

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

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

QUESTION FROM: MR. R. CURTIS

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

COMMITMENT TO END THE USE OF HERBICIDES AND PESTICES

Currently, pesticides and herbicides are sprayed in parks, playgrounds and other green spaces, road verges, pavements and around shopping centres, hospitals and schools. Almost all of the pesticides used are weedkillers designed to do nothing more than keep places looking “neat and tidy”. These chemicals are linked to an array of health problems including cancer, asthma and reproductive issues. Vulnerable groups such as children, pregnant mothers and the elderly are particularly at risk. Wildlife such as bees, birds and hedgehogs are increasingly seeking refuge in our towns and cities. However, the overuse of pesticides in urban areas is contaminating the natural resources that they depend upon. Our pets can also be susceptible to pesticide poisoning. But urban pesticide use is unnecessary. There are many viable and cost-effective non-chemical alternatives available and more than 60 towns and cities across the UK have already taken action to end or significantly reduce their pesticide use. We welcome the council's recent decision to declare a nature emergency and in response to that declaration, we call on the Vale of Glamorgan Council to commit to ending its use of herbicides and pesticides within the next three years?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. A. MILLER

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND REGENERATION

BARRY OLD HARBOUR

There have been many reports on social media of the Council citing "development " as a reason for removing the dumped boats in the old harbour. This in turn has created much speculation as to what development is planned for the old harbour. Could the Council clarify this?

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QUESTION FROM: MISS J. BRUNSKILL

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEGAL, REGULATORY AND PLANNING
SERVICES

BARRY INCINERATOR

The community of Barry have come together for many years to fight for the health of the town with the Aviva incinerator threatening to pollute our future generations. We have researched and pointed to the many mistakes made, to yourselves, Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales since 2008. Our unqualified community, have been found to be correct, especially with the lack of EIA. We now find ourselves looking at planning law with no experience but much research. I understand that Regulation 3 of the Town and Country planning regulations 2016 states that there is "Prohibition on granting planning permission or subsequent consent without consideration of environmental information." Without an Environmental Impact Assessment, the incinerator cannot get planning permission for the many additions and the land to the North, as well as the 2015 application. This leads further into the sincere cooperation of the European Laws of an Environmental Impact Assessment which Welsh Government should be looking at. An Environmental Statement is in no way the same as an Environmental Impact Assessment due to the incinerator being already built. This should have been done before building began with companies possibly needing to make changes for Best Available Technology and best for the Environment. This makes the incinerator completely illegal. As a community, we have already researched what is legally required and already know that the Environmental Statement will be completely lacking legality without it having consideration of the many changes and the environmental problems from the use of the land to the north as well as the incinerator being already built. Surely it would be more expedient for the council to put a stop to operations and give the company advise to completely remove the dismal contraption already built and restart the whole process again with the LEGAL Environmental Impact Assessment. The community have no wish for further air, noise and light pollution, alongside unnecessary greenhouse gases, whilst the legal process is being followed. Given that Aviva has already spent 200 million on their 3 incinerators, <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/.../legal-disputes-pose-threat...> with over £300 billion under their control, and the public paying the future subsidies, we have no reason to worry about their costs which will be peanuts to them but would make a huge difference to the health of the community. Why can't the Council push for a stop notice, temporary or otherwise, with Welsh Government, given that the Barry Community would be 100 percent behind our Council?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. S. THORNE

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

Is it too close to forthcoming elections to have a vote of no confidence in this current
VOG Administration?

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QUESTION FROM: MISS D. NICHOLLS

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
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PERMIT PARKING

When can permit parking be introduced in Glamorgan street? I have one car and continually get frustrated at not being able to park near my house.

