

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

QUESTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL AGREED BY COUNCIL ON 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2010

QUESTION FROM: MR. R. CURTIS

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

**LOW CARBON ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP POLICY**

Would the Council be willing to adopt a “Low Carbon Advertising and Sponsorship Policy” advertising fuels the climate crisis by creating demand for high-carbon products, such as polluting flights and fuel-hungry SUVs, as well as promoting fossil fuel companies like Shell and BP? Just as tobacco advertising was prohibited when we realised the harms caused by smoking, many Local Authorities are now taking action to end advertising for high carbon products in light of the climate emergency. Liverpool, Norwich and North Somerset Councils have passed motions to restrict advertising for environmentally damaging products on ad sites those Councils control. In August 2022, Sydney Council in Australia banned advertising for coal, oil and gas and France passed national legislation prohibiting fossil advertising too. Amsterdam and five other Dutch cities have also implemented tobacco-style restrictions on polluting adverts. Local Authorities have control over the advertising billboards and digital screens located on Council-owned land. Passenger Transport Executives often control advertising policies for bus stop and rail advertising. A template Council Motion for a Low Carbon Advertising Policy can be found here: <http://badverts.org/s/Model-motion-for-Low-Carbon-Advertising-Policies-Badvertising-2022.pdf>. Would you be willing to propose this Motion at a future meeting?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. M. BOWEN

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, ARTS AND THE WELSH  
LANGUAGE

**WELSH LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE ARRIVING IN WALES**

In December 2022, Newyddion S4C reported about 2 children - aged 8 and 11 - from Ukraine who had successfully learnt Welsh at an immersion unit in Ynys Mon in advance of them becoming pupils at one of the Island's local Welsh Medium Primary Schools. In both policy and practical terms, what has the Vale of Glamorgan Council done to replicate this success in our County so that children arriving from elsewhere in the world can continue their multi-lingual journey in a Welsh Medium setting? What outcomes have been achieved in the last year in relation to those who have arrived in the County from elsewhere in the world?

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SERVICES

**TRAFFIC SURVEYS NEAR THE KNAP GARDENS**

Visitors to Romilly park, the Knap Gardens and the Knap café quarter are increasingly facing danger from the increasing volume of traffic and badly parked cars. In order to prevent an accident involving pedestrians, would the Vale of Glamorgan Council please carry out traffic surveys with the aim of installing two zebra crossings between the Knap Gardens and the popular cafés along Bron y Mor and also the junction of Romilly Park Road and Lakeside leading to Romilly Park (adjacent the public toilets)?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. K. GLOVER

TO: THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABLE  
PLACES

**INCREASE IN ALLOTMENT RENTAL**

Please can I ask does this Council recognise that Allotments are used to grow food for our tables, to assist with our mental health and provide companionship for lonely older and vulnerable people? How does the Council feel it's justified to increase the allotment rent by 72% when we are in a cost of living crisis, mental health crisis and loneliness crisis? Why can't any increases be made over a 5 year incremental plan? What will this Council do to protect rental increase on this scale going forward?

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AND REGULATORY SERVICES

**DEMAND FOR ALLOTMENTS**

Please can I ask why steps are being made to ensure Cowbridge residents are not deterred from contributing to make the Vale Greener, yet the rest of the Vale are not being given the same consideration? Why is the risk of reduced demand for allotments more important in Cowbridge than in the rest of the Vale? It clearly states in the budget proposal that Cowbridge is being given preferential treatment, this is highly unfair.

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**ALLOTMENT RENT INCREASE**

The proposed 67% allotment rent hike in Barry and Rhose will mean many poorer allotment holders, who have often tended their plot for many years, will be forced to surrender their allotment due to the increased cost. I believe that this level of rent rise is not proportionate with other Council charge increases such as car parking, Council house rents or Council Tax and will hurt those on the lowest incomes most. Allotments have never been meant to be rented at an economic rent, they were and are a social and environmental benefit. Increasing rents in line with inflation would be reasonable but making allotment holders plug Council finances is simply wrong. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 sets out a clear obligation for public bodies to enable positive change that leads to a more resilient, sustainable, secure and healthy Wales. The Guidance for local Authorities, Town and Community Councils issued by the Welsh Government clearly states on page 8 under Costs and charges: "The rent charged for an allotment plot 'shall be let at such rent as a tenant may reasonably be expected to pay for the land' (Allotments Act 1950 section 10). While the temptation may be to increase rents to cover the cost of providing allotments, this may exclude the very people who need them most. Rents should be in line with the national average of approximately £45 a year for a full plot (correct as at April 2020) and it's at the Authority's discretion if they have concessionary rates." In light of the above, would the Council stop the proposed increase in allotment rents and instead increase rents in line with inflation?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. N. CHIVERS

