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Title	Motion for Debate - Recycling Centres
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Proposed By: Cllr Julie Arnold
Seconded By: Cllr Nick Howells

Background

As part of the 2024-25 Budget, Powys County Council proposed to introduce charges for DIY waste at its Household Waste Recycling Centres and introduce a booking system. The changes are expected to save the Council £400,000 over two years.

A petition was launched in February opposing the changes and this petition now contains 4,687 signatures. A campaign by MyWelshpool highlighted that more than 1,000 readers were against the changes.

Since the introduction of the changes on the 1st April 2025, residents have been prevented from booking a slot at the recycling centre due to technical issues.

As part of the changes, new double height recycling skips have been installed with step access provided. Some residents have expressed concerns about access due to lack of mobility and if these skips would be compliant with the Equality Act 2010.

Motion

Welshpool Town Council calls on Powys County Council to reverse it's changes to recycling centres and restore single story recycling skips at Welshpool Household Recycling Centre and instructs the Town Clerk to write to the appropriate Cabinet Member expressing the above.

Town Clerk's Additional Note

The motion would require the Town Clerk to write to Powys County Council. Whilst the town council has no specific powers relating to waste collection or recycling at this level, it has general powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to incur expendiure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised which in its opinion is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants.

The implementation of the motion would not incur any expense, other than staff time.

In conclusion, the Council would have sufficient legal powers to carry out the motion.