

Burry Port & Pembrey Voice

**Be The Change
You Want to See!**



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With the advent of Spring, perhaps this is the ideal time for all of us to stop and think and ask ourselves what kind of community do we want to live in – what’s really important to us as citizens of Burry Port and Pembrey. Should we cynically accept that whatever happens is inevitable, or should we aspire collectively for the best possible planned environment that the community deserves?

We in Plaid believe that this community, as all others deserve to see their towns and villages grow naturally and organically, protecting and nurturing the “vineyard” that is our collective inheritance. If the “vineyard” is to thrive, then democracy, accountability and transparency of government has to be the method of cultivation. For Plaid, strengthening democracy in Wales means more than devolving power from London to Cardiff. It means empowering our communities and bringing government closer to the people. Every level of government needs to be answerable to the communities that elect them. When decisions are taken that directly affect these communities, be it housing, education, regeneration whatever – then serious consultation with the communities involved must be of paramount importance.

Resident’s Resistance

What we must never see repeated is the recent appalling situation where a private company, housing early-release prisoners,

Essex based ClearSprings Management, without warning or consultation could enter and exploit the inhabitants of Brynymor and indeed the wider community. Clearly this is inexcusable and demonstrates how serious the democratic deficit has become. Thankfully however, due to the swift, courageous stance of the Brynymor residents, backed up by the community as a whole, this particular threat was swiftly despatched – at least for now!”

Plunder of Chandler’s Yard

We only need to glance over at the Chandler’s Yard site to see how our local, democratic voice has been skewered into the prevailing sandy soil.

The Chandler’s Yard site provided a perfect opportunity for this area to enjoy a much-needed Harbour café and exhibition centre. The land was crying out for such a positive development and would have enhanced the harbour environment and boosted tourism, creating jobs into the bargain, yet what do we get – more housing. It’s a perfect example of the power private developers wield today, and demonstrates the insensitive nature of those who control our lives.

Never again must we allow ourselves to be used as pawns. We demand the empowerment of local communities so they can challenge speculative property developers and government and councils from riding roughshod over us for financial reasons – Be the change you want to see!

Housing Land Grab

As new houses mushroom alongside the main road leading west from Pembrey we hear of another development, this time an incredible 90 dwellings being proposed for the land to the rear of Garreg Lwyd estate.

The Burry Port and Pembrey branch of Plaid Cymru call for a thorough assessment of the general infrastructure of this community before any further housing projects are green-lighted. The project in question at Pembrey we feel is totally unwarranted and should be opposed vigorously.

Even in isolation an estate of this size would constitute a problem for Pembrey and Burry Port, but remember, this is just one of a conveyor-belt of housing schemes straining at the leash to set their foundations in our soil.

Pembrey has also been a strong Welsh-speaking community from time immemorial and the Council is supposed to take into account the effects of any major new development on the culture of the community, especially where the Welsh Language is still as strong as it is in Pembrey. Carmarthenshire C.C have done so recently with regard to a proposed development in Porthyrhyd. They should do the same with regard to proposed developments in Pembrey.

Local Businesses

Local business people have had a raw deal over the last few years. Costs have spiralled, there's no direct bus route from Pembrey, while immense amounts of money have been ploughed into Trostre Park and other initiatives.

Businesses are closing or leaving which is creating a ghost town atmosphere. These are just some of the reasons why our shopping centre is deteriorating into one of the worst in West Wales.

Burry Port is a proud and prominent Carmarthenshire town but what has the County Council done for local businesses – nothing to date.

Funding for improved shop frontages, more accessible public transport, better parking facilities, a makeover for the pavements and roads – these are some of the improvements and support our businesses deserve but we too have a part to play by supporting local businesses ourselves.

We will be campaigning strongly for better support for local businesses from the County Council.

Democratic Deficit

You would have thought that the ClearSprings Management threat to citizens of Brynymor would

have triggered a community spirit among all citizens and ensured joint resistance. Imagine the shock some Plaid activists and members of the public had on attending the emergency meeting at the Memorial Hall to protest against the above decision, when certain Councillors met them on the door and tried to prohibit them from entering and contributing to the debate. Such an attitude belittles their position as representatives of our community and stifles democracy.

The Co-op Bridge

Twelve months ago it was brought to the attention of Burry Port's County Councillors the concerns we have about the Co-op Bridge.

Not only does this bridge need strengthening but is also in urgent need of a pavement that crosses the bridge from the bus stop side. Vegetation is growing wild there, forcing people to walk on the road.

We fear this is an accident waiting to happen and we will campaign vigorously to ensure priority is given to this issue..



Public Meeting

You will be aware that at the public meeting held last November Helen Mary Jones A.M. promised to hold a meeting early in the new year with all the relevant agencies present. Unfortunately the County Council suggested that issues raised should be held at a **PACT (Partnership For Community Action) meeting**. This is not ideal but if enough people attend perhaps the authorities will realise the concerns of the public.

