

Vale Budget 25 / 26

The council is reporting budget pressures as is usual at this time of the year. We will not know the true picture until later in the financial year. Schools and social care are under huge financial difficulties.

Vale bathing water classifications published

The Vale of Glamorgan boasts three beaches with water categorised as excellent and another three rated good, data published by Welsh Government reveals.

Water quality at Watch House Bay has also risen one band to be classified as 'sufficient' and is again suitable for bathing so signs warning people not to enter the water will be removed.

The Knap, Col-Huw in Llantwit Major and Southerndown's Dunraven Bay have all been graded excellent, while results showed the water at Penarth Beach, Jackson's Bay and Whitmore Bay is good.

The water at Ogmore remains 'poor' even though there were improvements in some of the samples taken.

Bin Survey

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is reviewing its litter bins and claim it's a bid to increase recycling levels and reduce fly tipping.

There are 915 litter bins in the Vale of Glamorgan which are emptied and sorted for recycling each week. The amount of waste collected from these varies greatly. The review will seek to assess the current provision of bins, identify those areas where there is the greatest need, pinpoint areas where separated recycling bins could increase recycling rates further, and highlight those bins that are being misused or attracting fly-tipping. We fear this will also see a reduction in bin across the Vale.

Housing sites across Dinas Powys

We asked a question at full Vale Council regarding a public meeting in respect of the proposed huge development off Argae Lane. This event would go into detail about the plans. To our surprise the Cabinet Member denied that any such meeting was planned. A meeting has been held in connection but with the Eastbrook proposals. This confusion needs to be cleared up by the Vale. We were informed that the site will be renamed as 'the land between the A4321 and Argae Lane North East Barry' this was in response to our request that Dinas Powys be included in the title this is to provide further clarity to residents.

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