

Carmarthenshire County Council meeting 10 November 2021

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MOTION (Agenda item 8.1) SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ROB JAMES

Council:

- Notes the decision made by the Plaid and Independent administration in 2016 to "not [respond] to or taking any formal action with regards to requests on private properties regarding Japanese Knotweed and other invasive non-native plants, which was, and still is, in line with the approach of other Welsh councils.
- Recognises that the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 gave powers to Councils to issue 'Community Protection Notices' to tackle knotweed on private land that has a detrimental effect on the quality of life of the locality and is persistent and unreasonable.
- Notes that, outside Wales, Bristol has utilised these powers to support residents, who have had their lives negatively impacted by the failure of landowners to manage knotweed.
- Calls on this Plaid and Independent administration to reverse their decision and start utilising CPNs to support to tackle the issue of knotweed on private land causing a detrimental impact residents in many Carmarthenshire communities.
- . Calls on Welsh Government to urge other councils to consider taking similar action.

Proposed: Cllr David Thomas

Seconded: Cllr Mansel Charles