**PACT
(Partnership For Community Action)
MEETING
Community Police Station
(In the grounds of
The Junior School)**

**Tuesday 6.00 p.m.
25 March 08**

**Please come along and express your
concerns**

**Plaid Cymru contact in Burry Port and
Pembrey
Malcolm Davies
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Llais Porth Tywyn a Phenbre

Byddwch y Newid yr ydych ym ei Weld!



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Gyda dyfodiad y Gwanwyn, efallai mai dyma'r amser i ni gyd feddwl a holi'n hunain pa fath o gymuned yr hoffwn ei fyw ynddi – beth sy'n bwysig i ni fel trigolion Porth Tywyn a Phenbre. A ddylen ni dderbyn fod popeth sy'n digwydd yn anochel, neu a ddylen ni ymgeisio am yr awyrgylch cynlluniedig gorau y mae ein cymuned yn ei haeddu?

Mae Plaid Cymru yn credu fod y gymuned hon fel pob cymuned, yn haeddu gweld eu trefi a'u pentrefi yn ffynnu yn naturiol, gan amddiffyn a meithrin y 'winllan' sy'n rhan o'n etifeddiaeth gyfunol.

Os yw'r 'winllan' i ffynnu, yna mae'n rhaid cael democratiaeth, atebolrwydd a thryloywder llywodraeth fel y dull o amaethu. I Plaid Cymru mae cryfhau democratiaeth yng Nghymru yn golygu mwy na datganoli pŵer o Lundain i Gaerdydd.

Mae'n golygu rhoi grym i'n Cymunedau a dod a llywodraeth yn agosach at y bobl. Mae'n rhaid i bob lefel o lywodraeth fod yn atebol i'r cymunedau sy'n eu hethol. Pan fo penderfyniadau yn cael eu gwneud sy'n effeithio'n uniongyrchol ar y cymunedau hyn, bydded hynny'n faterion tai, addysg, adfywio, yna mae ymgynghoriad difrifol gyda'r cymunedau'n hanfodol bwysig.

Gwrthwynebiad Trigolion

Mater nad ydym fyth am ei weld yn codi eto yw'r sefyllfa ofnadwy ddiweddar ble roedd ClearSprings Management - cwmni

preifat sydd wedi'i sefydlu yn Essex ac sy'n cartrefu carcharwyr sydd wedi eu rhyddau'n gynnar, yn cael cyrraedd a manteisio ar drigolion Brynymor a'r gymuned ehangach heb rybudd nag ymgynghoriad. Mae hyn yn anesgusodol ac yn dangos pa mor ddifrifol yw'r diffyg democratiaeth.

Yn ffodus, o ganlyniad i safiad cyflym a dewr trigolion Brynymor, wedi'u cefnogi gan y gymuned gyfan, rhoddwyd terfyn ar y bygythiad yma yn gyflym - am y tro o leiaf!

Anrhaith Chandler's Yard

Nid oes raid i ni ond cymryd cipolwg o safle Chandler's Yard i weld sut mae ein llais democrataidd lleol wedi cael ei wasgu i'r pridd.

Roedd safle Chandler's Yard yn cynnig y cyfle perffaith i'r ardal hon i fwynhau'r angen mawr am gaffi Harbwr a chanolfan arddangos. Roedd y tir yn galw am ddatblygiad cadarnhaol ac fe fyddai wedi gwella awyrgylch yr harbwr, gan hybu twristiaeth a chreu swyddi newydd. Ond beth ydym yn ei gael yno – mwy o dai; gan ddangos natur ddideimlad y rheiny sy'n rheoli ein bywydau.

Fyth eto ddylen ni ganiatáu i'n hunain gael ein defnyddio fel gwystl. Rydym yn galw am roi grym i gymunedau lleol fel eu bod yn gallu herio datblygiadau adeiladu hapfasnachol a'r llywodraeth a'r cyngor rhag ein diystyru dros resymau ariannol - Byddwch y newid rydych am ei weld!

Crafangu Tir i Adeiladu Tai

Tra bod tai newydd yn ymddangos ar hyd y brif ffordd sy'n arwain i'r gorllewin o Benbre, fe glywn am ddatblygiad arall - y tro hyn bwriedir codi 100 o dai ar y tir yng nghefn ystâd Garreg Lwyd.

Mae cangen Plaid Cymru ym Mhorth Tywyn a Phenbre yn galw am asesiad manwl o adeiledd cyffredinol y gymuned hon cyn bod unrhyw brosiect tai eraill yn cael eu caniatáu. Teimlwn fod y prosiect sydd mewn golwg yn Penbre yn gwbl ddiangen ac y dylid ei wrthwynebu'n gryf. Byddai ystâd o'r maint hyn yn unig yn peri problem i Benbre a Phorth Tywyn, ond rhaid cofio mai dim ond un allan o nifer o gynlluniau tai sy'n ysu am osod eu seiliau yn ein tir yw hwn.

