

Agenda Item - 7

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL,  
2019 -

**REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2019 - PROPOSED PARKING  
MANAGEMENT POLICY 2019/20 (NST)**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION –

Attached are 25 comments received via email by Democratic Services, these include five letters of objections from Barry Athletic Club, Bay 5 Coffee House, Cowbridge and Llanblethian Town Council, the Barry Island Traders Association and the Whitmore Bay Lifeguard Hut.

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**Davies, Gareth J**

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**Subject:** FW: Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April'

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 28 March 2019 15:27

**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April'

**\*\*Please include this statement in the bundle for the scrutiny committee to be read at the scrutiny meeting in regards to the proposed parking charges to Barry Island.\*\***

I wish to strongly object over the intended changes to on-street parking at Barry Island. Personally, it means that I will not use the Island as much and I suggest that people who do will now need to make a decision between a walk on the beach or having a coffee, not enjoyment of both.

Additionally, it will mean that I shall not be using the proposed new restaurants, as a £10 surcharge on my bill to park, as that on top of the cost of food will be too much to stomach.

It appears to me that the intention of the council, between this proposal and the charging to park at the Knap, is to prevent local people accessing public open spaces. Do you think it's preferable for parents to see it as a cheaper day out to drag their kids around the shops in Cardiff instead of letting them run around on the beach?

The simple pleasure of having unrushed family time at the beach, that I can recall from when I was little, is going to be placed completely out of bounds now. Even those with disposable income will balk at the idea that they must pay £10 to stay more than one hour.

Anyone who is elderly or infirm will avoid the area, for fear they cannot rush back to the car in a hurry and may incur a hefty fine.

Piece by piece, the coastline of the Vale is being taken away from the public who live here through exorbitant charging and outright greed, reasoned away with arguments such as the money is required. As an accountant, I can assure you that these arguments do not hold water with me and I consider it a total disgrace.

When my Grandad has dropped my Gran at the Hairdresser, he will usually either stop at the Knap or go to the Island. Now, his choice will be pay to sit at the Knap, or pay to walk at the Island, as it will be beyond an hour.

So, my Grandad will probably find himself sitting in a car and waiting instead on a side road. Would any of you be happy and content with your own elderly relatives having that stark choice? Would any of you happily turn to your 85 year old parent/grandparent and say, "well, we need the cash. There's no need for you to enjoy the beach or a coffee - just sit in the car and don't get too cold instead. Tell you what, get a Thermos" - because that is exactly what you are doing to so many elderly through this decision.

The thought that young children and my Grandad will not be able to enjoy these simple pleasures because of charging just breaks my heart. It is one of my greatest memories from being a child, and I would hate to see this being put out of reach for so many, especially from reducing the free parking from 2 hours to 1 hour.

I hope you will re-consider this policy as it will have a major impact to locals, traders, community groups, and find a suitable solution that works for all involved.

Kind regards,  
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**Davies, Gareth J**

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**Subject:** FW: Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 28 March 2019 16:31

**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April

Hello,

Please include this statement in the bundle for the scrutiny committee to be read at the scrutiny meeting in regards to the proposed parking charges to Barry Island.

Please can you urgently re-consider the parking charges planned for Barry Island, this will effectively stop my young family and I visiting Barry Island on a weekly basis to enjoy walks and the arcades.

People living on Barry Island will find it almost impossible to park outside their own homes and in the long-run this will probably ensure less people from the local area visit a treasured community area.

I hope you will re-consider this policy as it will have a major impact to locals, traders, community groups, and find a suitable solution that works for all involved.

Kind regards,

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**Davies, Gareth J**

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**Subject:** FW: scrutiny 4th April

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 March 2019 17:50  
**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** scrutiny 4th April

I would like you to forward my concerns to the councilors and officers regarding the changes to parking charges at Barry Island at the scrutiny meeting on 4th April.

I feel as a resident and regular visitor, the short stay and winter charges that are proposed will have an extremely detrimental effect on many of the business. Barry island has improved dramatically in recent years and local traders have invested, they provide locals with a place they want to visit. There is an all year cafe culture offering quality foods, these business will not survive without the local customers. The gym is used all year and with others having free parking this will also effect them. Litter pickers will not be so happily to clean the beach and surrounding areas if they have to pay for the privilege. We have very little outdoor space but we do have this incredible resort that attracts visitor from miles away, it is only fair that the people that pay for this jewel should not then have to pay such exuberant fees to visit there.

Barry island is a tourist resort and I can see no problem with charging visitors at the Car Parks but this proposal will destroy the progress that has been made recently by both the council and commercially. We should have free parking during the Winter for a minium of 3 hours and the short stay fee should be for 3 hours not the propose 1 hour. This means visitors spending the day would provide the finance to upkeep the Island without

I hope you reconsider this proposal to help the entire community.

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Davies, Gareth J

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**Subject:** FW: comments regarding car park charging proposals on Barry Island for scrutiny committee on 4 April

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** 28 March 2019 19:13

**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>

**Subject:** comments regarding car park charging proposals on Barry Island for scrutiny committee on 4 April

Good Evening

I have just learnt of your plans to introduce car parking charges for street parking in Barry Island, I am very disappointed by this proposal as I tend to visit Barry Island for their park run every Saturday, travelling from [REDACTED]. There are closer options but the people are so friendly and whilst visiting I always visit a local establishment for refreshment. With the introduction of these proposals I will certainly reconsider my options and I will undoubtedly take my custom elsewhere and move to another venue that welcomes visitors by not charging for parking, so instead of making money out of me the area will suffer from the loss of my custom. I have spoken to friends I have made at the park run and I am not alone in this, whilst I have sympathy for the traders whose livelihood is being placed in jeopardy, why should I be adversely affected by this greedy decision to levy car parking charges.

Kind Regards

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**Davies, Gareth J**

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**Subject:** Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 28 March 2019 20:35

**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>

**Subject:** omments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April

Good evening,

Please include this statement in the bundle for the scrutiny committee to be read at the scrutiny meeting in regards to the proposed parking charges to Barry island.

I have lived in Barry my whole life and have seen a lot of changes, not always for the greater good for the locals. This is one of the worst proposals I've seen in my adulthood.

Barry island has already taken a beating after butlins disappeared years ago and the fun fair slowly declining year after year. There are a few business still going considering what's been thrown at it, I'm not sure they can take much more.

I do not see how the parking charges will help or encourage growth for the local traders or Barry island itself.

I often meet friends for breakfast, visit the beach with the children for ice cream and walk the dog's in the eveing. With the proposed parking charges, I know that will stop. I will carry on with the same activities but not over the island.

My [REDACTED] and thier friends do the park run every week and often meet at Marco's after for a coffee. If they have to pay for parking, they will not stay after their run!

These parking charges will ruin Barry island.

I hope you will re-consider this policy as it will have a major impact to locals, traders, community groups, and find a suitable solution that works for all involved.

Kind regards

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**Davies, Gareth J**

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**Subject:** FW: Comments to be considered at Scrutiny Committee in relation to the Parking Strategy

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 28 March 2019 22:34

**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Comments to be considered at Scrutiny Committee in relation to the Parking Strategy

I am a resident of Barry Island [REDACTED] and would therefore be grateful if you could consider the following in relation to the recently introduced Parking Strategy when you are discussing this matter at the forthcoming Scrutiny Meeting.

