

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – APRIL 2026

Goodbye to Phil

The well liked librarian at the Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre has moved to a new role. Phil Gauci helped steer the Library from Vale of Glamorgan Council.. Now a self governing Community Library that depends on over 70 volunteers. Phil has been promoted to oversee library services in Cowbridge and Llantwit Major. It is strange to consider that the library has been an independent library for nearly a decade. The one cornerstone has been Phil. His personality and professionalism has guided through many challenges. One major initiative was the setting up of painting exhibitions.

Phil is also a leading light in the Vale Council's Disability Support group.

Busy junction must be resurfaced urgently

One of the busiest junctions in the locality, must be where Penarth Road is crossed by Barry Road / Cogan Spur. This by what what used to be called the Elizabethan now Courts. The surface is rapidly deteriorating and needs a substantial resurfacing. The Vale says that the work will be done within months. It would be much better if the job was done sooner. We are asking for a more exact start date.

Pot Holes

The pot hole team has been about and about in Dinas Powys. Parts of Millbrook Road and Cardiff Road received attention on Wednesday. The council says that 10 teams are busy across the Vale. Time will tell.

Encouraging women to engage in physical activity.

The Vale established a Task & Finish Working Group have met to explore barriers to participation for Women in physical activity, to help mitigate inactivity, sedentary lifestyles, and poor health. As well as looking at informal organised physical activity the Group aims to increase social participation to reduce feelings of anxiety and loneliness. The resulting report will be presented to Cabinet with a timeline of events, context and research reasoning for consideration and action:

Bins for Boys

The 'Bins for Boys' initiative will see the introduction of sanitary disposal bins in men's public toilets, supporting those living with incontinence and other health conditions.

The campaign has been championed by the charity CHILL – Cancer Help In Local Lives – which supports people living with cancer across the whole of Wales.

The initiative has been driven in part by local campaigner Ed Grant, a member of CHILL in the Vale of Glamorgan, whose personal experience following prostate cancer treatment highlighted a significant gap in public facilities.

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