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National Park New Local Plan

Many thanks to those of you who turned up for the Public Meeting organised by the Community Council and Bob Kilmister in the Cwm Gwaun. 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 www.bobkilmister.mycouncillor.org.uk. If you would like a copy please ask and I will send one.

Our key proposals were:

- ✓ Affordable housing to be built using redundant farm buildings or ruins. Presently these can only be used for business or tourism.
- ✓ A new Car Park should be provided in Llanychaer for walkers.
- ✓ The Welsh Language Policy is very poor and without some new family housing the school at Llanllwydog will come under extreme pressure. Closure would have a huge affect on the Welsh Language and must be avoided at all costs.

The National Park have now published all proposals and it is up to individuals to comment on these by 29/07/09. Forms are available from the Park or please contact Bob and he will supply you with some. Any queries please phone 875566.

County Local Plan

Pembrokeshire County Council are preparing a new Local Plan which is running many months behind the National Parks. It is however I believe a better plan. The main proposal is to switch more housing to the rural areas than in the last plan. I believe having two plans in Pembrokeshire is completely nuts. I believe having two planning authorities is a total waste of money. In some places two sides of the same road have different regulations applying. What Do You Think?

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.

**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

Community Councillor

Puncheston Community Council has a new member. He is Dr Peter Lilley and I look forward to working with him. The Community Council is made up of six members who usually meet on the last Wednesday of the month at the school.

Bits & Bobs

Haydn Williams is the new Chairman of the Cwm Gwaun Community Council.

Alison Evans is Chairman of Puncheston Community Council.

Bob Kilmister has been asked by Cwm Gwaun Community Council to request improvements be made to the road between Llanychaer and the A487 close to the bridge.

The County Council are due to conduct speed surveys at Tufton and Llanychaer in the near future.

Puncheston Community Council are reporting all accidents in the Tufton area to the County council. This is to highlight the problems at this dangerous spot. If you know of any that take place please contact Bob Kilmister and he will pass the details on.

Join the Team

If you support Bob Kilmister and Focus why don't you join the team? Bob needs help with leaflet delivery and he 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 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 and he will arrange to visit you.

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