I am very aware of the financial situation that the Local Authority are currently facing and the need to generate income to assist in counteracting the shortfall in funding received to enable the Council to continue delivering services. I am also aware that parking charges are applied in a large number of seaside towns and resorts across the UK so it is not unreasonable to consider applying a charge. However I do have few areas of concern that I hope you will take into consideration.

As a resident of Barry Island, the introduction of the charges will directly affect my family and I. I live on the [REDACTED] which was previously the Butlins site. As with most newer housing estates (but particularly on our estate) the parking is so limited on the estate that any visitors to my house have to park on the main road [REDACTED] to avoid blocking the roads on the estate. It is obviously important not to block the roads on the estate as it would be impossible for emergency services to get through. I am concerned with the introduction of the new charges that any visitors, including my family members will now have to pay every time they want to visit me. This really is not a fair situation for the residents or their friends / families. I am concerned that the introduction of such charges for residents will result in more of them parking in places where they should not and cause issues with accessibility. I also have issues with the amount being charged to park, particularly the cost of £6 for an parking over one hour. This is an extortionate price to charge local people to visit their family and friends. I strongly feel that there should be consideration of free parking permits for residents and their visitors in tourist areas which are also residential areas. I am aware that there are examples in many other resorts where locals do not have to pay to park in the area where they live.

Whilst the above comment relates directly to Barry Island where I live, I also strongly feel that local residents should not have to pay to park when visiting their local coastline, beaches and Country parks. One of the Council's aims is to facilitate the positive health and wellbeing of their residents. Visiting our coastline, beaches and country parks not only assists with increasing the physical health of our residents, it also assists with ensuring they have positive mental health. These are fantastic places for people of all ages to visit, and are particularly popular for elderly residents who can often become isolated. Visiting local places such as these ensure that they continue to be part of the community, leave their homes to undertake activity and see other people. Introducing parking charges for local residents will inevitably impact on many who will no longer be able to visit these areas as they do not have the disposable income to cover the cost of parking, especially the high cost being introduced at Barry Island. For those who regularly visit these areas it will just not be affordable to continue their visits. I am aware that some may say that there is the option of using public transport, which is free (bus) for those of a certain age. For those who have to pay, it is not affordable to use public transport on a regular basis and it is also not particularly effective. I use my elderly parents as an example who like to visit Barry Island and the Knap to get them out of their house and to undertake some physical activity. As they live in the

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East end of Barry it is not possible for them to walk to Barry Island or the Knap due to their limited mobility. They have on a number of occasions tried to use their free bus pass to visit areas including Barry Island. However it often takes over an hour for them to reach Barry Island on the bus and they had to change bus on at least one occasion. With the introduction of the proposed charges they will no longer be able to afford to undertake their regular, walks which will have a subsequent impact on their health and wellbeing.

As mentioned above, I think it is reasonable for holiday makers to have to pay parking charges. My family recently visited West Wales and were prepared to pay for parking. We even made a contribution at a car park which had a voluntary parking contribution option (i.e. we did not have to pay but we were encouraged to as the money was going to be reinvested in protecting the wildlife in the area). However whenever we have had to pay parking when visiting areas as a tourist, there is usually only a reasonable charge levied and these charges increase at a reasonable rate when the time increases. The introduction of a £6 charge after 1 hour of parking at Barry Island is completely unreasonable. I do not think tourists will mind paying this amount for a day, however to introduce it after 1 hour is unacceptable. It will also affect my visitors as mentioned above. Why should my family members have to pay £6 to visit my house for longer than 1 hour. The majority of resorts only charge this amount for a full day. This charge will clearly affect the number of locals who will visit Barry Island which will have a resultant impact on the local business traders who rely on locals for trade, especially during the winter months. It seems counter productive to introduce such high charges for short term visitors when so much effort has been put into regenerating Barry Island.

If parking charges do have to apply to all people, they need to be more reasonable in price, particularly at Barry Island. Seasonal variations in charges should also be considered at all sites to ensure that local residents continue to visit these local spaces.

I am sure you are already aware of all of the above negative impacts that these new charges will have. As mentioned at the beginning of this e-mail, I am aware of the need to raise funds to be able to continue to deliver services in the Vale. However I feel that this can be achieved without penalising local residents and having a detrimental effect on local business.

I trust that this e-mail will be passed onto the relevant Officers / Councillors for consideration.

Regards.

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**Davies, Gareth J**

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**Subject:** FW: Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 March 2019 09:06  
**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April

Dear Sirs

Please include this statement in the bundle for the scrutiny committee to be read at the scrutiny meeting in regards to the proposed parking charges to Barry Island.

I have lived, worked and grown up around the Vale and currently visit Barry Island at least 3/4 times each week. My husband and I walk our dog on the beach during the winter and we look forward to it as part of our attempts to keep fit and enjoy an outdoor lifestyle as much as possible. In summer we enjoy the quieter places and particularly evening sunsets and walking along the promenade and the headland.

We enjoy a snack, ice cream or coffee and passing the time meeting friends we have made over the many years. We know the many shopkeepers and cafe owners.

I go to the Island each opportunity between my appointments to give me a chance to exercise and clear my head.

Barry Island is a gem of a spot for people living in this area. We tend to drive from [REDACTED] It isn't a wealthy area and the income of the majority won't sustain car parking fees. The consequences will be:

- rare visits
- loss of enjoyment of a natural beauty spot
- risk of misery to match winter weather
- major loss in income for local businesses
- closure of businesses
- unsightly empty or even vandalised premises
- fewer volunteer groups prepared to pay for the privilege of cleaning up the beach
- local residents having parking or obstruction difficulties
- residents living further out being affected by people who want to enjoy the beach but cannot afford parking
- older folk who aren't disabled but aren't able to walk as far (including older dogs!)
- resentments against the Council

I believe the Council has underestimated the impact parking charges would have on the community and the consequential damage they would have.

The Council ought to be encouraging people to enjoy the natural facility and get health benefits from it - do you really want to go down in history as being the miserly Council which taxes everything it can? Whatever you spend these fees on will never be as appreciated as having the freedom to go to the beach and park without charge. Would you consider introducing a fee to park in shopping areas which can be reimbursed/stamped by the shops (like the cinema complex at Cardiff Bay?). If not - why?

Why not use this as a huge marketing opportunity for the regeneration proposals? "Barry Council listens and supports freedom to enjoy one of the most beautiful beaches in Europe".

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Finally, do you not think your residents and the people living and visiting the area have suffered enough from Brexit? Are you going to add even more misery and deprivation?

Sincerely, I hope you re-consider this policy as it will have a major impact to regular visitors, locals, traders, community groups. Please find a suitable solution that works for those you serve.

Yours faithfully

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**Davies, Gareth J**

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**Subject:** FW: Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] >  
Sent: 29 March 2019 13:51  
To: Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April.

To Whom It May Concern,

Please include this statement in the bundle for the scrutiny committee to be read at the scrutiny committee meeting in regards to the proposed parking charges to Barry Island.

