

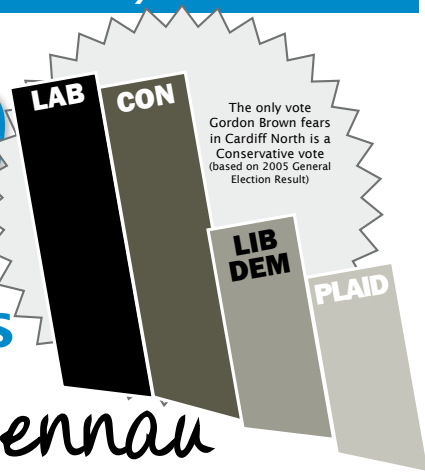
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CARDIFF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

At the Council meeting on the 19th of December, Cllr. Dianne Rees, supported by Conservative councillors Craig Williams and Jane Rogers, won the support of all political parties in a debate which discussed the merits of the Draft Local Development Plan and approved it. The Plan states that Cardiff's future development needs can be contained within existing development boundaries thus protecting our green fields.

Your local councillors have been fully involved in the development of the Plan from early beginnings when a

preferred strategy of housing development on brown field sites was developed. Cllr. Dianne Rees has scrutinised the Draft Plan in the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee which she chairs. The Council has approved its Local Development Plan which has now gone to the Welsh Assembly Government approved Planning Inspectorate Wales for examination.

The Pre-Hearing Meeting scheduled for the 28th January has been postponed due to the fact that an Exploratory Meeting has now been called by the Inspectors. The Exploratory Meeting which will be open to the public will take place on Thursday 25th February 2010 at Ferrier Hall, City Hall, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3ND. We will be attending the meeting on your behalf and will keep you fully informed.

The Hearings into the Examination are scheduled to commence on the 16th March 2010 at County Hall.

LABOUR ROBS TAXPAYERS TO FUND ELECTION ADVERTISING

Jonathan Evans PPC for Cardiff North has warned that the Labour Government has ordered a massive increase in taxpayer-funded advertising budgets as the General Election approaches.

'Since Labour came to office there has already been a four-fold increase in advertising promoting the Government, but in the past year of recession, Labour has increased spending still further by 40% to over £232 million. All of that money is coming from taxpayers. At a time when even Labour are accepting that budgets will need to be cut, the massive increase in Labour Government self-advertising at the taxpayer's expense is morally unacceptable.'

Jonathan said: 'We are also seeing newspaper adverts and leaflets promoting MPs continuing to be funded from the House of Commons Communications Allowance, which the Kelly report clearly said was taxpayer funded promotion of MPs and should be stopped. Some MPs just seem to think they can carry on regardless.'

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Christmas cheer and crime prevention event. We attended the Christmas Cheer and Crime prevention event in the Pontprennau Community Church Centre which was well attended by many local residents. Many youngsters had a wonderful time taking part in the activities arranged whilst adults were able to meet local police officers, enjoy a mince pie and listen to the wonderful band who played many popular Christmas Carols.



We also attended the Christmas Fayre which was held in November at the Pontprennau Community Church Centre. This was busier than ever and we really enjoyed the whole morning spent there. All funds raised from this event went to Armenia and the Holme Tower Hospice. Well done to everyone who helped make this such a successful event.

2010 Community Fun Day. We met with Police and Council staff to organise the 2010 Community Fun Day which is to be held on Saturday 10th June. It is anticipated that this year's event will be well supported and we are well ahead with our plans to make



it a really successful day for all those who will attend. If you are interested in joining the planning committee please email Jane or Dianne.

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LABOUR INSULTS LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS

Jonathan Evans PPC for Cardiff North has condemned Labour's Justice Secretary Jack Straw for insulting hard pressed local police officers. Straw recently claimed that police officers preferred to remain warm in police stations with paperwork, rather than getting out on the beat and tackling crime.

Jonathan said : 'The truth is that Jack Straw and his Labour MPs have tied up the hands of the police with bureaucracy. They have ignored the professional judgment of police officers and denied them the freedom to do their jobs - violent crime has increased as officers are forced to spend more time on paperwork than on patrol.

Labour's early release scheme has seen over 70,000 criminals released early, while prisons remain overcrowded, hampering efforts to rehabilitate prisoners.

The bond between the police and the public must be rebuilt, and the first step will be cutting the red tape which prevents the police from doing their job properly'.

News in brief..

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

Proposed highway works at Waitrose store, Croescadarn Close. Highway works are scheduled in the New Year. As yet a date has not been set. Due to the nature of the works localised and periodic disruption to existing traffic flow will be inevitable. However, every effort will be made to keep this to a minimum by pre-planning, phasing and close monitoring of the works and restricting all traffic lane restrictions to off-peak periods only. If you would like more information on this matter please contact us.

Street light repairs. We continue to report any damage to street lights throughout the ward. The most recent damage was reported at the end of November and was fixed early December, this was located in Cranbourne Way.

JONATHAN'S HEALTH REFORMS A STEP CLOSER

The Assembly has finally agreed to Jonathan Morgan's proposal for Wales to have powers to reform mental health services in Wales. Jonathan has been pioneering a proposed transfer of powers from London to Cardiff to allow the Assembly to provide better services for those with psychological conditions.

The proposal will now be considered by Parliament. Jonathan said: "I am delighted to be the first opposition AM to reach this stage with a proposed transfer of powers - the Assembly needs to do more for those with a mental illness, we need faster intervention services and advocacy to help people get the best help. We should lead the rest of the UK in this important reform."

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