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QUESTION FROM: MR. P. GIBBS

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

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

On Friday 30th July, 2021 the Vale Council declared a climate emergency which was agreed by the Full Council. You stated that “this would be put at the heart of all decision making” undertaken by the Council. In a recent report by a local reporter concerning a planning application in Bonvilston your Head of Regeneration and Planning is quoted as saying “The declaration of a climate emergency doesn’t prevent future development, if it did we would all be out of a job”. He also stated “it’s also important we don’t use the blasé term “climate emergency” to dismiss all development”. As a member of the Vale Community Unite Group can I firstly point out that Climate Emergency isn’t a blasé term and is a well recorded fact. We would like to ask does the Council really believe in protecting the community from future major climate problems, if so why is the planning department continually pushing to build on green spaces when brown field sites are available throughout the Vale and in doing so ignore residents objections giving priority to major developers?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. R. BREWER

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

MODEL FARM, RHOOSE

Why has a very small party, I think there was only 8 people have put planning permission forward regarding destroying model farm, Rhoose. They will be killing a working farm and the Greenland. But then on your twitter and Facebook pages you like to promote that you are protecting the environment. That can't be true as you want to destroy the environment all for money. I think L&G, yourselves are a disgrace to even let this go ahead. The impact it will have on traffic pollution, the roads to and from Rhoose can't cope with it at the moment. Even the road going into the village has more pot holes than Wookey Hole Caves. Please put a stop to this ASAP, there is more to life than money.

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. L. ROWE

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
TRANSPORT

BIRDCAGE WALK

When is Birdcage Walk going to be weeded and opened up again? There is just as much loose concrete on the section that is still in use. Also the trees have all been cut down so there is no overhanging foliage remaining. It's very dangerous for people to cross the road at the end of Harbour Road, Miskin Street at the junction with Park Avenue as they have to step into the road.

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QUESTION FROM: MISS. G. ADAMS

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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AIRPORT CITY

Why have you granted planning permission for an “airport city” amidst a climate change emergency? Why have you submitted a traffic assessment based on mitigation of people cycling, walking, using public transport and 20% of people working remotely? How popular is your cycle path on the Five Mile Lane realistically?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. L. HARFOOT

TO: CABINET MEMBER FOR LEGAL, REGULATORY AND PLANNING SERVICES

LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL USE

Why after receiving a national outcry over food shortages, are farms all over Wales being sold off, and yet again land being turned into industrial use? How can you have a policy of bio diversity and yet destroy more land unnecessarily? Has the public support for farmers and our needs been pushed aside for profiteering companies such as Legal and General? The issue isn't a political one, it's an ethical one. This Council should resign, the Welsh Government should not support or condone your bias towards bending and completely breaking promises to the people of the Vale.

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QUESTION FROM: MR. M. WARNER

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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DEFIBRILLATOR

Can we get defibrillator at all sports venues around the Vale please, this is a life-saving machine?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. C. OCKERBY

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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DS PROPERTIES LTD

How much money does DS Properties (Goods Shed) Ltd owe the VoG?

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MERTHYR STREET

(ON BEHALF OF BEAUTIFUL BARRY)

The Vale website advised us that Merthyr Street would be closed for 1 or 2 weeks. Could the Council please explain why this road is still closed over a month later as traffic is being diverted through a very heavily congested street?

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INCREASE OF LITTER

(ON BEHALF OF BEAUTIFUL BARRY)

Considering not only the increase of litter at parks and beaches but looking at the increase in street litter, will the Council be employing more street cleaners?

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EXTENSION OF ACCOMMODATION AT THE GOODSHEDS
(ON BEHALF OF BEAUTIFUL BARRY)

With the extension of accommodation at the Goodsheds being applied for could the Council explain the financial arrangement between the developer, the Council and Newydd Housing Association?

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SKATE PARK AT THE KNAP
(ON BEHALF OF BEAUTIFUL BARRY)

Could the public please be updated with the Council's position regarding the Skate
Park at the Knap, the required funding and time scale for completion?