I note that none of the consultation points were held on Barry Island which means that locals are less likely to have attended to give their points of view. I am concerned that the year round, on street parking charges that are proposed for Barry Island will result in a significant detrimental effect in terms of visitor numbers and on-road parking elsewhere in the area. I do not understand the reasons behind the proposal for there not to be different a winter reduction at Barry Island when there is one proposed for other similar areas within the county and why the Island area is the only area in Barry to be faced with having on street parking charges after 1 hour rather than 2 hours as is proposed for other areas. The proposed charges are also out of line with charges in similar tourist areas around South Wales. We all want to live in a prosperous area, but quite simply, I fear that implementing the proposed charges is very likely to have a severely detrimental affect.

The island is well visited by people from outside the area through the warmer summer months, but the number of visitors is much lower through the winter. Charging for parking throughout the winter is mainly going to deter locals (those from Barry and surrounding areas) from visiting Barry Island and spending their money at the many businesses there. Losing businesses will impact local employment opportunities, and would not only deter some of our summer visitors but also result in a further loss of income for the council. A reasonable charge for summer parking, which increases in staggered increments for longer stays, with free parking throughout the winter season would be fair and is less likely to have a negative effect on visitor numbers and crucially on their spending at the businesses on Barry Island.

During the winter local people visit Barry Island to walk their dogs, allow their children to exercise in a safe environment, partake in Parkrun or other bootcamp style activities (hosted by local businesses) and generally enjoy the beautiful environment that we have on our doorstep for a short visit, rather than for a full day on the beach. Most of these people will have already been effected by the recent times of austerity and charging as much to park through the winter as during the summer will mean that they have less to spend on their coffee, ice cream etc. As a family of 4, we currently visit Barry Island at least once most weeks throughout the winter and would spend a minimum of £20 on drinks, cakes and ice cream during these visits, as well as our children spending pocket money in the arcades. We also visit Quasar regularly with our youngest son (fortnightly on average) and spend an average of £10 there each visit. If the proposed charges are implemented, our visits would become much less frequent.

The beach and promenade area is a perfect location for exercising in. The benefits of exercising to our physical and mental health have been widely published. If we make people think twice about keeping active by making it more expensive to join in, we will simply put more pressure on other areas of the council budget as peoples mental and physical health deteriorates.

I do not live on Barry Island, but do have concerns about potential congestion and inconvenience for Island residents if the proposed charges were implemented as car drivers visiting the Island would, without doubt, be looking for

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places to park where they can avoid paying any charges. The needs of local residents, businesses and visitors must be balanced. I hope that this policy will be reconsidered to find a solution that works for all involved.

Regards,

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**Davies, Gareth J**

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**Subject:** FW: Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 March 2019 21:10  
**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April

To whom it may concern,

Please include this statement in the bundle for the scrutiny committee to be read at the scrutiny meeting in regards to the proposed parking charges to Barry Island.

I live in Barry with my husband and two young children ([REDACTED]). I'm not from the area originally but love living in Barry. I've lived here for [REDACTED] years now and the development and growth of the town in that time has been amazing despite Barry continuing to have a bad name compared to other towns such as Penarth or Cowbridge. High street is thriving and the improvements to Barry Island are fantastic. We should be encouraging people to visit our high street, parks and beaches rather than deterring them.

I'm not against all parking charges as understand that funds need to be raised but strongly agree with the need for a winter price reduction and two hours free parking on Barry Island. I often visit Barry Island with my children - we go on the beach, visit the arcades, have lunch and sometimes visit Adventure Island softplay. I can not afford to do this and pay £6 each time, especially in the winter when you can't enjoy the benefits of the beach as much. My children love the beach and I love to see them run about. It would be such a shame to reduce our weekday morning and after school trips. These prices will really make us rethink visiting. When we do visit, we will have less money to spend with the local businesses which would be such a shame when so many people are working hard to provide our town with the much needed independent businesses. It also makes much more sense to me that any charges increase slowly rather than jumping straight to £6 after one hour, especially during the week when people visit the island for a shorter time such as after school.

Having two young children, we also visit the local parks all the time including everywhere you intend to charge for - the Knap, porthkerry, cosmeston and Cliff Tops in Penarth. We are a hard working family that want the best for our children. We try to play outdoors as much as possible but honestly some of these charges are too much and will make us rethink visiting all these areas as often as we do now. Particularly the Knap, I don't understand at all why you want to introduce charges there. People will just find alternative places to park therefore creating new problems for the council with complaints and bad publicity from local residents.

Also I personally don't think it's acceptable to expect people to pay for parking at Porthkerry park until the overflow carpark is sorted out. I don't want to pay to park in a muddy ditch.

I strongly hope you will re-consider this policy as it will have a major impact to locals, traders, community groups, and find a suitable solution that works for all involved.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Sadie Butler

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Davies, Gareth J

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**Subject:** FW: Parking charges

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 29 March 2019 22:18  
**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Parking charges

There are alternatives to driving and parking on the Island. Cardiff bus is but one. If dog walkers decide to use this form of travel they will certainly come up against a big problem. Bus drivers only allow one dog at a time to get on the bus and are adamant that this is the rule. Cardiff bus say it is up to the drivers discretion to allow dogs on board. I have been involved on a few occasions where I have been denied travel as another dog is on board. I have tried unsuccessfully on occasion to explain to the drivers that most of the dogs that travel on the buses know each other and are no problem together. Most people with a dog tend to travel on a bus when the buses are sparsely occupied and have plenty of room so as to not be a problem. So a lot of people that travel over to the Island to enjoy the place will be put off. I would suggest a park and ride set up to reduce the number of cars entering the Island. There are a couple of places that could be used for this.

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Davies, Gareth J

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**Subject:** FW: Comments regarding car park charging proposals on Barry Island for scrutiny committee 4th April

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 30 March 2019 18:37

**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Comments regarding car park charging proposals on Barry Island for scrutiny committee 4th April

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please include this statement in the bundle for the scrutiny committee, to be read at the scrutiny meeting in regards to the proposed parking charges at Barry Island.

It is imperative that access to outdoor areas of enjoyment are protected from ridiculous charges. There needs to be a full and inclusive consultation process that is afforded to all traders, residents and users. It is clear that the consultation so far has been completely inadequate.

I hope you will re-consider this policy as it will have a major impact on locals, traders, community groups. Please find a suitable solution that works for all involved.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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# BARRY ATHLETIC CLUB LTD.

Paget Rd, Barry Island, CF62 5TQ.

Please address correspondence to:

## Concerns regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island

**For attention of: Scrutiny Committee meeting on 4th April 2019**

"Please include this statement in the bundle for the scrutiny committee to be read at the meeting in regards to the proposed parking charges to Barry Island"

We at Barry Athletic Club have served the local community for over a century. We feel we are a very important part of Barry Island's past, present and future. We own a large parcel of land sandwiched between the Harbour Road Car Park and Paget Road. We are very disappointed that we were not invited to any consultation about these charges.

Our club consists of football, cricket, lawn bowls, tennis and brass band groups. We have almost 1000 members. Our site has car parking limited to 50 cars so we already have issues with parking. Our main issue is stopping visitors to the area driving into our car park and leaving cars to visit local attractions, quite often we get verbally abused for asking visitors if they belong to the club. This has increased dramatically since the overflow car park near the Harbour was turned into housing. With the proposed on street charges our problems will only increase and put us at more risk of verbal (and possibly physical) abuse from visitors.

