

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

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

QUESTION FROM: MR. J. GILES

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, SPORT AND WELLBEING

COLCOT SPORTS CENTRE

Whilst I accept the need to provide suitable social housing, there is equally the need for recreational facilities within established communities to be maintained and protected. The Colcot Sport Centre has been neglected by this Council for decades, what was once the central hub for the children of the Colcot and surrounding areas, has been allowed to slowly decay to its current state. Despite the lack of care, the building itself is still sound, the parking, drainage, sewage and power supply infrastructure are all in place. The main all weather pitch is in place albeit requiring modernisation and the Five G pitches are still relatively new. Inside the main sport centre there are 14 changing rooms from memory, both male and female shower and toilet facilities, an existing boxing club and gym and a badminton hall which with the introduction of a mezzanine floor could create a two-floor community centre. Additionally, the facility has a well-established road infrastructure with easy access off Colcot Road, investment in this existing site would not only be considerably cheaper, but it would also create far less disruption and not cause the issues to the Buttrills Estate that an additional 200 plus car diving in and out of what are effectively small estate roads would. Also, this project would be preferable to the people this Council serve prefer and would receive little or no objections. My question is: There has been not published information circulated to the communities of Barry regarding this, not so much as a leaflet drop or a published article in the local paper. Why has this Council decided to engaged with a scheme of this nature without first consulting or canvassing the views of the people they represent?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. S. EVANS

TO: THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABLE
PLACES

KNAP LIFEGUARD BUILDING AT WATCHTOWER BAY

The Local Authority and PSB have exciting plans for the future of people in the Vale that involve community engagement, environmental sustainability, development of education and heritage projects. I represent a local community campaign group that has a bold vision for a building in Barry and believe that Council Members will be keen to learn more and consider how to bring this to life. Our question relates to the Knap LifeGuard Building – What plans do the Council have for the Knap LifeGuards Building at WatchTower Bay in the west of Barry, bearing in mind it has been deteriorating for some years? As it is not likely to be a priority development, would the Council Members be prepared to work with our community campaign project group to move the project forward in partnership or consider a community asset transfer? Our community campaign group have spent the last 18 months sharing our vision for the building with senior Executives in the Council, including Lis Burnett and whilst we recognise the Council have many priorities, we are an active, passionate community group keen to see the building protected and developed for a Coastal and Environmental Exploration Centre that would be accessible for all generations but support pupil learning through the week and a variety of activities the remainder of the year. We have strong plans that align completely with the Vale Delivery Plan and PSB Wellbeing Plan and believe Councillors will be excited to be associated with these forward thinking plans.

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. C. COOK

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION ON SURVEYS

In trying to help by completing a survey, I've come across the following questions –
What is your sex? Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at
birth? If no, how would you describe your gender? What is your ethnic group?
What is your religion? Which of the following options best describes how you think
of yourself? (This refers to sexuality.) Do you have any physical or mental health
conditions or illnesses that are expected to last more than 12 months? If yes, are
you...? Could the Leader please explain how these highly personal questions are
relevant in a Draft Tree Strategy?