

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

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

QUESTION FROM: MR. PAUL WAITE

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
TRANSPORT

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

As a Council that endorses the national principles of public engagement, does the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport truly believe that a period of 14 days (WelTAG Stage 1) is a sufficient timeframe of public engagement to was is an estimated to be a £60-100m project for M4 jct 34 to A48 which will impact an area so significantly for generations to come?

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QUESTION FROM: MS. HELEN PAYNE

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEARNING AND CULTURE

DELIVERY OF YOUTH WORK

What strategy do you have for the delivery of youth work in the Vale of Glamorgan and how are you going to ensure the quality of youth work delivered by inexperienced volunteers from September 2018?

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WORKFORCE DELIVERING YOUTH WORK

Do you recognise the importance of having a qualified and experienced workforce to deliver youth work? What will you do to ensure this happens?

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REORGANISATION OF YOUTH SERVICE

What will be the long term saving to the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding the reorganisation of youth service?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. B. BAILEY

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING

POSTS AND TITLES COVERING CONVEYANCING AND RELATED TASKS

Please can you confirm the number of posts and titles of these held by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, covering conveyancing and related tasks such as advising on ownership of land and any legal action such as enforcement necessary?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. S. PARRY

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

ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

At the recent drop-in sessions, council officers reported that the additional educational benefits of a new school in Rhoose (beyond those already available or able to be implemented in Llancarfan currently) were increased funding per pupil and faster Wi-Fi. Given that costs per pupil could be dramatically decreased via avenues such as federation (which have not been considered in the consultation document) does the council feel this is sound pedagogic justification for a new school at a cost of £4m of taxpayers money?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. J. BETTLEY

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

ALTERNATIVES TO CLOSING LLANCARFAN SCHOOL

Given that there is a projected surplus of only 90 places, can the council explain why retaining Llancarfan with smaller pupil numbers and building a smaller school with the 21st century funding has not been considered as an alternative to closing a rural school with good educational standards and building a 210-place school more than 5 miles away to meet the needs of a different community?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. F. VALENCIA

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

COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Can the council explain why no businesses in the village of Llancarfan (e.g. tennis club, pub, after school club) were contacted directly in order to establish the community impact assessment and why the pub has only been granted a meeting one week prior to the consultation deadline?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. J. BARRATT

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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SURVEY BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE TO SAVE LLANCARFAN SCHOOL

A survey by the Action Committee to save Llancafarn school has shown that the smallness of the current school and the rural location are the two main reasons for parents choosing the school, and that only 12% of parents would definitely choose to move their children to the new school in Rhoose. Can the council please outline the empirical evidence to support the claims made in the consultation that parents will transfer their children to the new school?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. I. FELL

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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REMOVAL OF REFERENCE 'SMALL RURAL SCHOOL' IN CONSULTATION

Could the council please explain why reference to Llancarfan as a small rural school been removed from the second consultation? Is this in anticipation of the Cabinet Secretary for Education's policy to protect rural schools being published this summer? If the current School is not to be described as 'rural' please could you explain how this school should be described in terms of its geographical location?

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QUESTION FROM: MS. B. HEMMING

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A NEW SCHOOL

Andrew RT Davies stated “to me this is a closure” when describing the proposal for Llancarfan school at a public meeting in June. Can the council please explain why it continues to deny that Llancarfan Primary School is being closed, despite using the wording “the proposal to establish a new school” within the consultation document?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. A. FARQUHARSON

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN LLANCARFAN

At the Rhose drop-in sessions the council officers and attending cabinet member reported being unaware of any planning applications for affordable housing within Llancarfan. Given that such a proposal is currently in consultation (with land evidently available opposite the school site) this offers a number of possibilities for expansion, which have not been considered by the council within the consultation. Can the council please explain why this has not been considered as an option?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. M. VALENCIA

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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SECOND CONSULTATION FIGURES

