



Meeting Reference : Full Town Council – 21st January 2026

Response to Questions

In response to several questions during the public participation session of the Full Town Council Meeting on Wednesday 21st January 2025, the Town Council provides the following clarification and answered the specific questions raised;

Public Participation Sessions

Town Council meetings are open to the public, and residents are welcome to attend and observe any meeting. Each meeting includes a 15-minute public participation session, which is standard practice and provides an opportunity for residents to be heard and to raise questions or concerns directly with councillors. This session is a listening opportunity and does not form part of the formal decision-making process. Council minutes are a formal record of decisions and actions taken by the Council, not a transcript of discussion, and there is no requirement for them to record comments made during public participation or to detail general debate.

Residents have multiple avenues to engage with the Council outside of formal meetings. Each councillor's email address is available on the Council website, and a "Contact Us" option is provided for general enquiries. For those who prefer not to communicate electronically, correspondence may be addressed to the Clerk. Most councillors reside and work within the local area and are generally accessible; however, as volunteers—many of whom hold full-time jobs in addition to their council duties—responses to enquiries may not always be immediate.

Newsletter

In December 2025 it was agreed to go ahead with a newsletter.

Q1 When will it be published?

It is currently being translated to Welsh, the target date for publication is 1st February.

Q2 How will it be published and distributed.

It will be published on the Website, a link to it will be provided on our FaceBook page. We plan to make some printed copies available from the Library and where practical it will be published on the noticeboard. If residents wish to subscribe via email we can arrange that as well.

Q3 Will it be bi-monthly as previously proposed?

It was suggested that the newsletter be produced every two months. However, this will be kept under review by the Council depending on capacity and workload. No fixed publication schedule has been formally adopted.

Public Amenities Committee Meeting

Q4 When/what is the 'review' that Cllr Lewis mentioned in relation to making changes to Parking in the Town.

A highways review is a process carried out by Powys County Council to look at how roads, parking, traffic management, safety measures, and related infrastructure are working across the county. It does not automatically lead to changes. It is an assessment exercise that helps Powys County Council decide what, if anything, should be taken forward. The Town Council does not control highways or parking enforcement, but it can and should provide evidence and represent community views to Powys County Council as the highway authority.

The Town Council is carrying out a parking consultation to gather local, evidence-based feedback from residents, businesses, and visitors to support this highway review process targeted for 2027.

Q5 Where the wider committee aware of the £4,000 cost of 'doing anything' in between the reviews before they consider consulting about the whole parking issue?

The reference to costs at the Public Amenities Committee was part of a general discussion only and was intended to give context about the *typical* charges that Powys County Council may apply if a third-party requests changes to a Traffic Regulation Order. Such charges can vary widely, often between £600 and £5,000, depending on the nature of any request. The figure of £4,000 was an illustrative example, not an estimate, proposal, or commitment that needed to be put to Full Council.

No decision was taken by the Committee to pursue changes or spend Town Council funds. The decision to consult the public was taken in December precisely to avoid assumptions and ensure any future discussion is evidence-based.