

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

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

QUESTION FROM: MR. O. SLADE

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

**COMMUNITY CENTRES**

Why do you still own community centres that are not accessible for all e.g. Victoria  
Park Community Centre has no disabled toilets.

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QUESTION FROM: MR. R. CURTIS

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

**MOTION FOR THE OCEAN**

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is privileged to have the beautiful and awe inspiring sea and coast within its responsibility. We urgently need to better protect the wonderful biodiversity which call these ecosystems their home. Therefore would the council adopt the following motion for the ocean: "This Council declares an urgent need for Ocean Recovery. We recognise that we need ocean recovery to meet our net zero carbon targets, and we need net zero carbon to recover our ocean. This Council pledges to: Report to Full Council within [12] months on the actions and projects that will begin an ocean recovery in the Vale of Glamorgan. Embed ocean recovery in all strategic decisions, plans, budgets, procurement and approaches to decisions by the Council (particularly in planning, regeneration, skills and economic policy), aligning with climate change mitigation and adaptation requirements, and considering ocean-based solutions in our journey towards a carbon neutral and climate resilient future. Ensure that local planning supports ocean recovery, working closely with the Marine Management Organisation to embed strong links between the Local Plan and the Bristol Channel Marine Plan to support ocean recovery. Ensure that our nature, biodiversity and climate strategies, such as the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, recognise how land and rivers connect to and impact the ocean and strive to support ocean recovery through a source-to-sea approach. Work with partners locally and nationally to deliver improved water quality and increased sustainability in marine industries, and to develop a sustainable and equitable blue economy that delivers ocean recovery and local prosperity. Grow ocean literacy and marine citizenship in the Vale of Glamorgan, including: Ensuring all pupils are given the opportunity to experience the ocean first-hand before leaving primary school - striving to include home-schooled children. Promoting sustainable and equitable access to the ocean through physical and digital experiences for all residents. Through these actions, embed understanding of the 'source-to-sea' approach and how all people, wherever they live, impact and are impacted by ocean health. Use the Council website and other communication channels to update on ocean recovery progress, and signpost to ocean literacy development opportunities and marine citizenship pledges. Write to the Welsh Government asking them to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030 by: Ensuring Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our growing number of marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability. Working with coastal, estuarine and maritime communities to co-develop marine policy to ensure it delivers equitable and sustainable outcomes in local placemaking.

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Appointing a dedicated Minister for the Coast. Embedding ocean and civic literacy into the national curriculum. Stopping plastic pollution at source by strengthening the regulations around single-use plastics and set standards for microfibre-catching filters to ensure that all new domestic and commercial washing machines are fitted with a filter that captures a high percentage of microfibres produced in the wash cycle and support the solutions needed to address the threat posed by historic coastal landfill sites. Talk to angling groups to encourage sustainable practices. Improving the water quality of our rivers, estuarine and coastal waters leading to the ocean to benefit nature and the health and wellbeing of all UK residents, including by stopping the regular pollution of our rivers and seas. And by listening to marine and social scientific advice to update the Marine Policy Statement and produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy which will: Enable the recovery of marine ecosystems rather than managing degraded or altered habitats in their reduced state. Consider levelling up, marine conservation, energy, industrial growth, flood and coastal erosion risk management, climate adaptation and fisheries policy holistically rather than as competing interests. Develop a smarter approach to managing the health of the entire ocean that moves beyond Marine Protected Areas and enables links to be made across sectors towards sustainability. Establish improved processes for understanding the benefits of ocean recovery, leaving no doubt the links between this and human lives, livelihoods, and wellbeing. This Council declares an urgent need for Ocean Recovery. We recognise that we need ocean recovery to meet our net zero carbon targets, and we need net zero carbon to recover our ocean.

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QUESTION FROM: MR. D. CLARKE

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

**PUBLIC MEETING – OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
IN RELATION TO THE INCINERATOR ON BARRY DOCKS**

The recent meeting organised by the Vale of Glamorgan Council to discuss issues on Barry Docks was declared a success. With that in mind would the Vale of Glamorgan Council arrange a similar meeting in compliance with obligations set out in Article 3 of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters in relation to the outstanding Environmental Impact Assessment determination in relation to the Incinerator on Barry Docks? This matter affects the whole town not just the Docks area. Very many people find it difficult to participate in the process due to the lack of input from the Vale Council notwithstanding the terms of the Aarhus Convention. The Council should ensure that there are knowledgeable officers or others available to answer questions put by the public to ensure local residents have an opportunity to comprehend what is otherwise an opaque process.

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**AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY**

In view of the World Health Organisation's approval of the Vale's nomination as an "age-friendly community" this summer and the development of a Charter by the Public Services Board Three topics identified by the WHO - Outdoor spaces and buildings, Transportation and Housing - are covered by the RLDP, but age-friendly is unmentioned in the current draft, out for public consultation. Could the relevant Councillor report on building appropriate policies and measures into the RLWP and how they will be subjected to consultation?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. L. MACK

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

**ART CENTRAL GALLERY, BARRY**

I am concerned that the Art Gallery in Y Barri is an excellent space but could be viewed as being somewhat under-utilised, with a relatively low level of footfall from the town's residents. Is there a way in which the Vale can better arrange matters at the Art Central Gallery so that it becomes more relevant to the town, is better advertised, has shorter periods for shows and perhaps becomes more arts inclusive rather than just static hangings which are sometimes months in duration? Surely it would be a greater asset for the Council if there were events that would attract visitors where fees could be charged? There is a great deal of talent in the town but it does not seem to be captured as best it could?