

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – APRIL 2013

BARONS COURT TRAFFIC CONTROLLED JUNCTION

At the last Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee the issue of changes to the Barons Court traffic signals was discussed re: the Penarth Heights highway works and specifically the delayed changes to the sequencing of the traffic controlled junction at Barons Court which had been programmed for February/March 2013.

There is to be a trial of an alternative traffic signals sequence at the Barons Court traffic signals. Before the sequence is altered, it is intended to revise the traffic lanes for vehicles travelling eastbound (towards Cardiff) from the Merrie Harrier so that there are two lanes available for straight on traffic (i.e. remove the dedicated left turn facility).

The Vale Council says that this will ensure that any impact of the proposed change has a minimum affect on the eastbound flows. The lane markings will be revised as soon as budgets are identified for this financial year. Once the lane markings have been revised the proposed traffic signal sequencing will be trialled.

BRYNEITHIN

We met with the Social Services Director and the relevant Cabinet Member. Basically we were seeking an update and to stress that we wanted the site to be used as a centre for the elderly. Although we really did not obtain any news apart from confirmation that there had been little or no work done regarding the future of the site. There is an option of demolishing the building. Talks need to be undertaken with partners including the health Board. When prompted by Cllr. Keith Hatton they did confirm that there were no plans for sale and housing development.

CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

From 1st April the Vale has taken over the Enforcement of Traffic Orders. This covers everyday parking issues. However, the Police still have powers over serious offences including dangerous and obstructive parking. We need to ensure that Dinas Powys is not ignored by these Officers. The service is managed jointly with Bridgend Council.

POLICE COMMISSIONER

The hugely expensive and yet to be effective Police Commissioner has employed in effect two deputies. Both jobs attract a salary of around £60,000 pa plus on-cost. We might consider inviting the Commissioner to a Community Council Meeting to explain his work.

ST. CYRES CONSULTATION

The Vale Cabinet will consider this report on 8th April. We need to ensure that we continue to bring pressure on the Vale to ensure that there is the maximum allocation of community facilities at the site.

SPECIALIST HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE IN SOUTH WALES AND SOUTH POWYS

The next stage of the Consultation process is due. From what we can see the major issues for the Vale will be the potential loss of services from the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend serving the western part of the County and the location of the Major Trauma Unit.