

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

QUESTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL AGREED BY COUNCIL ON
5TH MAY, 2010

QUESTION FROM: MR. A. FARQUHARSON

TO: DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND
REGENERATION

LLANCARFAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

You have previously stated publicly that the “Llancarfan (School closure / transfer) wouldn’t be happening if Welsh Labour were running the Council”. Please could you clarify, therefore, which party is currently running Vale of Glamorgan Council, as the electorate are confused by recent actions of the new Leader in respect of the School’s future as they seem to follow the views of former Leader. Further, please can you clarify what role, as Cabinet Member for Education, you played in the ‘informal review’ undertaken by the Leader?

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RESOURCES

LLANCARFAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please can the Leader clarify what his “own informal review” consisted of in respect of the Llancafarn School decision that led to his Party’s apparent u-turn on their pledged support to keep the School in the village?

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At a meeting of the Llancafarn School Governors held on 15th May, 2019, correspondence from you was read that stated you had been told by officers that the process could not be stopped. For the avoidance of doubt in any future cases, please outline at what point in the process Cabinet decisions become irreversible? Does this point change if there is a change of Cabinet Members, leadership, or ruling party? And does this all correspond with the advice given to you by officers mentioned above?

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If the transfer of Llancafarn Primary School to Rhoose goes ahead / is successful in its Business Case, the Vale Council will lose its only school defined as 'rural' by Welsh Assembly Government. Is this something the Vale of Glamorgan Council feels comfortable with seeing happen?

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Does the Vale Council consider an excellent standard of education to be primarily driven by the facilities (new buildings etc.) provided to students, or the staff delivering the education itself?

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QUESTION FROM: MS. K. NICOL

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEGAL, REGULATORY AND PLANNING
SERVICES

GASSIFICATION PLANT IN BARRY

Can you tell me what the status is of the gasification plant in Barry? When will it be operational and why is it not already?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. R. PATTENDEN

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
AND RESOURCES

STRATEGIC TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS IN DINAS POWYS

I would be grateful if you would make a public statement regarding the impact of the previous Administration's Cabinet decision to exclude further consideration of the 'Blue' by-pass route from the Stage 2 Arcadis Consultants study of transport options through the Dinas Powys corridor between Barry and South Cardiff (15th April, 2019 Cabinet minute C656 refers) and that, as the new Council Leader, you are happy with the process by which the decision has been made. Specifically will you please answer the following questions:-

1. The 15th April, 2019 Cabinet decision was made following a recommendation from the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 7th March, 2019 that 'the Head of Neighbourhood Services and transport progress with Stage 2 works for the Green and Pink route exclusively.' I was present at that meeting. The Officers' report on the study made no recommendation to stop work on the Blue route. The matter was raised by a local Member, Councillor Andy Robertson with the support of the Committee Chair, Councillor Vince Bailey, and, with almost no informed discussion, a recommendation was passed. This reversed the Cabinet's undertaking to Dinas Powys Community Council (of which Councillor Robertson is also a Member) to widen the study scope to allow for the Blue Route alternative. Do you agree, as Leader of the new Administration, that this was effective scrutiny?
2. Are you prepared to review the 15th April, 2019 Cabinet decision and reinstate the Blue route to enable proper and full consideration of all options in accordance with WelTAG? This would ensure that complete information is provided for Public Consultation before the Cabinet decide which option or options should proceed to Stage 3.
3. Is the Council aware that in the absence of the Blue route, it will essentially be considering a single route option without any comparison as required by WelTAG since the Green and Pink routes are essentially variations on the same route?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. M. LOCK

TO: THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND
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CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Can the Council tell me since declaring a climate emergency what projects or decisions have had a positive environmental impact, excluding all plans and projects that were in the pipeline BEFORE this declaration was made.

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QUESTION FROM: MS. C. OCKERBY

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEGAL, REGULATORY AND PLANNING
SERVICES

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER

Can you make public the 24 hour telephone number for Barry residents to call when they have a noise, air or light pollution complaint? If there is no number in place for the 55,000 residents of Barry, please can you tell me why not and ensure one is put in place?

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QUESTION FROM: MS. C. OCKERBY

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INCINERATOR

Regarding the recent developments at the Incinerator, who made the decision to keep the information from the public and why wasn't notification given by the Council?

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BIOMASS PLANT AT THE DOCKS

Are the Council aware a biomass plant the size of the one in the Docks will emit the same co2 as 26,000 cars annually and is at least twice as bad/efficient as burning coal? How does this fit in with the climate emergency recently declared and any ambitions for a zero carbon future in the Vale?

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INFRASTRUCTURE

With major developments happening across the Vale there is serious concern from residents that the appropriate infrastructure is not being accompanying development, the new Five Mile canal for example between Weycock and Bonvilston. How can the Council address this so that in ten years' time we are not living in a place with further insufficient roads, schools, drains, transport, leisure facilities and doctors etc.?

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PROPOSAL RE PLANNING SECTION ON THE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

On the planning section main page of your website, to have a map of the Vale of Glamorgan. On the map you have flags / markers for any planning applications. You can look over the map, and if a plan / area, interests you, you click on that marker, and it tells you what is planned.

The two main reasons to do this are, one, the planning section of the website is very complicated. I've been on the phone to the planning department staff, they have looked at the website, whilst I've been on the phone, and they can't find what I've wanted to know, saying it's complicated. If they can't find something, that they do every day, and is their job, how are the public going to find something? And secondly, for safety sake, some yellow posters are on a dangerous road, or somewhere dangerous to get to. You can roughly remember where the poster is, then when you are in a safe place, quickly go on the planning section of the website, quickly scan over the map, and find the plans.

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TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
TRANSPORT

CYCLE PATH / PAVEMENT BETWEEN BARRY AND DINAS POWYS

A cycle path / pavement should be made between Barry and Dinas Powys. Lots of people need to cycle and walk this route, there is no quick safe route for them, this should have been done years ago. Other areas you have added cycle paths next to pavements, have already had safe areas. Please install this, before someone is seriously injured, or killed. Years ago I rang the Council, and they said they had problems finding land owners. I'm sure being a Council, you have Land Registry, or easily find out who owns the land. Along most of the road is a river / stream. This could be directed through a rectangular concrete tube, with the pavement / cycle path above.

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BARRY MUSEUM

With such rich history in the area and Barry once being the world's largest exporter of coal, why is there no formal museum in Barry and what can the Vale do to address this? This would be a great resource for the town and provide a tourist attraction not specifically aimed at just the summer season.

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QUESTION FROM: MR. D.M. ROBERTS

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
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STREET LIGHTING IN THE GARDEN SUBURB, BARRY

Can the Council confirm that they will turn back on all street lights on in the Garden Suburb, Barry during the switch off time of 00:00 to 06:00, to protect the residents and restore public safety following a high level increase in reported crime from burglaries and car vandalism since April 2019 ?