Can the council please justify why figures in the second consultation for pupils living in catchment area at St Nicholas and Llanfair are radically different to those in the original consultation document (10% vs 21% for St Nicholas, and 16% vs 44% for Llanfair)? The second consultation document also omits reference to a change in St Athan Primary School's catchment and in the Community Impact Assessment. Given these errors in the consultation document, can you reassure the community that this document is accurate and reliable?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. S. ANGELL

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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ASSURANCES OVER DECISIONS

Can the Council Leader give assurances that no decision has already been taken about plans to close or “transfer” Llancafán school, and that the Cabinet’s hands are not already tied on the matter?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. I. HABERFIELD

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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NO THIRD CONSULTATION ASSURANCES

Can the Council Leader assure all those affected by plans to close Llancarfan Primary School that there will not be a third consultation if officers fail to get the answer they want at the second time of asking?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. M. EVANS

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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SALE OF LLANCARFAN PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

As the sale of the Llancarfan Primary School site is part of the financial plan for the new school, can the Council Leader say what value has been placed on the village school site?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. H. WILSON

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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SCHOOL MIGRATIONS AND SCHOOL TRANSFERS

Can the Council Leader explain what the difference is between 'school migration'
and a 'school transfer'?

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QUESTION FROM: MS. C. HUTCHESON TATE

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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COSTS OF SECOND CONSULTATION

How much is the second consultation for Llancafarn school costing?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. M. THOMAS

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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RECONFIGURATION OF PRIMARY PROVISION IN THE WESTERN VALE

My question relates to the proposals for reconfiguration of primary provision in the Western Vale. The 2nd consultation document summarises the options considered for future primary provision in Rhoose, for example, extending the existing school at Rhoose; building a new school at Rhoose and making no changes to Llancafán. In arriving at the shortlist of options, I assume that the Vale of Glamorgan Council undertook a full option appraisal exercise, to include affordability assessments and cost / benefits analysis, to aid transparency and informed decision making. With transparency in mind, please could you provide a copy of that full option appraisal. If a full option appraisal was not undertaken, please would you explain why? If it was undertaken, but you cannot provide a copy, please also explain why?

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QUESTION FROM: MISS. M. EVANS

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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CLOSURE OF LLANCARFAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Why do you want to close Llancafarn Primary School? My Grandfather, Great Aunts and Uncles, my Aunts, my Father, my older sister, my cousins and now me and my little sister go to the school. I will want my children to go to the school. We all enjoy school and learn a lot. Everyone who has left school has got a job and some went to University.

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QUESTION FROM: MR. J. BARRATT

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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REMOVAL OF QUESTIONS FROM SECOND CONSULTATION

Can you explain why words that were used by the council to describe Llancarfan school in the first consultation, like “good” and “success”, were removed for the second consultation?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. J. CHEEK

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
TRANSPORT

DOGS OFF LEADS PROPOSALS

Does the Cabinet Member feel that it is fair and right to prosecute members of the public regarding the dogs off lead policy before the consultation is even over. Many of these are old bylaws that the public are not aware of, they have never been enforced and are not sufficiently signposted. Will the Cabinet Member look and explore the problem regarding the dogs off lead proposal as it removes the ability to exercise your dog in many built up areas of Barry. There are people without gardens, the disabled, those without transport, who cannot travel great distances and it is cruel to not allow a dog to run, this will impact on the health and wellbeing of our pets. No responsible owner exercises their dog in children's play areas or on sports fields and always pick up the mess. The punishment of the many because of the behaviour of the few is unjust.