Due to the longevity of the sports games at our site we don't use 2 hour street parking, most visitors stay for between 3 and 8 hours per stay. When our car park is full we always instruct overspill visitors to use the Harbour Road Car Park. The proposed charges are extremely high in our opinion. We envisage that the charges are going to have an effect on our member numbers, with players preferring to switch to other clubs with free parking. We will also face sanctions from sports groups governing bodies if our visiting teams refuse to visit our ground due to excessive charges to use the Harbour car park all day.

In winter we advise all visiting football teams that there is free parking for them at Harbour Road car park. Where will we be able to send these people to park now? With an average stay of over 2 hours they will undoubtedly end up in local streets on the Quays development or in ASDA car park to avoid charges.

As a not for profit community group run solely by volunteers for the people of Barry we are heavily reliant on visitors to our site spending money at our tuck shops and bars after matches/events. With people having to rush off because of these parking charges we will lose an important income stream. Visitors will be reluctant to purchase a cuppa and a slice of cake if they have already paid for parking.

We do not feel that these charges have been thought through and discussed with local community groups and businesses. Our club will be a serious risk of losing members, income streams and sanctions from our governing bodies. Please, please reconsider this crazy decision. The Island is almost back to the good old days, these charges are going to take it back 20 years and it will become a ghost town again. Businesses will not open all winter as they will have nobody to serve!

Regards

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**Davies, Gareth J**

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**Subject:** FW: Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 31 March 2019 15:38  
**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** barrybados1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April

### To Whom it may Concern

Please include the below comments in the bundle for the scrutiny committee to be read at the scrutiny meeting in regards to the proposed parking charges to Barry Island

I was born in Barry and have lived here all my life. I worked at Pat Collins fairground during the Butlins hey days and noted the sad decline of visitors as Barry Island became very run down and forgotten.

I was the [REDACTED] during the early 1990's and I could see that local businesses were trying to bring back the vibrancy to Barry Island. Money from grants were put into developing the promenade and surrounding areas and the beach will hold its own to many beaches in the UK. A variety of coffee shops, gift shops, ice cream shops and other businesses have invested their money and time into making sure that any visitor is welcomed to the resort of Barry Island, all the year around.

Since retiring in [REDACTED] I have walked my dog down Barry Island and the surrounding areas about 6/7 times a week. I park in the designated free 2hr parking bays in Paget Road and after a walk I will purchase a coffee and refreshment at the various coffee shops on The Island. I would estimate that I am no longer than 1 1/2hrs. By introducing YEAR around parking fees it would not only stop myself from visiting the Island, but many other persons, who simply cannot afford year around parking fees.

I am not opposed to introducing fees, but they have to be seen to be proportionate and fair across the Vale of Glamorgan. Visitors to the resort during the summer months I do not think would object to paying a fee for a 2hour parking, maybe a season ticket for Barry residents could be introduced for the summer months to coincide when Whitmore Bay beach closes to dogs for the summer. I remember my grandmother having such a ticket to park down Cold Knap during the summer months.

The bulk of people that visit Barry Island in the winter months are locals, walking their dogs. People gather at various times, sometimes daily to meet friends and socialise. I do not think The Committee fully understands how important these winter meetings are for people who would have otherwise been stuck indoors, not speaking to anyone. There are always people around to say hello and the day does not seem so lonely and bleak. With funding being reduced across the Vale for various services, these meetings are vitally important for the wellbeing of Vale residents, young and old.

Some of the businesses on Barry Island will not survive during the winter months, if customers have to pay to park and then pay to have coffee, people will not visit. The negative effect on social media will be huge, people will boycott the Island. During the summer months, visitors will be at the resort for a longer period as the weather is warmer, so paying an appropriate fee to park is affordable.

The proposed year around parking would greatly impact on numerous groups of people who visit to participate in Park Runs, the volunteers needed to staff the run events, the volunteer litter picking on the beach, not to mention the weekend functions run throughout July/August by The Vale which brings visitors

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flocking to Barry Island. There are also regular meetings throughout the year of dog walking, Tenovus Choir functions, Lifeguard meets, Ty Hafan New Year's Day swim, Barry Island 10k - which last year drew many families and friends to the Island to watch their family/friend complete the swim/run. Businesses on the island benefitted from the influx of visitors, again without reiterating the obvious, a fair and proportionate parking charge, would undoubtedly encourage families to stay at Barry Island and spend money at the resort.

I do hope you will re consider the proposed car parking policy as it will have a major impact the local residents, who support the Island all year round, traders, community groups and strive to find a suitable solution that works fairly across all the Vale of Glamorgan.



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To whom it may concern.

I am the proprietor of Bay 5 Coffee House, a small and independent very popular business trading on the Promenade at Barry Island.

Bay 5 has been operating for over 4 years, opening just after the regeneration of the Eastern shelter and building of the Beach Huts.

We have been successful, managing to sustain a business throughout the whole year, something that at times is particularly challenging.

Bay 5 employs 14 local people, year-round, that number increasing to 18-19 in the summer months. We have managed up until now to maintain good wages and staff numbers although there is no doubt that times are challenging for a small business.

As well as contributing to the local economy in this way Bay 5 tries to source its produce from local business. We believe that trading ethically in this way, contributing to our wider local economy cannot be overestimated.

The proposed parking charges are very likely to impact our business and other businesses on the Island negatively and also our suppliers (meaning they will have to increase their prices or add an extra delivery cost something we cannot afford).

Firstly, it is clear that custom will be affected by an increase in charges I believe people will either choose to stay for a shorter time or choose an alternative destination to visit, something we cannot afford either.

It is hard to imagine sustaining business throughout the winter months with a drop in customer numbers i.e. dog walkers.

Secondly it is already very difficult for staff to park on occasion. Staff need to be in work early in the morning and often leave very late at night. Some of the businesses under the Western shelter have spaces behind their shops, but this is not the case for us.

This means that if our staff could get a space, very unlikely if they start after 9am, that it would cost them £10 under the current proposals. This is clearly not an option that is workable as it stands. The maths is that for full time employee who works 5 days a week, they will have to pay £200 for parking to go to work each month. How would you feel if you have to pay this amount to go to work every month?

If the current proposals are passed it is likely that Bay 5 will struggle to maintain its business in an already very difficult trading environment. Simply we won't have the people to do the job.

We would ask that you consider a reduction on the proposed charging tariff, in particular that you build in a winter reduction.

We also ask that some provision be given to providing local workers with discounted parking or allocated spaces.

We understand the need to raise revenue but feel that the currently proposed measures will be counter productive in the long run and very damaging for the businesses and the tourism on the Island, something that other staff from the council have been working really hard to develop and increase.

We as a business ask that at this stage you listen to our concerns and make the appropriate amendments.

Regards

 Team Bay 5

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**Davies, Gareth J**

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**Subject:** FW: Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April 2019

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 April 2019 19:24  
**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Charles, Janice (Cllr) <jcharles@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>; The Mayor <TheMayor@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April 2019

Dear Sir / Madam etc.

