



William POWELL



Winning back Mid and West Wales



A personal note from William Powell:
“As you may know I was critically ill with COVID-19 in the spring. Had it not been for the **skill, dedication and kindness** of doctors, nurses & physios in our fantastic **Welsh NHS** I would certainly not have survived. I’ve been humbled by the care that I received. This experience has renewed my determination to give back to the communities, the people and the region, that have stuck by me.

Between 2011 and 2016 I had the privilege of serving as the Assembly Member for Mid and West Wales, but in 2016 we lost the seat by just 1600 votes. One of the things I relished most during my time in the Senedd was bringing people together and I have continued over the past four years to maintain and build networks across a wide area of influence in our region - the foundation of success for us in 2021.”

I have served the Welsh Liberal Democrats at every level of government in Wales as:

- **Assembly Member** for Mid and West Wales, 2011-2016
- **Powys County Councillor**, since 2004 to the present (elected with 80% of the vote in 2017)
- **Town Councillor** for Talgarth. **Mayor and Chair of Council.**
- **Chair**, National Assembly for Wales **Petitions Committee**
- **Member**, National Assembly for Wales **Environment Committee**
- **Delegation Member**, British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly
- **Member**, Dyfed-Powys **Police and Crime Panel**
- **Member**, Welsh Government **EU Advisory Group**



Over the past 20 years I have served our party as:

- **Welsh Lib Dem Party President** 2017-2020
- **Federal Board Member for Wales** 2020-
- **Lead list candidate** for Mid and West Wales, 2007, 2011, 2016
- **General election agent**, Roger Williams MP, 2005
- **ALDE Council Member** 2008-2015
- Elected member, **Green Lib Dem Executive**



Beyond the Lib Dems, I have a wide area of interest and have been active as:

- Chair, Audit & Scrutiny Committee, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA)
- Board member for Wales, Transport Focus
- Committee member, Lloyd George Society
- Trustee, Bevan Foundation
- Trustee, PAVO



“COVID-19 gave me the fight of my life this year. I only survived because of the **skill, teamwork and dedication** of NHS health professionals who cared for me and also the constant support of family and friends.

If the Welsh Lib Dems are to win seats in the Senedd in 2021, including the former liberal heartland of Mid and West

Wales, we too will need to draw upon those lessons: looking frankly not only at our successes but also at our recent setbacks and weaknesses.

Our party needs to focus on forging direct, grass roots relationships with the electorate, **demonstrating by our actions that we genuinely care about the issues that matter most to them.**

We must earn trust though **positive outcomes.**

Communities from Harlech to Crickhowell, from Fishguard to Llanfair Caereinion and from Aberystwyth to Ystradgynlais need to know that we are on their side. We can only do this by immersing ourselves in our communities with **sincerity, kindness and a selfless commitment to serve others**”



Since 2011, I have built up a strong relationship with the Welsh Farming Unions, FUW and NFU Cymru, the Red Meat and Dairy sectors, and have earned their trust as a key industry advocate. These longstanding relationships will be critical, as we navigate the choppy waters of post Brexit Wales.

In transport and connectivity: I'm proud to have fought successfully for the Newtown Bypass (opened February 2019) the second Dyfi Bridge at Machynlleth (due for completion 2022) and alongside Cllr Paul Hinge and Ceredigion colleagues, to have lobbied for the reopening after 55 years of Bow Street Station (where work is already underway). Thanks to consistent pressure from Mark Williams as MP and myself as AM, there have also been major service improvements on the Cambrian Line. We urgently

need to maintain the pressure for further improvement, to rebuild the Mid and West Wales economy post Covid-19.

I worked with our then Shadow Health Minister Kirsty Williams AM to secure the future of: Bronlais Hospital, Aberystwyth; Prince Phillip Hospital, Llanelli; as well as safeguarding both Bronllys and Llanidloes Hospitals. We also campaigned for parity between investment in physical and mental health.

In my own locality where I serve as a Primary and Secondary School Governor I helped to spearhead a successful legal challenge against the closure by Powys County Council's Cabinet, of Gwernyfed High School in 2015 and campaigned for a new area school, Ysgol y Mynydd Du at Talgarth, which opened in May 2018.

Winning back our Liberal Heartlands

