

REQUEST FOR "CALL-IN"

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Name: KEVIN MAHONEY

Signature: 

I request the "calling-in" of the following matter:

Subject: REVIEW OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN

Date of Cabinet: 11/8/2014 Cabinet Minute No: AGENDA ITEM NO 6

Cabinet Resolution No.: 2
(To be completed where the above Minute contains multiple recommendations)

Referral to which Scrutiny Committee(s): LIFELONG LEARNING

Reason(s) for request: AS OUTLINED ON ATTACHED SHEET FOR CLARITY

Date received: 18.8.14 Managing Director's Signature: 

Scrutiny Chairman authorisation: Approved Refused:

Reason(s) for refusal:
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Scrutiny Chairman's signature:

FORM TO BE RETURNED TO THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
(e-mail: SDavies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

My request for calling in the decision of the Vale of Glamorgan cabinet to implement the recommendations of the recent 'Review of library and information services in the Vale of Glamorgan' is as follows.

The lack of certainty of a successful conclusion to the withdrawing of the present professional librarian at Sully library to be replaced by the councils estimated 50 volunteers required from the local community to run the library.

Despite the relatively high rates and amount of council tax paid by residents of Sully there are in fact virtually no Vale of Glamorgan Council provided facilities in the village. To the best of my knowledge whilst other areas throughout the Vale benefit from extensive facilities including water parks, libraries and Vale of Glamorgan funded sports facilities such as sports centres and playing fields Sully funds its own through the Community council charge precept paid in addition to Vale council tax.

I stand to be corrected but the sum total of Vale of Glamorgan provided facilities in Sully amount to a small playground containing 4 items and a handful of park benches.

Sully Community library opens for just 10 hours a week providing book lending and computer services for our entire community including those seeking employment through jobcentre jobsites as increasingly directed to by Jobcentre staff due to the totally inadequate computer facilities in these dilapidated unequipped centres.

I think it most unreasonable to cut off a community from virtually it's only Vale of Glamorgan provided facility when taking into consideration the complete and utter lack of other Vale of Glamorgan funded facilities in the village if the volunteer based library project fails.

As stated Sully village library opens for just 10 hours a week surely in the general scale of things this community deserves 10 hours a week of a professionally delivered educational service not at risk of closure because it is dependent on the availability of a volunteer workforce as yet unrecruited?



KEVIN MA HANKY

18/8/2014