

Dear Mr. Powell,

In response to Carmarthenshire County Council's letter regarding the petition to reinstate the direct bus service to Prince Philip Hospital from Burry Port, I have the following observations.

Priority 1

There are now 2 buses leaving for the Hospital at the same time from Llanelli, which usually is out of synch with the service that comes from Burry Port.

Priority 2

Surely hospital appointments and visiting the poorly is one of the highest social needs. Also, as recorded previously, the hospital has introduced Sunday appointments, in what I consider is an effort to speed up the appointment procedure and alleviate the strain on the system. The 2 authorities should be working together on this crucial medical service.

As for the comment that "passengers were therefore likely to have changed buses at Llanelli bus station" this is purely an opinion with no hard evidence to support it.

The services withdrawn due to lack of patronage is understandable due to the fact that one of the services was going to Llanelli same time as the X11 to Llanelli, a point that was highlighted to the operator at meeting with Burry Port Ward Members.

Finally, the Minister has provided £25m in grants this year to support such services as this one, that is very important to a community such as ours, why can't we access the money needed?

Many thanks to all the committee for the time and effort you have spent on this issue concerning the people of Burry Port.

Yours sincerely,

John

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