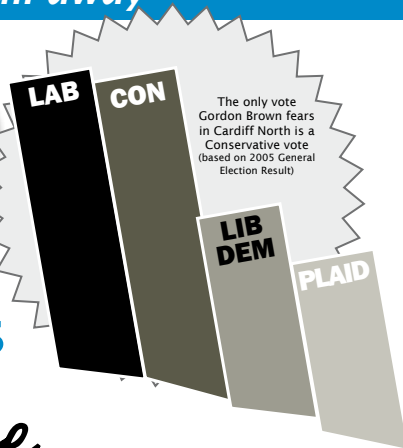


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LABOUR ROBS TAXPAYERS TO FUND ELECTION ADVERTISING

Jonathan Evans PPC for Cardiff North has warned that the Labour Government have 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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RESERVOIR *update..*

The owners of Llanishen Reservoir have begun draining the local beauty spot. If this continues and the reservoir is left to drain, it could take up to eight years for it to fill back up through rain fall. This will leave the site useless to the local sailing club and make the site an eyesore.

Western power are citing the need to carry out checks on the reservoir but it seems more like "spoiling tactics". The local campaign group, RAG, has accused the company of having no justifiable reason to carry out these checks, but they have suggested that Western Power divert 50% of the Nant Fawr brook which could refill the reservoir in as little as six months.

Lisvane councillor David Walker has asked for a crisis meeting on the future of the reservoirs with Cardiff Council officers and political leaders. Proposals by Western Power to drain Llanishen reservoir has led to much local opposition and such a move has been described as 'environmental vandalism'. Campaign group RAG has expressed its concerns and the Environmental Agency has been asked to conduct an inspection to check that drainage is necessary.

David Walker comments, 'The battle to stop development at the reservoirs has been long and hard and we Conservatives have been at the forefront of the campaign. Local residents are concerned that this drainage proposal will be the thin edge of the wedge and lead to further damage to the site. I have set up a crisis meeting with the council leadership to ensure that the council does everything it can to protect this beauty spot for the future.'

For more information and to see an electronic copy of this newsletter, please visit Jonathan Evans' web site:

www.jonathanevans.co.uk

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'.

'LOWEST CRIME RATES IN CITY'

According to local police officers, Lisvane has one of the lowest crime rates in the city. At recent Lisvane PACT meetings, residents have raised concerns with police representatives. This has enabled the police to identify local priorities and act upon them.

Councillor David Walker, a member of the PACT panel, comments 'It is good to see crime figures for Lisvane come down. However we must continue to be vigilant and work closely with the police. I have asked for an extension of Neighbourhood Watch and I believe the whole village could be covered in this way. It is important for neighbours to look out for one another. It is when the police are informed of incidents that we start to see detection and lower levels of reported crime.'



News in brief..

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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