I wish to **strongly object** to the proposed amendments concerning Car Parking Charges at Barry Island,

I have been a resident for over 66 years (Barry born , Barry bred ,Barry proud) and have never felt so restricted , appalled and insulted by a Council in all those years.

I frequently use the current car parking facilities at Barry Island on a regular basis for the following recreational activities :-

- Responsible dog walking
- Supporting family and friends taking part in the Saturday Park Run
- Taking grandchildren to the beach , rock pools , headlands - exploring and enjoying nature, and the environment.
- Taking grandchildren to entertainment centres such as Adventure Island , Fairground , small rides in Amusement Arcades etc.
- Meeting family and friends for drinks , snacks , meals etc. at the various popular and much valued cafes / outlets.
- Supporting many of the fun week-ends arranged and organised by the Council, and other recognised bodies (RNLI , Rotary Club , Craft Fayre for example)
- Volunteering - [REDACTED] , beach cleaning

If the proposed parking amendments are to be approved and implemented then I will be forced to enjoy the above elsewhere {and unrestricted} , to the detriment of all local businesses and events on Barry Island.

The public consultations lacked the publicity by the Council ( unlike the proposed dog restrictions PSPO ) , the timing of which was very unfortunate (possibly deliberate) as many interested people were on holiday , like myself.

I would welcome your earliest review and realistic re-assessment of the proposed Car Parking Charges.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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COWBRIDGE (Ancient Borough)  
with LLANBLETHIAN  
TOWN COUNCIL



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Town Clerk

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FAO the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee  
Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Civic Offices  
Holton Road  
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please see below Cowbridge Town Council's response to the proposed Parking Strategy . We request that the response is read in full and consideration is given to all items mentioned.

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council would like to summarise and add to the detailed response as follows:-

*(for the purposes of this response CTC refers to Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council)*

- CTC agrees strongly with the statement made in the Conclusion of Vale of Glamorgan Parking Strategy that states car park management has a big role to play in the fortunes of Town Centres and Visitor Attractions across the Vale of Glamorgan.
- CTC agrees strongly that any car parking management should not reduce visitors or have any detrimental effect on local economy, as mentioned in the Vale of Glamorgan Council Cabinet meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.
- CTC recognises car parking is a serious problem in Cowbridge and good car parking management through well thought out parking polices, and effective enforcement is required.
- CTC Do not agree that the proposed measures as mentioned in the Vale of Glamorgan Parking Strategy are an appropriate way of addressing the problem of car parking in Cowbridge. **A tailored approach is required to each individual town and more specifically in relation to Cowbridge which has a uniqueness of its own "an historic market town with a traditional high street full of independent shops"** this is clearly recognised in the Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2011 - 2026: Written Statement, Page 34.

*Need to: - "Preserve and enhance the historic built environment given its significant contribution to the character and vitality of the town's commercial core and its role as a tourism and leisure destination"*

- As car park management has such a big role to play in the future of Cowbridge, CTC propose that the measures suggested for the Cowbridge car parks be put on hold and that a broader, more detailed study be carried out specifically for the needs of Cowbridge.

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- CTC is strongly opposed to the introduction of on street parking charges in Cowbridge since they will have serious negative impacts for the town.
- CTC request, if car charges were to be introduced in Cowbridge and additional income is secured, confirmation is given on how that income would be reinvested, and more specifically how Cowbridge would benefit from the income.
- CTC request that the Vale of Glamorgan Council provide a point by point response to this letter and the attached supporting document
- CTC request that they be actively involved in any further discussions/strategies on car parking in Cowbridge and would like confirmation of this from the Vale of Glamorgan

Yours faithfully

[Redacted]

*Town Clerk on behalf of  
Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council*

*Cc: Cllrs G Cox, H Jarvie, A Parker  
Andrew R T Davies AM/ATC  
A Cairns MP*

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Davies, Gareth J

**Subject:** FW: Formal Objection Letter for the Proposed Parking Charges on Barry Island

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 April 2019 16:28  
**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Thomas, John W (Cllr) <JWThomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>; Burnett, Lis (Cllr) (Home) <[REDACTED]> Bailey, Vincent J (Cllr) <vijbailey@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>; Hodges, Nic P (Cllr) <NPHodges@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Formal Objection Letter for the Proposed Parking Charges on Barry Island

Apologies all. I missed Marcos cafe and Cadwaladers from the list.. Both these businesses have signed the official letter.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

On Tue, 2 Apr 2019 at 12:46, [REDACTED]:

Dear all

Please see attached the formal letter from the newly formed Barry Island traders association in regards to the new parking proposal for Barry island. It has been signed by nearly every business on Barry Island, 38 to be precise.

We believe the proposed plan will almost certainly lead to job losses and shows how Barry Island is being treated differently to other parts of the vale, giving traders a massive disadvantage.

We do not oppose parking charges on Barry Island. However, we believe the current proposal will almost certainly lead to less locals visiting, less money spent on Barry Island, less money spent within the local economy, job losses and possible business closures.

Both the council and traders have worked extremely hard over the past few years to help rebuild Barry Island and enhance its reputation. We stay open late to encourage people to come down after work/school. We stay open during the winter to encourage people to come down out of season. The current proposal, will hurt all of this. This plan will almost certainly push back the hard work which has been undertaken by all.

We ask for the plan to be re-considered, or at a minimum changed to include the amendments made as suggested in the formal letter.

We only ask for a solution that benefits all involved.(The Council, Traders, Local Residents and Visitors). We would welcome working with you to find this suitable solution.

Please see the attached letter which has been signed by the following businesses on Barry Island: Boofys, The Beach Hut, Romys Café, Whitmore & Jackson, Seadog Tavern, Bay 5, Black Tab, Rock Shop, Finnigans Inn, Quasar, Coastal Coffee, Royal Café, Hyper Value, Promenade Bar, Seafood café, Island Leisure, The Beach Shop, Piccolo Bar, Zio's, Bar Enzo, Sofia's, souvenirs, Coffee Cove, Adventure Island. O'Sheas, Dimes, Carousel, Caesars Palace, RNLI Visitors Centre, Barry Island Gym, Barry Island Boxing, Stardust Arcade, Fun Harbour, K9 +1 Café, Rock Island Diner, Barry Island Pleasure Park, Treasure Island Arcade.

Please include this for the scrutiny committee as well.

