

Dai Richards

From: "Dai Richards" <dai@rugbyrelics.com>
To: "Cllr. Simon Knoyle" <cllr.s.a.knoyle@npt.gov.uk>
Sent: 06 April 2020 02:32 PM
Subject: sorry about this

Sion - I'm really sorry about this but I'll try and make it the last. You are sitting back and trusting the council process. The people of Glynneath voted you in to make a change. Rather than sitting back and trusting in the process, we know the process is wrong because people like Del are still bleeding the people dry. You need to say 'FUCK THE PROCESS' and do what's best for the people who voted you in, not for Glynneath, not for NPTC, not for yourself, for the 70 and 80 year olds of my street who have been fucked over by Cuddy and are about to be fucked over by Enzo. Life is not about looking good, it's about being good.....

Read that letter I copied you to last night and doing something for that girl - make something for that family the reason why you are the mayor of Glynneath

----- Original Message -----

From: [Cllr. Simon Knoyle](#)
To: [Dai Richards](#)
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 1:06 PM
Subject: RE: smell

Good morning Dai,

Enzo Site

This Planning application is not due in front of the Planning Committee for a few weeks yet, it's out for consultation now.

There will be local residents that are against the project and of course there will be others who see this as a good thing for Glynneath.

I've read your e-mails and the literature sent to me and I will be urging our officers to make sure that everything is done properly - ground testing, listening to the residents' views, impact assessments being carried out and the like.

Like you, I have always known this area to be the "tip" and no doubt much of the information you have provided to the officers is factual and correct, it is for them to follow the correct process in a timely manner to determine the application or not.

As a local ward member, I do not have any specific influence in the determination of this application. I can make my issues known and request all the data to be analysed etc... which I will do and download these from the Planning Portal.

The last few e-mails from you on this matter are interesting, I can assure you that I will be pressing officers to answer and deal with the issues raised.

Dangerous Play

As you are aware from previous correspondence, I have e-mailed our Assistant Chief Executive who passed me to the officer dealing with this - Mr Chris Mills.

I will send Mr Mills an e-mail to state my concerns and ask if he has had or will have further discussions with the Welsh Government about it, also asking about the NPTCBC stance on the matter.

I will keep you updated on this ASAP.

Please be assured that I am very concerned by the information you have provided on both items above, I will do my very best to help you as a resident as is my role and job to do so as your local Ward Member.

The only thing that I would say is, we are in a period of time where we do not know what will happen tomorrow, I am still trying to carry on working (I have my own business as a Freelance Quantity Surveyor as you know) and I cannot furlough myself as I am still trying to continue working and I am not self employed nor do I pay business rates so do not have the relief offered by UK and Welsh Governments in terms of the Grant of £10,000

Best regards

Simon

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From: Dai Richards <dai@rugbyrelics.com>
Date: Thursday, 02 Apr 2020, 7:47 pm
To: Cllr. Simon Knoyle <cldr.s.a.knoyle@npt.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: smell

Hi Simon - no rush - I've got a ton of stuff myself to catch up on. - Dai

----- Original Message -----

From: [Cllr. Simon Knoyle](#)
To: [Dai Richards](#)
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 5:25 PM
Subject: RE: smell

Good afternoon Dai,

Yes Nigel's Father (Clarence) and my Grandfather were brothers, both of them took over the Family Bakery in Glynneath back in the day before being bought out by Eynons just before I was born.

There have been quite a few e-mails from you this week, I am just finishing off a few things and then I hope to be able to write a proper e-mail to you later tonight in reply.

Please can you bear with me until then?

Many thanks

Simon

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From: Dai Richards <dai@rugbyrelics.com>
Date: Thursday, 02 Apr 2020, 11:48 am

To: Cllr. Simon Knoyle <cllr.s.a.knoyle@npt.gov.uk>

Subject: smell

Hi Simon - were you aware that smell rhymes with Del? Can I suggest that if the council have a special meeting about the information I've provided planning yesterday regarding Nigels's statement - (he told me you are family in someway) perhaps I should call him Uncle Nigel. Back to the meeting if you have one, can I suggest that you ask if any other councillors have been informed by Nigel that he has seen chemicals being dumped? because I have it on tape that Nigel talked to Del about it. Just after he said you and your brother were very intelligent boys. - Dai

----- Original Message -----

From: [Cllr. Simon Knoyle](#)

To: [Dai Richards](#)

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:50 AM

Subject: RE: P2020/0195 planning application

Point taken Dai, thanks

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From: Dai Richards <dai@rugbyrelics.com>

Date: Monday, 30 Mar 2020, 11:16 am

To: Cllr. Simon Knoyle <cllr.s.a.knoyle@npt.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: P2020/0195 planning application

Dear Simon -

Further to my previous email and I quote from you previous email.

The following statement would suggest that you are not willing to learn or attempt to learn what your role of a councillor entails.

