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Subject: Cabinet Meeting 17th September 2018: Email Regarding Misrepresentation of Facts

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To: "Thomas, John W (Cllr)" <JWThomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>

Dear Cllr Thomas and Vale of Glamorgan Cabinet Members

I write regarding the recent publication of the report in to the proposed relocation of Primary Provision in the Western Vale – specifically Page 134 (Page 18 of Appendix B) which relates to a meeting I had with Cllr Penrose, Paula Ham and Lisa Lewis (with Sarah Voisey-Smith in attendance representing the Llancarfan Tennis Club) on 4th July 2018. I apologise for not being able to write to you sooner on the matter – I have been away on exercise in my capacity as an Army Reservist, and have only just been able to begin going through the report.

The information provided to you in the report on the above is misleading, and some of the facts have been misrepresented and I object to the way in which it is written – specifically the use of ‘however’ in the following statement:

“It makes some income from parents popping in for coffee before and after school. The manager has been unable to provide an estimate on the level of income associated with this, however.”

As Cllr Penrose will be able to confirm to you all, I was asked in the meeting (without any prior knowledge) to provide financial information relating to the income of the pub as ‘proof’ of how much income related to those connected to the school. As I mentioned at the time, the accounts rest with the owners (Coach House Inns Ltd.) and I stated I was not in a position to release those without their permission – although we did agree accounts were published at the end of each financial year and publicly available, yet I also stated that those accounts would not show a breakdown of reasons *why* customers are in the pub at any one time nor a day-to-day/hour-by-hour breakdown. Their reasons for customers visiting are never surveyed.

I did, however, explain to all present that the dates when we have hosted the School’s Duck Race over the past 2 years we have seen a 4-figure sum injected in to the pub on each occasion (a large figure for a small pub). In fact, we have opened specially for this event, and also brought forward dinner service to allow families to dine immediately after school. This was all made quite clear in the meeting and I am disappointed at the term ‘claims’ that is used in the report.

The use of language in the publicly-published report by your officers is potentially damaging to my professional reputation, the reputation of the pub itself, and its relationship with the owners and I wish to have the statements you have used redacted. Lisa Lewis, prior to the meeting, assured me that “this meeting has been arranged with the best of intentions” (e-mail, 3rd July 2018) and it is sad to see that was not upheld in the published report.

I shall be present for the vote on Monday, and would appreciate a minuted apology to the pub from you then on the matter.

Yours sincerely

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