Kind regards  
Barry Island Traders Association

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Name	Business
NEIL CLEMO	BOOBY'S FISHCHIPS
LEWIS BRASS	THE BEACH HUT
ALI	ROMA'S CAFE
DAVID LAYTON	Whitmore + Jackson
C BRANN THORNTON	SEAFOOD RESTAURANT
JANE NEWTON	BAY 5
ROLAND BRANA	BLACK TAB
MAURO ZERASCHI	ROCK SHOP
DAVID JAMES	FINNEGAN'S INN
MARK VOCKINS	BARRY ISLAND QUASAR
Hannah Townsend	COASTAL COFFEE
COSTAS RAFTI	ROYAL CAFE
DANIELLE ROGERS	HUPER VALLE
MICHAEL ZERASCHI	FRONTIER BAR
BO JONES	SEAFOOD BAR
MARCO ZERASCHI	MARCO'S CAFE
ISLAND LEISURE	← HUNNY ANIMATED
MARC MCKILL	BEACH SHOP
NATHAN TUCKER	PICCOLO BAR
MARIANA ZERASCHI	ZIO'S CATERING
GIAMMARCO ZERASCHI	BAR ENZO
RACHEL ZERASCHI	Sofia's Sausages
Alex Davies	Coffee Cove
DANIELLE HURLEY	ADVENTURE ISLAND
Alice Harding	O'SHEA'S fish + chip
JENNY WOODS	COCONUTS
WINDWARD	Vines
PAUL ROSE	Cabon + Cavanaugh
S. GUY SILLETT	BARON GYMNASIUM
JANE SIMMONS	Baron Island Boxing
MICHAEL VAN HAN	ENI CAFE
FRANK AYRES	STARBUCKS AREA
JONATHAN SHANE	WIN HARKNESS
A. KANE	K9 + 1 CAFE
TARA ANTON	Rock Island Diner
LEONARD DANTON	Baron Island Pharmacy
CHRISTINE COLLINS	Baron Island Grocery



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Barry Island Traders Association

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**Letter Objecting the Proposed Parking Charges on Barry Island**

To Whom it may concern

All of us at Barry Island Traders association are deeply concerned about the proposed parking charges plan for Barry Island. We do not understand how the proposed plan will benefit traders all year round. There are approximately 38 + businesses on Barry Island, who between us employ more than 130 people, not including extra seasonal staff and spend a significant amount within the local economy all year round.

We do not feel a wider assessment has been undertaken of the economical impact of such proposals and feel we are not being fairly treated to other parts of the vale. This includes:

- No traders have been formally consulted, so how can a parking plan for Barry Island be created by the council or an external company, if they don't know the seasonal ins and outs, how many businesses trade, trading times, number of jobs at risks and variables such as weather, locals, community groups and visitors, which all matter greatly.
- Without knowing all of the above information, can the council be sure that the proposed plan will not lead to job losses, and less money spent within the local economy.
- Most other places have 2 hours free parking in Barry
- The knap has a winter reduction. It will be free to park, so a lot of our local winter trade will go to the knap.
- Other tourist areas such as Penarth, who have the same on street parking charges as Barry Island are having a winter discount.
- Also, in the first draft report, there was a statement which said Barry Island would have a winter discount. This has been taken out of the final proposed plans without reason.

With the current proposals, we feel winters will be a struggle and it will have a major impact on the businesses and in turn, lead to job losses. Also, the current proposals do not help locals who want to visit on a daily basis after work/school and a lot of our trade comes from local residents.

We ask for the plan to be reconsidered, but at a minimum we request the following amendments:

- 2 hours free parking on street all day
- Free to park on street all day, during the winter period. (October to end of February)
- 2 free permits for the main car parks per trader

We also ask for the maximum on street parking charge and structure to be reviewed.

We understand the council needs to generate extra revenue, and feel with the mentioned additions, traders, locals, visitors and the council can benefit greatly.

We feel our requests to be very reasonable and we look forward to hearing from you.

Signed – ██████████ – C/O Barry Island Traders Association

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**For the consideration of Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee**

**01/04/19**

**Proposed Car parking Charges Barry Island**

Please accept this statement on behalf of Whitmore Bay Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC) who were established in 2003 and is based at Whitmore Bay beach sharing a building at the end of the western prom with St Johns. We currently have 116 members of which 61 are nippers aged 7-11.

With regard to the Proposed Parking Management Policy 2019/20 report due to be considered by scrutiny Committee on the 4 and 11th of April 2019. We ask that Councillors consider the following points in reaching their decision.

Firstly, I can see no comments in the report regarding the numerous objections which were raised with regards to lifeguards who man the beach or the issue of parents and helpers who attend/run a number of lifeguard clubs including ours who train at Whitmore Bay. For this reason, I do not consider the report has taken full account of the responses received to the consultation, therefore not allowing Councillors to fully consider the matter.

I'm a coach at WBSLSC and have three children in the Club and during the summer will be parking at the beach between 3-5 time a week for 2 hours which will cost me up to £10 a week, or I have the choice to pay £300 for unlimited parking for the year. Due to the need to bring wetsuits towels and other larger equipment to the beach, I often have no other option but to drive. In terms of parents who bring their children to the sessions they are also required to stay for the whole time their children are training due to the dangers associated with the taking part in activities on the beach and in the water, this means they must stay parked for over an hour.

This will affect not only WBSLSC but also Llantwit and Rhoose surf life saving clubs as they both use Whitmore beach to train on.

I am sure these charges will potentially put people off bringing their children to the session at the clubs which will be a real shame for the children who are learning valuable life skills as well as keeping fit and being part of a lifeguard club. Many of our members have gone on to become lifeguards working on the local beaches or leisure centre swimming pool.

Although the best scenario for the club would be for the parking to stay as it currently is, however, I would offer the following suggestion, which is that the Council look into the option of a scheme by which parents and coaches of the lifeguard club are able to register for a free pass to use on the times the clubs train at the beach, or the club be provided with a number of passes which they can use on a training night on a first come basis.

Yours

WBSLSC

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**Davies, Gareth J**

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**Subject:** FW: Regarding car parking charges proposals for Barry island

-----Original Message-----

From [REDACTED]  
Sent: 02 April 2019 15:31  
To: Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
Subject: Regarding car parking charges proposals for Barry island

To whom it may concern,

I would like to completely disagree with the proposals regarding parking charges at Barry Island. Most residents of Barry support the island throughout the year by stopping by and visiting at times when tourists do not come, for example, during winter months, throughout the weekdays and early morning summer and after school. We do so because it's generally too busy at peak times and we can enjoy supporting the local businesses when they need us. Dog walkers, OAPs and people with carers use the island as a destination for an hour or two "out" and will usually stop for coffee and maybe a spot of lunch. If the charges go ahead, you will vastly reduce the number of off peak visitors. This will detrimentally affect all businesses on the Island hugely. Why not have a "Resident of Barry" badge that we could display on our cars? For free or a small fee, we could continue to support local business and enjoy our lovely seaside. The proposed charges are massively inflated compared to other seaside towns in Wales. Look at North beach at Tenby as an example. Outside visitors will think nothing of paying £5 for all day in the summer but £10 is ridiculous! It's greedy and completely without merit. Please reconsider these charges. Barry Island is very slowly but surely becoming more popular again but these charges will completely finish it off. With all the new houses being built by Asda, the number of visitors off peak can only get better but not with these charges. Please think of loss to the local economy, business rates and income tax of the businesses on and around the Island. I hope you will reconsider these charges as I look forward to just "popping over the Island for an hour" for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Resident of Barry

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**Davies, Gareth J**

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**Subject:** FW: Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 April 2019 16:18  
**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Comments regarding Car Park Charging proposals on Barry Island for Scrutiny Committee on 4th April

Please include this statement in the bundle for the scrutiny committee to be read at the scrutiny meeting in regards to the proposed parking charges to Barry Island.

I write this statement on behalf of Island Marine FC. We are a local football team that has played on Maslin Park, Barry Island for 25 years. Over the last 10 years we have grown to include all age groups from 6 years to seniors with over 270 members registered at the club. Maslin Park is the Hub for training from April - October and for match days from August - May.

