

Item 71d - County Councillors Report – December 2025

Car parking charges

Car parking charges were introduced in September as part of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's tactic of seeking more income via its car parking strategy. The Council's Cabinet on 04 December agreed that these be suspended temporarily. This follows huge public dissatisfaction with the additional costs at Penarth Cliff Walk, Cold Knap and Bron-y-Mor 'has raised concerns'. The Cabinet were clearly warned by opposition councillors that it was wrong to impose yet more charges. Unfortunately fees continue at other car parks such as Cosmeston.

Murch Play Area

We are struggling to ensure that this well used play facility is maintained properly. There is decomposing leaves, moss and rain water ponding. Promises are made but still the situation stays the same.

Highway maintenance

It is clear that the state of roads and pavements is worsening. We do our best to report problem areas to the highway department.

Project Zero

The Vale Council's reports on the environmental green "Project Zero" indicate that efforts have been "*disappointing*". It states :- "*It is disappointing that despite considerable work across the Council and investment in our buildings to make them more energy efficient that our carbon emissions increased in 2024/25.*"

Missing pupils.

The council admits that there is '*Persistent absence and rising exclusion rates across primary and secondary sectors remain a significant concern.*'