

P-04-366 Closure of Aberystwyth Day Centre – Correspondence from the petitioner to the Clerking team, 06.09.2013

Dear Naomi,

As a Committee we are disappointed with the letter from Bronwen Morgan ref. BM/SAT 12 July 2013.

We feel that there has been a breach of the Welsh Language Act, in the context of the way the Questionnaire responses were carried out.

When communicating with an older generation, especially users of a Day Centre facility, a more natural flow occurs in dialect when spoken in the mother tongue.

Quoting Bronwen Morgan's letter "she was accompanied by a Welsh speaker" - is not equivalent to a qualified translator.

We are led to believe that stakeholders did not receive a Questionnaire in Welsh.

Furthermore, we are led to believe that questions asked in English were not transferred correctly to the Questionnaire.

Stakeholders asked to meet with Sheila Wentworth, but she declined.

Sheila Wentworth's Recommendations, as yet, have not materialized.

Has your Committee had sight of the Overview & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's Report, after their visit to the Basement Day Centre?

Many thanks,

Kind regards,

Martin W. Shewring.
Chairperson, Save Park Day Centre.