Mae Penbre hefyd wedi bod yn gymuned gref Cymraeg ei hiaith er cyn cof ac fe ddylai'r Cyngor gymryd i ystyriaeth yr effaith y cai unrhyw ddatblygiad newydd ar ddiwylliant y gymuned, yn enwedig pan fo'r iaith Gymraeg mor gryf ac y mae yn Penbre. Fe wnaeth Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin hynny yn ddiweddar mewn achos o ddatblygiad arfaethedig ym Mhorthyrhyd. Fe ddylent wneud yr un fath wrth ystyried y datblygiadau arfaethedig ym Phenbre.

Busnesau Lleol

Mae pobl fusnes lleol wedi cael bargaen wael dros y blynyddoedd diwethaf. Mae costau wedi cynyddu'n gyflym, nid oes llwybr bws uniongyrchol o Pembre, mae hysbysebion helaeth ac arian y Cyngor Sir yn cael ei fuddsoddi ym Mharc Trostre yn ogystal â mynediad rhwydd i mewn i'r Parc.

Mae busnesau yn cau neu'n gadael, gan adael awyrgylch farwaidd. Dyma rai o'r rhesymau pam fod ein canolfan siopa yn dirywio i fod yn un o'r gwaethaf yng Ngorllewin Cymru.

Mae Porth Tywyn yn dref balch a blaenllaw yn Sir Gaerfyrddin ond beth mae'r Cyngor Sir wedi ei wneud dros fusnesau lleol - **dim**.hyd yn hyn.

Arian ar gyfer gwella ffenestri siopau, trafniadaeth gyhoeddus fwy hygyrch, gwell cyfleusterau parcio, atgyweirio'r palmentydd a'r ffyrdd - dyma rai o'r gefnogaeth, ond mae gennym ninnau hefyd ran i'w chwarae drwy gefnogi busnesau lleol.

Fe fyddwn yn ymgyrchu'n gryf am fwy o gymorth gan y Cyngor Sir ar gyfer mwy o gymorth i fusnesau lleol.

Diffyg Democratiaeth

Byddech yn tybio y byddai bygythiad Clear Springs Management i drigolion Brynymor wedi sbarduno ysbryd cymunedol ymysg holl drigolion y pentref gan sicrhau cyd-wrthwynebiad. Dychmygwch y sioc a gafodd rhai o actifyddion Plaid Cymru ac aelodau'r cyhoedd wrth fynychu'r cyfarfod brys yn y Neuadd Goffa i brotestio yn erbyn y penderfyniad uchod, ble roedd rhai Cynghorwyr yn eu cwrdd wrth y drws ac yn ceisio eu hatal rhag mynd i mewn a chyfrannu tuag at y drafodaeth. Mae ymddygiad o'r fath yn bychanu eu swydd fel cynrychiolwyr o'n cymuned ac yn mygu democratiaeth.

Pont y Co-op

Ddeuddeg fis yn ôl fe dynnwyd sylw Cynghorwyr Cymuned Porth Tywyn i'r pryderon sydd gennym ynglŷn â phont y Co-op. Nid yn unig y mae angen cryfhau'r bont hon ond mae hefyd galw mawr am balmart sy'n croesi'r bont o ochr y safle bws. Mae llystyfiant yn tyfu'n wyllt yno, gan orfodi pobl i gerdded ar y ffordd.

Rydym yn pryderu y bydd hyn yn achosi damwain rhyw ddydd ac fe fyddwn yn ymgyrchu'n gryf i sicrhau fod yr awdurdodau lleol yn rhoi blaenoriaeth i'r mater hwn.



Cyfarfod Cyhoeddus

Byddwch yn ymwybodol i Helen Mary Jones A.C. addo i gynnal cyfarfod arall yn y flwyddyn newydd ar ymddygiad angh-ymdeithasol gyda nifer o'r asiantaethau perthnasol yn bresennol. Yn anffodus mae'r Cyngor Sir yn awgrymu y dylid codi'r materion yng nghyfarfod PACT (Partneriaeth Dros Weithredu Cymunedol). Os daw digon i'r cyfarfod efallai y gwnaiff yr awdurdodau sylweddoli cymaint yw pryder pobl.

Manylion y cyfarfod

CYFARFOD PACT

(Partneriaeth Dros Weithredu Cymunedol)

Gorsaf Gymunedol yr Heddlu

(Ar dir yr Ysgol Gynradd)

Nos Fawrth 6.00 pm

25 Mawrth 2008

Dewch i fynegu eich gofidiau

Cyswilt Plaid Cymru yn Penbre a Phorth Tywyn - Malcolm Davies - 01554 832178.