

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

AQUA PARK AT COSMESTON COUNTRY PARK

Does the Leader believe that placing a noisy and brightly coloured Aqua Park at Cosmeston Country Park, which is a designated Local Nature Reserve, conducive with the Vale of Glamorgan Council's own declaration of a 'Nature Emergency'?

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. J. DOBLE

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

COSMESTON COUNTRY PARK

I am a regular visitor to Cosmeston Country Park (not Aqua Park), I walk my dog both morning and evening during the past year there are regularly lots of people fishing in all areas around both ponds, some blatantly in broad day light. BBQs are then lit to cook the fish. What measures are being taken to stop this? There are no fishing, BBQs or swimming signs around the lake yet all 3 activities are taking place regularly. Nothing is sacred any more, this place of calm and beauty is slowly being destroyed.

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QUESTION FROM: MR. J. BALL

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
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IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON PARKING CHARGES IN THE VALE

There is clear opposition from local businesses and residents to many of the parking charges introduced in the Vale and the nature of them, with many reasonable counter points around timings, costs, local residency etc. Many people have indicated that the current charging structure will prevent them from using local businesses, a particular challenge in the off season. The Council gains revenue streams from both parking charges and local business rates. Has the Council produced a thorough impact study on the implementation of the current parking proposals, which models the likely combined revenue impacts, including likelihood scenarios for which businesses fail and units are unoccupied, leading to a false economy? If so, what are the findings? If not, why not and would it be prudent to do so before levelling charges?

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QUESTION FROM: DR. S. EVANS

TO: THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABLE
PLACES

KNAP LIFEGUARD BUILDING

For over three years, I have been in dialogue with the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding the future of the Knap Lifeguard building. In September 2022, I spoke directly with the Leader of the Council, Lis Burnett, and since then I have maintained contact with officials about this important community asset. I attended Full Council in April 2024, when the Deputy Council Leader responded to my public question by inviting The Reef charity to submit an Expression of Interest for a Community Asset Transfer. We did so in good faith, only to have the application rejected in October 2024 on the grounds that the transfer was “premature” and that the Council itself needed time to consider both the building and the surrounding area. We were told there was no appeals process. Since then, consultants Mott MacDonald have been appointed to develop the Barry Placemaking Plan. At the public consultation, we were surprised to see the Knap Lifeguard building featured in the draft Plan, illustrated with an image taken directly from our own charity’s website, alongside text suggesting the building could be brought back into use for coastal recreation? exactly what we had proposed. Meanwhile, the building itself continues to deteriorate. The Reef charity is already established and stands ready to secure external funding to restore the building and create a Coastal Exploration Centre for the community. With the Council facing a significant budget deficit, it is difficult to see how this work will be achieved without community partnership.

Question – Given that the Council has already acknowledged in its own Draft Placemaking Plan the value of returning the Knap Lifeguard building to community use, what precise reason prevents the Vale of Glamorgan Council, here and now, from declaring the Knap Lifeguard building surplus to requirements and inviting a new Expression of Interest for a Community Asset Transfer, so that a willing and resourced community body can progress restoration without further unnecessary delay? And what is the justification for delaying a Community Asset Transfer and allowing the building to deteriorate further?

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QUESTION FROM: MR. R. JOHN

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

VALE FREE WIFI IMPROVEMENT

Can the Vale Free WiFi please be improved at its current locations. I run several Digital Champion and Buddies sessions over several sites across the Vale. Each site struggles with connectivity. I have been a Digital volunteer since 2011 and there has been no significant improvement since I started. Digital Poverty is all over the Vale and it needs improving.

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QUESTION FROM: MR. M. WALLIS

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**COSMESTON PARK – DESIGNATED LOCAL NATURE RESERVE
ASSESSMENT**

In view of the Council's responsibility for Cosmeston Park's legally designated Local Nature Reserve, will the Council release their latest assessment of its progress as an LNR since the 2013 designation and, in default of a formal assessment, issue material on new species established in the LNR, with any losses if known? Would the Council record and publicise Cosmeston Park as a site for positive measures towards nature recovery goals in the Vale?