one off payment or instalments • 4.9 Cost per tonne • Do we collect hospital food waste • Where are we with Unit 20 Recycling Shop and will there be a van available to collect furniture donations • Is washing powder container cardboard recyclable <p>The Chair wished to congratulate all the team for being fourth in the UK for recycling.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>2.1 The content of this report be discussed and noted.</p>
181	Waste Collection Service (Missed Collections)	Paul Davies provided a brief summary to Committee and invited questions.

		<p>The following questions/topics were raised and answered in detail by the Officers:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the most common reason for street collections being missed • Have you liaised with other Authorities to see how they overcome their problems • Transmission/gear box problems on vehicles • Altered/larger rounds • Drivers still getting out of vehicles • 7.5 – clarity sought on the benefit of in-cab technology • 4.2 – clarity sought on results • Welsh Government funding • Larger/smaller vehicles • How to take things forward • How much damage has/is being caused to private property <p>Resolved that:-</p> <p>The content of this report be discussed and noted.</p>
182	Forward Work Programme 2019 20	The Chair advised there were no matters to be discussed.
183	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	The Chair advised there were no matters to be discussed.
184	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the Committee reflected on the items discussed at the meeting.
185	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	There was no other business deemed urgent by the Chair.