We feel that introducing parking fees on the Island would have a knock on effect to the club in the following ways:

1. With some of the younger age groups parents will drop players off at training and spend an hour or more at the Island with siblings while training is taking place at Maslin. We feel that if parking fees were introduced this may effect this practice and attendance at training may be affected due to parents not be able to park near the ground or put off by the new charges at the Island.
2. This would also have a knock on effect for the trade at the Island as these parents, along with siblings would also spend money during the time spent at the Island and this would be lost.
3. Teams may decide not to train at Maslin put off by the situation where they won't be able to park near the ground and by the fees on the Island.

As a community club the above are things we want to avoid, with Maslin being the home ground of the Island Marine this is where we want teams to play. We also want all our players to train and therefore promote a healthy lifestyle and this could be affected should these fees be brought in at Barry Island.

I hope you will re-consider this policy as it will have a major negative impact to locals, traders, community groups, and find a suitable solution that works for all involved.

Yours in Sport

[REDACTED]  
(Island Marine FC)

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Davies, Gareth J

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**Subject:** FW: Pspo dog control & barry island parking - scrutiny meeting this week

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 April 2019 18:06  
**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Pspo dog control & barry island parking - scrutiny meeting this week

Dear Sir / Madam,  
I am unable to attend the scrutiny meeting this week as i am working. I would like the following points to be noted.

**Barry Island Car Parking Charges**  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-47719707>

I am particularly annoyed about the last paragraph in the article with the response from the council. Apparently we can cycle, train or bus over to the island? There are just so many responses to this:  
Buses and trains cost money too?  
With Dogs? Multiple dogs??  
Not everyone owns a bike or is up to riding one. Again discriminating against people who can't afford a bike or are not fit enough to ride a bike?  
Cycling from miles away? Really?  
I think a more sensible approach would be to allow parking for free up to 2 hours with a gradual increment in cost. In winter parking should remain free to encourage people to visit and keep the traders going.  
I am also not happy with having to pay to park at cosmeston and porthkerry. I feel i pay enough in council tax already and i will not visit either site if i have to pay.

[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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**Davies, Gareth J**

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**Subject:** FW: Barry Island Parking Charges

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 April 2019 21:37  
**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Barry Island Parking Charges

Let me start off first by giving a nod to the irony of your email address.

Now to the subject matter - Barry Island Parking Charges

As a lifelong resident of Barry, I have seen the rise and fall of Barry Island over the years. The hay days of Butlins and the Majestics, and the gaping hole when they declined and were left to ruin. Still people returned year on year to the place that gave them so many good times and memories. Mainly though, for the working class people of the local area, Cardiff, the Valleys and further afield to the visitors from the Midlands, Barry Island has always been an affordable piece of fun and escape from everyday life.

With great effort, the Vale of Glamorgan council has turned the Island back into a super thriving tourist destination that serves, once again, the local community and further afield. Each year more and more people are coming to our lush beach, kept pristine and clean by the Islands refuse team, to enjoy the very deserved reputation it has today. It has been a long time coming and we should grasp this popularity and hold onto it as long as possible.

As the Summer season ends and the crowds drift away into the cold of Winter, the Island becomes busy once again with the lifting of the dog ban and the return of the dog walkers on the beach, in their big numbers daily, to keep the Island a busy hub once again until the return of the Sun and warm weather. It is these dog walkers that keep the locally owned shops open throughout the year, allowing them longevity in their businesses.

The parking charges is such an ill conceived idea that one can only think that the Vale Council is either shooting itself in the foot, or looking to gentrify Barry Island as a tourist destination for higher class of customer that would be able to afford regular visits to Barry Island.

From my personal perspective and the effect it would have on my life in and around Barry Island, I will start with my [REDACTED] weekly, hourly visit to the Muscle and Beach Fitness Gym. My monthly fees are a very valuable [REDACTED]. The gym caters to everything I need, and has done for the last 12 years, where I have been a regular. Parking has always been hit and miss depending on what time I go, but that has never stopped me, as to me there is no better place. However. By introducing even a £1 charge for me to park, all of a sudden my monthly fee goes up to roughly £43.50. Add in the hassle of parking, paying and getting my ticket, and then returning to my car to put the ticket in and I'm already looking elsewhere. I can assure you, and I have spoken with friends and others who use the gym, that we all feel the same. The great value that [REDACTED] provides at his gym, would be completely useless if even a £1 charge for over an hour were to be put in to place. The people who are really going to be effected by these charges are the local population for whom Barry Island is a part of every day life. I am also a member of the Whitmore Bay Surf Lifesaving Club. I attend at least twice weekly, and always for over an hour at a time. Again, if I am going to have to pay a minimum of a pound every time I attend the club, I am going to have to rethink. In short, if these charges are to go ahead I will no longer use the gym, and cancel my membership to Whitmore Bay Surf Lifesaving Club. In between gym and attending the surf club, I spend time down Whitmore Bay with my family. As with many locals, it's our beach, our place to unwind, our place to make memories with our little ones, as our parents made with us when we were kids. Please don't penalise us.

As a council tax payer I really find it hard to understand how these charges are needed. There have been hundreds of houses built recently, yet council tax has still gone up. This looks like a pocket lining exercise.

The parking charges will hit the local businesses, the local users of Barry Island, the tourists, the clubs, the dogwalkers, the whole buzz of the place will be shot down with one move.

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'If it ain't broke, don't fix it' - Barry Island is not broke, and doesn't need fixing.

Please include this statement in the bundle for the scrutiny committee to be read at the scrutiny committee in regards to the proposed parking charges to Barry Island.

I hope you will re consider this policy as it will have a major impact to locals, traders, community groups, and find a suitable solution that works for all involved.

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

Barry Resident and Regular Barry Island User

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Davies, Gareth J

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**Subject:** FW: Comments regarding car parking Charging proposals in Cowbridge for Public Scrutiny 4th April

**Importance:** High

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 April 2019 21:50  
**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Comments regarding car parking Charging proposals in Cowbridge for Public Scrutiny 4th April  
**Importance:** High

Dear sir or madam

I am writing regarding my concerns regarding the car parking charges to the town centre of Cowbridge.

I have worked in Cowbridge for nearly 10 years, I live in Barry. As you will be aware, there is very poor public transport service links between Barry and Cowbridge and therefore driving is my only suitable method of commuting. Following your consultation for the car parking it would appear that this has not been taken into account and many of the people who work in Cowbridge are not residents.

I genuinely cannot afford to pay for the parking that you are proposing. Coming to work, I will be worse off financially and with a small family and in financially uncertain times this feels a little unsettling.

How do you plan to support people like myself in a situation that will be critical for my family? Do you plan to spend this money to improve public transport links between Barry and Cowbridge?

I am aware of many businesses who are concerned at this in Cowbridge and it is clear many are considering moving out of the town centres as this will affect them and their workers. This will hit the Vale economy with businesses moving away and less people visiting the towns.

It is also concerning that towns such as Tenby are only charging £3 for 24 hours when this will barely get you 2 hours within the Vale of Glamorgan.

I would very much like my points to be considered and raised to those who can provide me with suitable answers. Please also include this statement in the bundle for scrutiny committee to be read at the scrutiny meeting in regards to the proposed car parking charges to Cowbridge.