"As you have stated, I am a paid Cllr here to act for and on behalf of the residents of the community I serve, however I don't have the knowledge or powers to determine whether the Planning Department have acted illegally or not"

I would suggest that statement is bollocks and you learn about council regulations including the planning department rules because that is why people voted you in, It's great that you have broken the Plaid Cymru and Labour stronghold of the council, but if you fill it with a bunch of useless independant twats who are not willing to work to protect the community and just organise a bunch of useless flowers to look at then we are to back to square one. - Dai

----- Original Message -----

From: [Cllr. Simon Knoyle](#)

To: [Dai Richards](#)

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 7:59 AM

Subject: RE: P2020/0195 planning application

Good morning David,

For clarity, my position is not to avoid making an action whatsoever.

As you have stated, I am a paid Cllr here to act for and on behalf of the residents of the community I serve, however I don't have the knowledge or powers to determine whether the

Planning Department have acted illegally or not.

I will now seek legal advice myself on this matter and will come back to you ASAP.

I would like to point out to you that I don't know how long it will take for me to come back to you, as you can imagine a lot of the Officers and myself are involved and dealing with the Covid-19 situation.

Simon

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From: Dai Richards <dai@rugbyrelics.com>
Date: Monday, 30 Mar 2020, 4:57 am
To: Cllr. Simon Knoyle <cllr.s.a.knoyle@npt.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: P2020/0195 planning application

Hi Simon - cheers for the reply, can I just clarify one thing please when you say

'With regards whether the Planning Department have acted legally or not, I cannot determine that, I think that you should contact the legal department of NPTCBC should you wish to take this further and voice your concerns about the system to them?'

What you mean is that you want me to go and ask an organisation who has potentially acted illegally if they acted illegally?

So your position as a paid NPTCBC councillor on this matter is that you are avoiding making an action on my behalf with my request and you are passing it on to another department within the council.

Can you clarify your position on this please. - regards - Dai Richards - www.dai-richards.wales

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----- Original Message -----

From: [Cllr. Simon Knoyle](#)
To: [Dai Richards](#) ; [Nicola Lake](#) ; [Planning](#)
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:43 AM
Subject: RE: P2020/0195 planning application

Hi Dai,

Thanks for copying me in.

I am not sure if the Planning Department are working at this time, they may be furloughed?

Please give Nicola time to reply, it may very well be that she has no opportunity to reply if she is not in work or have access to her computer.

With regards whether the Planning Department have acted legally or not, I cannot determine that, I think that you should contact the legal department of NPTCBC should you wish to

take this further and voice your concerns about the system to them?

I know that doesn't really help but I cannot provide any further advice at this time.

All the best

Simon

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From: Dai Richards <dai@rugbyrelics.com>
Date: Sunday, 29 Mar 2020, 7:58 am
To: Nicola Lake <n.lake@npt.gov.uk>, Planning <planning@npt.gov.uk>
Cc: Cllr. Simon Knoyle <cllr.s.a.knoyle@npt.gov.uk>
Subject: P2020/0195 planning application

20200329a-EM-DPRI-to-NPTC-enzo3-cc-GTCO

Dear Ms Lake - I am forwarding this email to you which was initially sent on the 19th March. Ten days have passed since this date and I have not received a reply from you. Please can you reply to the questions that I asked in relation to the planning application on the Enzo development in Glynneath. You will find these questions in the original email below.

I have copied Councillor Simon Knoyle to this email and would ask that he (Councillor Knoyle) please establish the reason why you (Nicola Lake) have not replied and that he record the images showing the condition of the planning notice placed in my garden. I would also ask if Councillor Knoyle could please establish whether or not the council have acted illegally in placing this notice on private property. It should also be noted that WPD, the owners of the telegraph pole have been given notice to remove the pole from my property because they have not paid the wayleave due to us.

My original email is below. - regards David Richards (66 Brynhyfryd, SA11 5BA)

----- Original Message -----

From: [Dai Richards](#)
To: [Nicola Lake](#)
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 4:50 PM
Subject: Re: P2020/0195 request

20200319-EM-DPRI-to-NPTC-enzo2

Hi Nicola - thanks for the reply, the older generation tend not to use social media as much so that is going to prove to be a problem.

Can you explain why you are unable to hold the application please?

Are you legally bound to proceed with it? -

Please can you advise how many letters have gone out in respect to this planning please so that I can identify who is likely to have been contacted?

It would also like it to be noted that the sign for planning that was placed on the telegraph pole in my garden (no 66) facing Waun Gron became loose within 24 hours of it being placed there and for the most part has been flapping in the wind and unreadable to local residents. Photos of its current condition are attached. It was placed in in an unsealed A4 poly pocket allowing the elements to affect it almost immediately. This is an extremely amateur (even childlike) attempt at notifying the public of an impending large scale development on their doorstep that could have a massive impact on the

health and property.

Your department, it would seem are not doing the best job they could with notifying local residents of this planning application and considering your failure to consider the elderly who have paid rates to the council for many years I would suggest that you look closely at your standards, they are far below what I would expect for the £2000 council tax I pay a year. I request that you place this information on the application as well please for future reference.

To confirm my request for information is as follows.

Can you explain why you are unable to hold the application please?

Are you legally bound to proceed with the application?

Can you advise how many letters have gone out in respect to this planning please so that I can identify who is likely to have been contacted?

thanking you in advance. regards - Dai Richards

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