

State of the Area Debate 2007

Barry- 7th June 2007

Having correlated all the information obtained through phone calls, on-line submissions and postcards, the issues which residents would like to discuss at the Barry debate are:

| Topic | % Of people interested in discussing this issue |
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| Waste/Recycling | 21 |
| Road/ Traffic | 15 |
| Parks and Grounds | 14 |
| Leisure Facilities | 12 |
| School/ Education | 7 |
| Social Services | 8 |
| Crime and Community Safety | 24 |

The issues which respondents have indicated they would like more information about include:

Visible Issues

- Road maintenance policy/ spending
- How to encourage recycling (popular issue) and can we have one recycling collection system
- When will the Council start collecting garden waste
- Children's playground at Victoria Park
- Lane marking on approach to roundabout at Weycock Cross
- The Sully tip is inaccessible for the elderly/ disabled
- Porthkerry Park
- Lack of public toilets
- Litter in the town
- Footpaths
- When will the new ball/ play park open in Barry?
- Easier access to pavements for those using motorised wheelchairs/ scooters
- Re-planting of trees on kerbsides
- Alley gates- expansion to Gladstone Road Park End
- Bilingual street signs – road names

Transport/ Planning

- Parking in the town centre
- Increased traffic in Gladstone Road due to the works in Holton Road and general traffic calming issues (popular issue) Also increased traffic congestion in Colcot Road
- Shelter on Barry station platform- boarded up for months
- Plans for cycle routes

- Too many large vehicles using 5 mile lane
- When will 5 mile lane be widened to try and prevent accidents

Regulatory Services

- Dog fouling in Dock View Road and dog fouling in general (popular issue)

Economic Development/ Leisure

- The future of Barry island pleasure park (popular issue)
- Knap- state of the swimming pool and lake gardens, dirty state of leisure centre (popular issue)
- Why do the disabled have to pay to use the swimming pool area and over 60's get it for free?
- Sports facilities and the prices (popular issue)
- Cardiff Airport and the new defence academy- the requirement for additional roads
- Development of the Old Harbour
- Water front development in Barry and the town centre upgrade- particularly the Town Hall (popular issue)
- Upgrading of facilities in Llanover Hall
- Use of beaches for dog walking during summer months
- What is being done to promote tourism in Barry?

Social Services

- Services for older people and carers and levels of care for this group (popular issue)
- Sure Start closing

Community Safety

- Neighbourhood watch schemes/ community policing
- Need for safe areas for young people
- More police on the street (popular issue)
- Car crime- theft and damage

Housing

- Up grading of flats owned by Council and the general condition of Council housing (popular issue)
- Pockets of residents partaking in anti-social behaviour

Education

- Schools and funding for schools (popular issue)
- Education for those with disabilities (popular issue)
- Why do the school holidays have to be so long? (often leads to young people being involved with anti-social behaviour)

Council Tax/ Finance

- Council tax

- Access to accounts and details of financial planning- where are the rates increases going?

Youth Issues

- Facilities for young people in Rhose- eg a youth club (popular issue)

Involvement/ Council Issues

- Need to be open about when the Council meets to encourage the public to attend
- Homophobia
- Can not locate the disability equality scheme on the website
- The usefulness of continuing with Barry Town Council given the costs to rate payers
- Response times taken to reply to e-mails to the Council

No sign language interpreter is required

One person would like to contribute through the medium of Welsh.