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. C. BEVAN

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGULATORY AND LEGAL SERVICES

PROPOSED PSCO

Referring specifically to Porthkerry Park in the Proposed PSCO, to whoever is leading this Consultation can you please advise where the conservation area is in Porthkerry Park? If referring to the Pond area will they be fenced off if dogs are not allowed? Finally, why do you think dogs should be on leads on the path to the sea, round the rangers cottage (in case we see they don't actually do anything) and the golf course?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. J. CHEEK

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING

COMBINED SEWERAGE OUTLETS IN BARRY

I previously asked a question regarding Combined Sewage outlets in Barry and I feel it needs to be further addressed. Can the Cabinet Member reveal if they as an authority have taken phosphate and nitrate test at the Docks in Barry and where are these results? You have given planning for a Water Sports facility yet 170 times in 2016 raw sewage was pumped into the dock. Welsh Water admitted they have no idea what happens at two thirds of their outlets. With over 200,000 in the country but only 9,000 monitored it is a real problem to our seas, streams rivers and dock. The new housing estates, the Incinerator with its over 90,000 litres a day, and the rise in sea levels are adding to an already strained system. Tony Juniper of WWFN is campaigning to make this illegal. It is the councils responsibility to demand to know why the results for discharge are so high in our town which according to Welsh Waters website seem to be higher in number than most towns in Wales.

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. K. PRITCHARD

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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FINING FOOTBALL CLUBS

Are you going to fine the football clubs who leave all their rubbish behind, drinks bottles, food containers, broken footballs all left on the fields for the tractor to crush them, you need to put more bins round the Butts Field, and I wrote to the Gem last year about the mess left behind , why should dog walkers be penalised .

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. H. MORGAN

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND LEISURE

PENALISING DOG OWNERS

Why do you feel it necessary to penalise dog owners who are responsible owners who pick up after their dogs by making dogs be kept on a lead. In St Athan there are two fields one used regularly for sport one not. Why can't you give us an area to run our dogs. Experts say dogs need free running exercise or at least 45m a day. There is nowhere else in the area as the public footpath through fields has been used to build Tathana Court.

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. C. DAVIES

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING

IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS

I am 84 years old and have a dog. My dog lives the park in St Athan. I am a responsible dog owner. Why do you feel it necessary to make me keep my dog on a lead in both the areas locally. I cannot take my dog anywhere else as I have no transport. There must be another solution to the problem of irresponsible dog owners. There is enough money in St Athan from Section 151 money to fence of the football pitches and leave the dog owners with space to let their dogs run free.

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QUESTION FROM: MISS. A. GREENFIELD

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING

SIGNS PREVENTING DOGS

Why are there signs preventing dogs from using the path from Redbrink Crescent to Jackson's Bay in line with the seasonal dog ban when Jackson's bay is a dog friendly beach a year round? Walking over the cliff path from Whitmore Bay isn't suitable for local residents who just want to take their dog for a quick walk.

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QUESTION FROM: MR. M. WALLIS

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEARNING AND CULTURE

GENDER RECOGNITION ACT

Seeing the government consultation on the Gender Recognition Act with its decision to retain the 18-years limit and noting they state there's a high chance of transgender ideas not persisting in young people as they mature, will the Council consider holding up the Transgender Inclusion Toolkit for schools for revision in accord with the up-dated policy and official information?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. A. GREAGSBY

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEARNING AND CULTURE

WELFARE OF OUR CHILDREN

I hope that the Cabinet member will agree with me that the welfare of all of our children in the Vale is important. Given that use by young school-children of breast-binders or illicit puberty-blocking drugs can cause them serious harm, will the Council include guidance to teachers to treat instances they detect as potential self-harming and refer them via safeguarding procedures, to be raised with parents or social services as appropriate.

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. C. COOK

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
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CAR PARKING CHARGES

Some local residents live close to shopping areas but have either 2 hour or unrestricted parking outside their property. What steps will the council be taking to ensure that these householders will be able to park in their own streets? I have already heard of shop workers say that they will be looking closely for such areas as they would be unable to afford to pay the proposed parking charge of £5 or £6 a day.

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QUESTION FROM: MR. M. HABBERFIELD

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

CHANGES TO LLANCARFAN SCHOOL

All the politicians in this meeting are grown ups, with children and grandchildren. The trouble that the politicians started with my school has made teachers and colleagues from my school leave. The children need to have clarity when it comes to what happens next in their school, where their school is and who their teachers are. How do you think your own families would have responded to the kind of change that you propose for the children from Llanccarfafan School?