

Dai Richards

From: " RUGBY RELICS" <sales@rugbyrelics.com>
To: <jeniobs@googlemail.com>
Sent: 21 October 2020 11:13 AM
Subject: Questions for Jennifer 4

The question here is why the town clerk is using the system rules to stall you from asking information about two councillors to the rest of the council that may highlight corruption within your town council?

I'm not in a position to ask these questions, you are so what I've done is reworded the following paragraph on my FOI to reflect this and re-submitted my FOI:

We ask the following members of Neath-Port Talbot Council and the Glynneath Town Council Del Morgan and Simon Knoyle the following questions under the Freedom of Information Act, we ask the other members of the Town Council to ask these questions on our behalf and for Councillors Morgan and Knoyle to supply this information directly to the other councillors of Glynneath Town Council and for the Glynneath Town Council to then provide this information to our group.

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From: [Alison Thomas](#)
To: [Dai Richards](#)
Cc: [Joanna Van Tonder](#)
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 4:17 PM
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request and further clarification of information

Good Afternoon Mr Richards,

As outlined in my original email on Freedom of information Requests, The Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides public access to information held by public authorities.

It does this in two ways:

- public authorities are obliged to publish certain information about their activities; and
- members of the public are entitled to request information from public authorities.

I have spoken with the Information Commissioner's Office this afternoon and they have confirmed that the Town Council can only respond in relation to information that itself directly holds. If they do not hold such information they must confirm it.

Can you please confirm what information you wish seek under Freedom of Information from the *Town Council itself*? Your original request refers to a request for individual councillors to submit information to the Town Council itself and then for the Town Council to release it. As confirmed I can deal with the request if the Town Council currently holds information, if it does not then I will confirm it. However, a Freedom of Information request does not oblige the Town Council to seek the information itself, but only to advise where you may find the information if the Town Council does not hold it itself.

Once confirmed which information you are seeking from the Town Council itself, I can deal with your request in line with the FOI Act.

Kindest Regards

Alison

Mrs A Thomas LLB
Town Clerk & RFO
Glynneath Town Council

From: Dai Richards <dai@rugbyrelics.com>
Sent: 20 October 2020 13:51
To: Alison Thomas <clerk@glynneathtowncouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Request and further clarification of information

Hi Mrs Thomas - thank you for your email about the information I have requested under the FOI - if you can identify and reference the parts of my original email to the council which you don't understand or are unable to provide the information requested then I will be able to provide you with further information. - Dai

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

From: [Alison Thomas](#)
To: [Dai Richards](#)
Cc: [Joanna Van Tonder](#)
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 1:40 PM
Subject: Freedom of Information Request and further clarification of information

Good Afternoon Mr Richards,

Apologies your emails appears to have gone into a junk folder so I am only uncovering the trail from Sunday.

I am currently working from home, but will be back in the office later this week so can print off the emails and circulate to Councillors who don't have electronic access.

With regards to the Freedom of Information Request, I'm certain you are aware that The Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides public access to information held by public authorities.

It does this in two ways:

- public authorities are obliged to publish certain information about their activities; and
- members of the public are entitled to request information from public authorities.

If you could reiterate and clarify the information you are requesting in your Freedom of Information request to this authority I can then deal with it appropriate under the FOI Act as required by law.

In reference to your complaints about councillors who sit on the Town Council, I wish to advise that the Town Council does not have remit to deal with these directly. You will need to either seek advice from the Monitoring Officer at Neath Port Talbot Council or you may lodge your complaint directly with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who will deal with your complaint directly against any Town Councillor.

If you believe that the Town Council as a body has acted negligently then I would ask that you send this complaint in a correspondence marked as such so that I can take appropriate advice with regards to the complaint.

I hope that this email clarifies my remit as Clerk in relation to this item and the limitations under which I can act.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

I have copied in the Assistant Town Clerk for information purposes only.

Kindest Regards

Alison

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