

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – OCTOBER 2016

RESURFACING – BRITWAY ROAD, DINAS POWYS

We are pleased to report that Britway Road has been resurfaced. This has been in a poor state for a considerable time and it is good that our requests to the Highways Department have finally borne fruit.

LEISURE CENTRE UPGRADE

The Vale of Glamorgan Council will invest nearly £2 million to upgrade leisure centre facilities, if plans are approved. Proposals suggest spending close to that sum to improve both Penarth and Barry Leisure Centres.

The swimming pool changing rooms at both locations will be completely refurbished, with the sports changing areas at Penarth Leisure Centre in line for similar treatment. Work on the changing rooms involves re-tiling as well as the installation of new showers, toilets and lockers. Unisex changing cubicles will be installed in the swimming pool changing areas, though there will still be some male and female segregation.

The cubicles could also be used exclusively by one sex for activities like the popular women-only sessions in Barry. At Barry Leisure Centre, the sports changing facilities opened in 1998 and were refurbished four years ago so do not need upgrading. However the sports hall floor is worn in places so a new surface will be laid.

The estimated cost of improving the swimming pool changing rooms is £640,000 at Barry and £726,000 in Penarth. Refurbishing Penarth's sports changing area is expected to cost around £296,000 and the sports hall floor at Barry £200,000. With £50,000 set aside as a contingency sum, the Council could commit a total of £1,912,000 to the project.

COSMESTON LAKES COUNTRY PARK

Due to Tesco's 'Bags of Help' initiative, the Vale of Glamorgan's Cosmeston Lakes Country Park has now received its brand new 'Audio Nature Trail' units, which will provide visitors of the park with detailed audio descriptions as they walk through the nature reserve.



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