I would appreciate your response.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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Davies, Gareth J

**Subject:** FW: Comments on Parking proposals for consideration at Scrutiny Committees  
**Attachments:** letter VoGC parking strategy sept 2018 TW1.doc

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**Subject:** Comments on Parking proposals for consideration at Scrutiny Committees

Dear Mr Davies,

I have been given your name as the person to whom to send comments on the parking proposals for consideration at Scrutiny Committees.

I understand that the report on the Parking Consultation was on the agenda for the Vale of Glamorgan Council Cabinet meeting on 18th March and it was resolved:

T H A T the report be referred to Environment and Regeneration and Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committees for consideration.

I see that the next meetings of these committees are:

Environment and Regeneration - 4th April

Corporate Performance and Resources - 11th April

As I understand it the proposal for Cowbridge is now limited to:

"The Butts, Town Hall Square and Southgate Cowbridge.  
Charges proposed for Short Stay Car Parks Up to 2 hours FREE, Up to 3 hours £1.00, Up to 4 hours £2.00, up to 5 hours £5.00 and all day £6.00. Tariffs applicable 6 days per week from 8am to 6pm with blue badge holders free. Annual permits available for £160 for 6 months and £300 for 12 months, with a direct debit option."

My comments as a Cowbridge Town Councillor are as follows:

Pleased to see that on street charging has been abandoned for now at least.

Pleased to see that Residents' Permits will only be introduced if the residents wish it.

I am reasonably OK with the proposed charges for The Butts, Town Hall Square and Southgate although I am concerned about unexpected and unintended consequences which often flow from such changes. I would prefer a trial period. One of the main concerns about charges is that it will penalise those who come in to work in Cowbridge often on low wages. Presumably the annual permits are intended to address this concern but perversely they will also benefit those who park in Cowbridge to commute to Cardiff and elsewhere. At a Cowbridge Chamber of Trade meeting which I attended earlier today several local shopkeepers said that their employees will not pay £300 per year.

Parking is certainly a matter of serious local concern in Cowbridge and the situation will become worse when houses on the Darren Farm development are occupied in the near future. The introduction of charges will do nothing to solve the basic problem of insufficient space. Proposals have been made for park and ride schemes but these appear not to have been given consideration.

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In the report on the Consultation the comments by the Town Councils affected by the proposed changes do not appear to have been specifically addressed or referred to. They appear to have been given no more weight than comments by any member of the public.

The comments submitted by Cowbridge Town Council to the original consultation (see attached) included these 2 statements:

- CTC request that VGC provide a point by point response to the above comments.
- CTC request that they be actively involved in any further work on car parking in Cowbridge and ask for confirmation of this.

Both of these requests appear to have been ignored. Why?

It is stated that "Charges for certain Llantwit Major car parks are to be put on hold pending discussions with Llantwit Major Town Council.....". Why have there been no discussions with Cowbridge Town Council?

This is all very disappointing and in my view is contrary to the spirit of the Charter between the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Town and Community Councils.

For the avoidance of doubt I am submitting these comments as an individual Councillor and not on behalf of Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council as a whole. Having said that I do believe that a majority of the Council would agree with my comments.

Best regards

John Andrew  
Councillor  
Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council  
Tel: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please find attached a detailed response by Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council to The Vale of Glamorgan Draft Parking Strategy August 2018. We request that the response is read in full and consideration is given to all items mentioned.

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council would like to summarise and add to the detailed response as follows:-

*(for the purposes of this response CTC refers to Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council)*

- CTC agrees strongly with the statement made in the Conclusion of Vale of Glamorgan Parking Strategy that states car park management has a big role to play in the fortunes of Town Centres and Visitor Attractions across the Vale of Glamorgan.
- CTC agrees strongly that any car parking management should not reduce visitors or have any detrimental effect on local economy, as mentioned in the Vale of Glamorgan Council Cabinet meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.
- CTC recognises car parking is a serious problem in Cowbridge and good car parking management through well thought out parking polices, and effective enforcement is required.
- CTC Do not agree that the proposed measures as mentioned in the Vale of Glamorgan Parking Strategy are an appropriate way of addressing the problem of car parking in Cowbridge. **A tailored approach is required to each individual town and more specifically in relation to Cowbridge which has a uniqueness of its own “an historic market town with a traditional high street full of independent shops”** this is clearly recognised in the Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2011 - 2026: Written Statement, Page 34.

*Need to: - “Preserve and enhance the historic built environment given its significant contribution to the character and vitality of the town’s commercial core and its role as a tourism and leisure destination”*

- As car park management has such a big role to play in the future of Cowbridge, CTC propose that the measures suggested for the Cowbridge car parks be put on hold and that a broader, more detailed study be carried out specifically for the needs of Cowbridge.

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- CTC is strongly opposed to the introduction of on street parking charges in Cowbridge since they will have serious negative impacts for the town.
- CTC request, if car charges were to be introduced in Cowbridge and additional income is secured, confirmation is given on how that income would be reinvested, and more specifically how Cowbridge would benefit from the income.
- CTC request that the Vale of Glamorgan Council provide a point by point response to this letter and the attached supporting document
- CTC request that they be actively involved in any further discussions/strategies on ca parking in Cowbridge and would like confirmation of this from the Vale of Glamorgan

Yours faithfully

  
**Town Clerk**

**Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council**

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**Subject:** FW: Comments regarding car park charging proposals on Barry Island for the Scrutiny Committee on April 4th

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 03 April 2019 15:40

**To:** Democratic <Democratic@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Comments regarding car park charging proposals on Barry Island for the Scrutiny Committee on April 4th

To whom it may concern.

Please include this statement within the bundle of statements to be read at the scrutiny meeting on April 4th concerning the proposed parking charges on Barry Island.

I am a local resident, living on [REDACTED], within walking distance of Barry Island. As residents, we are always unable to park in our neighbourhood on Bonfire Night, the first sunny weekend of the year and most sunny bank holidays. This problem is caused by cars exiting the traffic jam to the island in search of alternative locations to park. We are around a ten minute walk from the beach, hence parking problems can occur. Parking charges on Barry Island would undoubtedly cause more vehicles to spill over into other areas of Barry, where parking is already a contentious issue (more cars than available spaces around the Parade). The inconvenience caused to those with various disabilities and small children would be enormous and grossly unfair given that we don't even live on the Island!!

I frequently visit Barry Island for lunch or coffee. Today, owing to rain and hail, my friend and I chose to drive. However, we would not have frequented the Island if we had to pay for our parking. Parking charges would naturally result in less custom for local Island businesses, especially in the Winter months. Those businesses need the regular custom of Barry residents to thrive in the Winter months and on rainy days in the Summer too! Our custom will be taken elsewhere if we have to pay to park.

As a family, we have been involved in a puppet club in a community centre on the Island. It is currently not running, however we hope to re-establish this club very soon. Unfortunately, we would not be able to volunteer for the benefit of young local residents if we were having to pay for our parking. We would need to drive as we have a lot of heavy equipment to transport. How many other Barry residents freely give their time to serve the local Island community, but would be forced to pay to park?

I hope that you will reconsider this policy as it will have a negative impact on locals, business owners and community groups and will seek to find a solution which satisfies all parties involved.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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