

County Councillors Report April 2025

The National Insurance rises are about to cost Welsh Council an additional £20 million this year. The Westminster Government has compensated English councils fully but not in Wales. This will mean potentially further budget cuts in the Vale. We await the details.

Charity fund raiser

Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern organised two excellent concerts with the Barry Ladies Choir.

Merrie Harriers

There is continued concern about the traffic lights at the Merrie Harriers. Many residents have experienced being 'trapped' when attempting to turn right into Redland Road. The Vale claims it's due to motorists advancing too far when waiting for the lights to change. We have asked the council to address these concerns.

Corporate Plan

The new Vale Corporate Plan for the next 5 years has been agreed by the Cabinet. It sets out a range of targets. There is considerable doubt about the capacity of the council to deliver the proposals.

Flying Start

The Flying Start unit for young pupils at Murchfield is now up and running. We might invite to staff to a council meeting to discuss progress.

MUGA

The redevelopment of the former MUGA site at the Murchfield continues. The detailed plans have not been properly discussed with county councillors. The future management of the facilities is totally unclear. We hope that the money spent at the site has been well spent.

Penarth Fire Station Development and Local Initiatives

Preparation remains underway for the temporary relocation of Penarth crews to Tollgate House Industrial Estate in July. The move to Tollgate house industrial estate will be completed to facilitate the redevelopment of Penarth Fire Station which is scheduled to begin during the autumn.

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