

Please see below.

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From: Democratic Services Unit
Sent: 25 February 2011 15:20
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Recording of meetings

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Please see response below.
Regards
Rachel

Dear [REDACTED]

While the law requires us to allow public access to meetings, it does not require us to allow recording of proceedings by members of the public and our current practice is that it is not permitted, and this is respected by the media who report our proceedings.

I regret that the same principle would need to be applied to your request.

There are many legal and practical considerations which need to be addressed and resolved before a Council can consider going down the route which you are suggesting. The Council is aware however that there is a developing public interest in the use of modern technology at meetings of Councils and other public bodies, and will be reviewing this issue in the light of legislation and government guidance. How that is progressed will be a matter for Council members to decide at a future date.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 13:17
To: Democratic Services Unit
Subject: (RM) Recording of meetings

From;

[REDACTED]

Democratic Services Unit

Dear Sir

Could you please let me know whether, in the interests of transparency, Carmarthenshire County Council would have any objection to members of the public recording committee meetings from the Public Gallery in County Hall. This could be either a sound or video recording which could then be used to illustrate the democratic process to residents of the County. I trust the Council has no

objection to the use of mobile phones (on 'silent' of course) by the public in the Gallery to relay information to other residents through social networking sites such as Twitter.

If the Council has any objections to any or all the above, please state why. Please note, I would not expect it necessary to obtain permission prior to each meeting.

A quick response would be welcome prior to the County Council meeting on 28th February.

Thank you

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