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# Focus

**YOUR COUNCILLOR  
KEEPING IN TOUCH.**

**THE NEWSLETTER OF YOUR LOCAL LIBERAL DEMOCRAT FOCUS TEAM.  
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HERE TO HELP THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. DINAS CROSS EDITION.**

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## New Local Plan

Many thanks to the 106 of you who turned up for the Public Meeting organised by the Community Council and Bob Kilmister. It was a fantastic turnout and it was extremely helpful to hear your views. Bob and The Community Council then prepared a joint submission to the National Park which can be read at Yr Hen Ysgol or on the web at [www.bobkilmister.mycouncillor.org.uk](http://www.bobkilmister.mycouncillor.org.uk).

### Our key proposals were:

- ✓ Retirement Housing to be provided.
- ✓ Affordable housing both for rent and via shared equity schemes on land at Rhoshelyg and on adjoining field.
- ✓ New allotments at the same site.
- ✓ A balancing lake to provide bio diversity and improve drainage for Spring Hill.
- ✓ Our opposition to plans to build homes on a site alongside the Recreation ground.
- ✓ The plans only include a small proportion of Dinas Cross.
- ✓ The Welsh Language Policy is very poor.

### Public Meeting 25/06/09 at Yr Hen Ysgol 19.30

The National Park have now published all submissions and it is now up to individuals to support or oppose these in writing. The Community Council and I have organised another public meeting at Yr Hen Ysgol on 25/06/09 at 19.30 where the National Park will be present to explain the process. Maps and forms will be available. We only have until 29/07/09 to submit our views. You will not have another opportunity for ten years to give your views so please come along. Please note that we will not be debating the proposals for any site just ensuring that everybody is fully aware and able to make a response. If you cannot attend the meeting please contact Bob and he will try to assist you.

## Bettws Newydd



Bob Kilmister attended the National Park Development Committee meeting as a visitor where they decided by 10 votes to 6 to approve this building. It is an eyesore and although the actual building has basically been built to specification the "concrete slab" is at least 1.5 metres above what was planned. However the National Park approved the slab which had also destroyed wetland. Bob Kilmister would like to see the National Park lose their planning powers. "They are an unelected quango who have no mandate to determine what should happen in our communities", said Bob. Do you agree? Please vote on Bob's website [www.bobkilmister.mycouncillor.org.uk](http://www.bobkilmister.mycouncillor.org.uk).

**FOCUS WORKING ALL YEAR ROUND  
NOT JUST AT ELECTION TIME.**

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## Bob Kilmister's Annual Report

### **SILENCE IS GOLDEN?**

Bob Kilmister proposed at the last Full Council meeting that Councillors should have the right to address the Cabinet if they were considering their Notice of Motion. A Notice of Motion is an attempt to change Council Policy on a subject. The Cabinet is made up of 10 Independent Political Group Councillors. The Council voted 35 to 20 to prevent this happening. What do you think?

### **CONSULTATION - NO THANKS**

Bob Kilmister suggested via a Notice of Motion that the County Council conducted a review of its consultation process with residents and organisations. Unbelievably this was rejected as Councillors were confident that everything was just fine. Pity about the St David's Swimming Pool closure, Goodwick and Milford Haven Library plans which have been heavily criticised for having been made after a very poor consultation process.

What do you think?

### **BEST PRACTICE?**

### **- NOT IN PEMBROKESHIRE**

Bob Kilmister and Mike Stoddart (Old Grumpy) both proposed that Pembrokeshire County Council adopt best practice in the manner they appoint Chair & Vice Chairman of Scrutiny Committees. The Council however disagreed and voted against this. Presently ALL the Chairs are independent Political Group members. Scrutiny Committees are supposed to review Cabinet decisions. Remarkably this has not happened - I wonder why? We need proper scrutiny. What do you think?

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Bob has attended all Council Meetings excepting the Licensing Committee on 3rd Feb when he was snowed in. He has asked 9 questions and submitted 6 Notices of Motion. This is the largest number by any Councillor. He has attended Community Council meetings in the 3 areas he covers. He was paid £11,466.15 in the year ending 05/04/09. He claimed for 744 miles costing £372.00. He hopes that you feel he has represented the area well since you elected him.

Bob Kilmister & Lib Dems Working Hard For You

## Feidr Fawr

This road has been re-surfaced after Bob Kilmister persuaded the County Council that it needed action. We now hope the drainage work carried out there already will improve matters considerably.

## Speeding

Dinas Cross has finally become a camera safety site. It has taken the Community Council and I twelve months to get to this position. This should have been so easy but the organisations work so slowly. It is very frustrating for everyone involved. What Do You Think?



## Flooding

The risk of flooding in the Spring Hill area remains. Some work has been carried out but the main issue is the size of the drainage pipe under the A487. It is simply not big enough. The Trunk Road Agency do not want to carry out improvement works due to the cost. What Do You Think?

## Join the Team

If you support Bob Kilmister and Focus why don't you join the team? Bob needs help with leaflet delivery and also wants to extend Focus to other areas. To do that he needs additional support. Change only happens if you make it happen! Please email Bob at [bobkilmister@aol.com](mailto:bobkilmister@aol.com) or phone 875566 for an unconditional chat.

## Advice & Assistance

Bob Kilmister does not hold surgeries instead he comes and visits YOU. Please get in touch by phoning 01348 875566 or by email at [bobkilmister@aol.com](mailto:bobkilmister@aol.com) and he will arrange to visit you.

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