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BUTRILLS ESTATE

(ON BEHALF OF BEAUTIFUL BARRY)

The Butrills Estate is classed as one of the most deprived areas of Barry. It has seen its play facilities diminish to the point that what has remained for the last ten years are a rusty tiny slide frame and two often out of use swings. Funding was provided for the park yet years on still no movement in its instalment. While a generation of children have grown up with no play facilities while waiting for it to be refurbished. Can you confirm its completion date?

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WHITE FARM VALLEY

(ON BEHALF OF BEAUTIFUL BARRY)

White Farm Valley has flourished into a Haven for Wildlife but the stream flowing down to the flood control system has been neglected since and prior to it becoming a public space. Can the Council work with Dwr Cymru and maybe invite Cardiff River Group to develop a plan to improve the stream area?

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OLD HARBOUR

(ON BEHALF OF BEAUTIFUL BARRY)

Now that the boats have been removed, what plans do the Council have for the Old Harbour?

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BULKY WASTE ITEMS COLLECTION
(ON BEHALF OF BEAUTIFUL BARRY)

Does the Council consider an 8 week wait on the paid collection of bulky waste items to be acceptable, and does this not increase flytipping? How can you improve this paid for service?

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SAFETY OF VISITORS

(ON BEHALF OF BEAUTIFUL BARRY)

What can the Council do to ensure the safety of visitors, following on from the vehicles being driven on the prom and onto the beach recently?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. G. SIMS-WILLIAMS

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEGAL, REGULATORY AND PLANNING
SERVICES

CLIMATE CRISIS

With respect, please explain how you declared a climate crisis and 100 acres of farmland/flower meadows are going to be concreted over in The Vale? Seriously, please explain, I do not understand the logic.

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QUESTION FROM: MS. A. MAIDMENT

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEGAL, REGULATORY AND PLANNING
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FARM LAND

Why are you going to destroy invaluable farm land and protect our wildlife pollution
more road distance what is wrong with you people?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. A. REEVES

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEGAL, REGULATORY AND PLANNING
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MODEL FARM

Why are you destroying Model Farm? It is full of wild life and we should be protecting our environment not concreting it in, plenty of other places to build on but please save some green space for our children, the rate you are allowing planning we will not have any left, just so sad. I'm beginning to lose all faith in Barry Council and I've lived here for 56 years.

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. A. WESTERLAND

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
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GRAFFITI IN BARRY

The graffiti on the many buildings in Barry, particularly in Holton Road, is a real eyesore. I understand from the last Council meeting that this was discussed and it was decided that the culprit was not liable / required to clean his work. I understand that the responsibility was put back on to the affected businesses to carry out the cleaning, and that the Council would offer advice. However, many of the affected premises are empty. Can the Council update us on any progress in supporting the affected businesses? And what is the situation regarding the empty premises? Finally, can the public receive an explanation as to why the culprit is not involved in helping the clean-up of the buildings he has desecrated?

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COUNCIL QUESTION DATES

(ON BEHALF OF BEAUTIFUL BARRY)

It is very confusing trying to work out what date questions for Full Council need to be in by. Please can you clarify this and give a definitive date and time on the website and social media, and publicise this meeting to encourage more residents to ask questions?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. J. HARTWELL

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
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AIRE TYPE PROVISION FOR MOTORHOMES

Will the Vale of Glamorgan seriously consider an Aire type provision for motorhomes on Barry Island? The top end of Nell's Point Car Park would be perfect. Many Councils throughout the UK are now reaping the benefits of such a provision as commonly seen throughout Europe. If managed well it provides steady income and brings tourists to the town. Barry Island would make an excellent destination and the suggested site would not interfere with anyone's view or enjoyment of their property. VOG please be forward thinking and consider this carefully. Please note this is not a campsite! Stays usually limited to 24/48/72 hours and provisions vary but the best have at least water supply, chemical waste and grey water disposal and EHU a big draw. Usually managed by CCTV and automatic pay machines and barriers or personnel. Let's move with the times in Barry and the Vale!