

Barry Town Survey

Draft Community Action Plan

We in Barry are passionate about our community. That's why, when Barry Town Council had the idea of setting up a steering group to devise a survey to ask residents (young people and adults) about the issues that you feel strongly about, we jumped at the chance to be involved. The Barry Town Survey Steering Group was established for this purpose. The group consists of members of the local community and town councillors. They have given their time voluntarily to carry out the survey, analyse the results and prepare this draft action plan. This community-driven plan has been created based upon the responses and comments given by the people of Barry. This Action Plan will be part of our final report and will cover the areas of development, environment, amenities, public transport, crime and safety. We believe our Action Plan is the first of its kind in Wales and we hope it will support and enable all aspects of the community to work with a variety of agencies in order to make a difference and help to drive forward improvements to our town.

WHAT BARRY PEOPLE ASKED FOR

Environment

RECYCLING

- ✓ A simple guide to recycling. We want the Council to set out an informative guide to recycling in the Vale.
- ✓ Recycling facilities to include food composting.
- ✓ More frequent emptying of bins at public amenity sites.

LITTER

- ✓ More litter pickers.
- ✓ An anti-litter schools campaign.
- ✓ Stronger action against offenders.
- ✓ More frequent emptying of regularly used bins.
- ✓ Bigger bins.
- ✓ More litter bins at key locations.

FLY-TIPPING

- ✓ Quicker responses to remove fly-tipped material.
- ✓ Quicker/more frequent response from the Council when collecting household items.
- ✓ Stronger action against offenders.

DOG MESS

- ✓ Stronger action against offenders.
- ✓ Additional facilities for dog mess at key locations around the town, particularly the town centre.

Development

- ✓ Developments that include the necessary supporting infrastructure for existing and new Barry residents.
- ✓ Genuine consultation with the community when developments are planned before any decisions are made.
- ✓ Initiatives to provide a range of tourist accommodation within the town.
- ✓ Projects to modernise or renew leisure facilities at Barry Island.

RECREATION/ENTERTAINMENT

- ✓ More cafes and restaurants in town and at areas such as the Waterfront.
- ✓ A centre providing a range of entertainment such as the Red Dragon Centre in Cardiff.
- ✓ A wider range of recreational facilities, e.g. bowling, multiplex cinema, ice skating, bars and restaurants.

RETAILERS

- ✓ Quality retail shopping facilities including a department store and recognised brand names.
- ✓ Incentives for branded retailers to place outlets in the town.
- ✓ Support for councils who are lobbying government to reduced VAT from 15% to 5% when refurbishing empty shops.
- ✓ Initiatives to reduce the non-domestic business rates.
- ✓ Support for the British Retail Consortium's campaign against rent clauses which allow landlords to raise rents automatically.
- ✓ The Council to take over shops that have been vacant for a long time and use them for community purposes with low rental costs.

Amenities

TOILETS

- ✓ More toilet facilities at key locations.
- ✓ Facilities to open longer and to be maintained to a higher standard.
- ✓ Existing closed facilities to be reopened and to be maintained to a high standard.

PUBLIC SEATS

- ✓ More public seats at many locations including the town centre.

PROVISION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- ✓ Greater dialogue between service providers and the community including young people.
- ✓ Additional discounted leisure facilities/activities for young people. (e.g. multiplex; bowling; skate park; theme park; bike tracks.)

Crime and safety

- ✓ Neighbourhood watch schemes.
- ✓ More visible police patrols on foot, bicycles and motorcycles.
- ✓ More CCTV.
- ✓ The council to state policy and procedures for the use and maintenance of CCTV cameras and promote improvements where necessary.
- ✓ Additional lighting in the town in consultation with the local community.

- ✓ Stronger action against anti-social behaviour.

Public Transport

Buses

- ✓ Additional buses (including late services).
- ✓ Subsidies and incentives to use buses.
- ✓ Revised timetabling and bus routes.
- ✓ More training on customer care/communication for bus drivers.

Trains

- ✓ Additional trains (including late services).
- ✓ Subsidies and incentives to use trains.
- ✓ More frequent trains and extra carriages.
- ✓ Access to statistics on the number of trains that do run on time.

Taxis

- ✓ Standard fares especially around the town centre.
- ✓ More female taxi drivers.

Transport

Bicycles

- ✓ More cycle routes.
- ✓ Cycle routes to schools.
- ✓ More cycle racks for safe parking in town and other main areas.

Cars

- ✓ More car parking spaces including more multi-storey car parks.
- ✓ More parking in the town centre, High Street and Thompson Street areas in particular.
- ✓ Additional and improved parking for the disabled.

FOOTPATHS

- ✓ More dedicated footpaths.
- ✓ More and improved signage for rural (out-of-town) footpaths. These could be sponsored by local businesses.

Contact us

We would welcome your comments and views on the draft action plan. If you have any questions or comments on our action plan we would love to hear from you.

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