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES  
AND REGULATORY SERVICES

**CCTV IN BARRY**

Please can you advise when CCTV will be operational in Barry? I am constantly requested by SWP to view my CCTV equipment which I do not think is my responsibility. Possibly putting myself and staff at risk. It should not be relied upon by a member of the public to source coverage especially when there are CCTV cameras placed in Broad Street and other areas of the Town. It would help to disburse the immense drug dealing, anti-social behaviour amongst other crimes that happen on Broad Street alone. Please advise when they will be operational? I have been speaking to SWP who say they are merely waiting for VOG? Is this correct?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. P. BRITTON

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

**PUBLIC ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING CAPACITY IN BARRY**

Are there any plans to upscale Barry's already poor public electric car charging capacity? Currently Barry has only 3 fast chargers. Many residents of Barry don't have the luxury of owning their own drive to charge electric cars. Are the Council going to open up the chargers they recently put in next to Barry Leisure for residents to use? Why are some charging points in Barry still out of order months after being installed?



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**TRADERS AND THE COUNCIL WORKING TOGETHER**

How traders and the Council can work better together. When will they have a meeting with the traders to work together and to make us aware of future plans? Having support from traders is important.

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**REGENERATION PLAN FOR HOLTON ROAD**

Who is creating a regeneration plan for Holton Road? Why isn't there a local business person representing the Town Centre locally and can traders have a meeting with the Council to hear our concerns.

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**HOLTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

When will Holton Road be improved?

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**FLOOD MAP FOR PLANNING: EAST QUAYS DEVELOPMENT SITE**

Now that specialist assessments of the East Quays development site, of the Coal-hoist site and of the Barry Biomass site are agreeing on the flood-risk level of 8.8 to 9.0metres AOD, will the Council advise NRW that their new Flood Map for Planning should use this figure in respect of the Barry docklands as a whole instead of their level of about 7.8 metres?

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**WOODHAM ROAD FACILITY**

In the Vale Council's various documents submitted in the Planning Appeal against the enforcement notice there is no acceptance that the facility on Woodham Road owned by a subsidiary of Aviva comes within the definition of Incinerator and at no time does the Council confirm that the facility needed to have a full Environmental Impact Assessment. Can the Council make it clear to the residents of Barry that the Vale of Glamorgan Council fully accepts the facility is an incinerator and it has always needed an Environmental Impact Assessment?

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**INCINERATOR ON WOODHAM ROAD**

Within the Appeal proceedings following the Council's service of the Enforcement Notice on the Incinerator on Woodham Road, the Vale of Glamorgan Council has agreed with the owners of the Incinerator that: "The principle of a wood fired renewable energy plant on the Appeal Site was established by the 2010 Permission and re-established by the 2015 Permission." Could the Council confirm that the agreement it has reached with the owners of the incinerator does not amount to an agreement that the principle of an incinerator on this site was established in 2010 and 2015 bearing in mind that no Environmental Impact Assessment was demanded albeit required for these decisions to be lawfully made? Please explain the basis for the decision if the Council does not agree with this proposition?

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**BOLLARDS ON KINGS SQUARE**

On behalf of Beautiful Barry When will the bollards be repaired on King Square to  
stop cars and vans from parking on there every day?

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**REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI**

On behalf of Beautiful Barry – We are aware that the Council will only remove graffiti in certain circumstances, but with the increase in graffiti around the town, is it possible the Council could contact business owners regarding removing graffiti from their premises, with the offer of support re removal options?



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**CLEANING REGIME FOR HOLTON ROAD**

What is the current cleaning regime for Holton Road, and could it be enhanced to address the persistent issue of dog mess and cigarette butts which are blighting the town and creating a terrible impression for visitors? The persistent litter around the Leisure Centre and Civic Offices is also very concerning and doesn't seem to be cleared at all, with no action being taken to stop this from happening. Who is responsible for this area of town?

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**TRANSGENDER INCLUSION TOOLKIT**

Why did the Leader refer to the Tavistock Clinic story as “a different kettle of fish” in introducing the draft Transgender Inclusion Toolkit, when the Cass Review under the leading paediatrician Hilary Cass, which links the two, is quoted in the Toolkit, though not integrating the Cass cautions on social transition into its prescriptions is problematic?

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**PREVENTION OF LITTERING AT BARRY ISLAND AND OTHER RESORTS**

On behalf of Beautiful Barry – What plans are the Council putting in place for the summer season to prevent littering at Barry Island and other resorts, promote use of bins, and publicise use of Enforcement Officers and penalties for littering offences?