

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2015

PLANNING

Members might be interested to learn that this month all major housing sites have been approved by the Planning Committee. Over 220 houses were approved including 50+ at Sully Road adjacent St Joseph's School.

RECYCLING ADVICE

Recycling figures for August are showing unusually high levels of contamination in the mixed kerbside recycling collected in the Vale, with food waste and textiles the main culprits. Also featuring in the latest report were unemptied or unrinsed plastic bottles, nappies, and garden waste. Food containers not being cleaned, or discarded food being wrongly put in the mixed recycling, could be the main causes of food contamination.

Can be recycled:

- Plastics #1-7 (except styrofoam), rinsed plastic household cleaner, rinsed detergent bottles
- Rinsed plastic milk bottles, rinsed plastic juice bottles, rinsed plastic soft drink and water bottles
- Clean retail plastic bags (no other type accepted), screw top jars

Cannot be recycled:

- Shrink or bubble-wrap, crisp packets or sweet wrappers, black bags or similar black film
- Plastic tableware, polystyrene packing/styrofoam containers, disposable nappies
- Children's plastic toys, all other hard plastics (garden furniture, etc.)

PUBLIC SPEAKING AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has stated that members of the public will now be able to register to speak at meetings of the Council's Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee. The move follows the introduction of public speaking at meetings of the authority's Planning Committee earlier this year which has proved to be popular.

CCTV

Residents have been asking about the CCTV installed in Dinas Powys this week. The Highway's Department confirm that they are a part of the traffic survey and management for the proposed housing development at the former St Cyres School. We understand that so far all the discussions with the potential developer have been with the officers since the land was offered for sale. Local councillors have not included any talks.

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