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Fwd: Mr David Richards

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Subject: Re: Mr David Richards

Thanks Jennifer,

Like you answered my previous questions about the PROW and where you found the police report on me, you flatly refused to answer them. Not do much as a character assassination, more of an observation, however, your lack of empathy against your fellow councillors and the hate campaign headed by Mr Richards has been noted by most, if not all.

In the interest of honesty, my opinion on the planning application was an assumption and after a few conversations with county council members (not necessarily Glynneath) about that process, I had no reason to disbelieve them, so presumed the planning was correct. Also, I thought planning had been either reapplied or reassessed within the last year or so. If I'm mistaken on the last point I apologise unreservedly for being incorrect.

Now, I have answered honestly, I now request you do likewise and answer previous questions I've put to you. Why did you request the PROW and how did you come across the police complaint submitted by Mr Richards? I think these are pertinent questions that should be answers. The first has been asked by many local residents and the second was directed against me for asking the first, and, you lied about how you found it.

Also, do you support or condemn the wild accusations from Mr Richards against your fellow councillors?

I also note you always just ignore things you don't want to answer.

I doubt you'll answer any questions, but still worth asking I feel.

Yours in anticipation,

Michael

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Subject: Re: Mr David Richards

Mike- You base your character assassination on Mr Richards stating that the Planning process has been adhered to.

Before we move on from this topic, please can you clarify how you know the Planning process has been adhered to?

The reason I'm stating this is because no-one in public office is standing up and challenging Mr Richards.

If he is wrong let's prove he's wrong by presenting facts that counter his arguments.

You were the first to commit to a statement about the planning process, so please don't answer my question by asking one of your own.

I'll ask you again. How do you know the planning process has been adhered to?

Thanks Jennifer.

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On 15 Jan 2022, at 18:48, Mike Pugh <cldr.mpugh@hotmail.com> wrote:

How do you know it wasn't? We're you a councillor 32 years ago? Upset SKH? Your friend Stephen Hunt I presume? That wasn't the reason for my resignation, I resigned for the same reason as all the other clerks, bullying, harassment and the job being untenable due to a small group of residents and some councillors with an agenda against council. Plus, it wasn't a few short weeks. I'm guessing you support Mr Richards behaviour against some Glynneath Councillors.

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Evening Michael.

How do you know "The Planning Process has been adhered to?"

I believe the first plans were passed at the site 1990, 32 years ago, and you've only been on the council 6 months (apart from the time you resigned as clerk for a few short weeks, because you upset SKH).

And have definitely had NO involvement in the Planning process." How do you know the planning process has been adhered to.

Thanks Jennifer.

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On 15 Jan 2022, at 09:56, Mike Pugh <cllr.mpugh@hotmail.com> wrote:

I appreciate that Marie, my concern is we'd be creating a precedent. Also, I firmly believe that Mr Richards would not accept any findings that conflicted with his views. There is a procedure for planning and, whether he likes it or not, procedures have been adhered to. He has questioned planning, submitted his concerns, disagreed with planning and refused their findings. I'm not sure how the man can be placated unless he gets his own way.

His behaviour has been questionable (to say the least) at times, he is accusing councillors of covering up murder and child abuse with no evidence and no thought for anyone other than himself, his actions and rhetoric are not those of a mentally well balanced individual. I agree there are those who support him, most have been hounding and trying to harm council for many years, the Sedgemore's and Rey Jones for example. Whilst others are just blindly believing his narrative.

I believe that we, as a council, should support our fellow councillors and denounce the bullying and harassment. I think we could go round in circles over this, those that support Mr Richards and those who believe his behaviour is unacceptable, my suggestion would be to put it to vote, either do nothing, pay for an independent investigation, or seek legal advice against Mr Richards. However, whatever would be decided, ALL councillors should support the majority decision, both within council and in the wider community.

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Subject: Re: Mr David Richards

Good evening Mike

I too don't believe GTC should foot the bill on every planning application, and I have not suggested that. I agree Mr Richards is not the only person that has been accused of bullying/vexatious and I don't believe GTC should be paying for legal fees for him or any other resident, this could prove to be a costly exercise. As with all legal things there runs a risk and GTC has recently learnt that even when you think all things are covered, they can prove to be very costly. Mr Richards may be the loudest voice on the alleged contamination, but he is not the only voice, other residents in Glynneath also believe there is a problem with that area, and I believe an independent test for contamination may be the quickest and cheapest way forward in closing this issue completely, but that is just my opinion.

Marie

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I may be mistaken, but I don't believe council should foot the bill for an independent investigation on every planning request, I may be wrong in this though. I'm sure the majority of residents wouldn't be happy to cover the bill for such in depth investigations, of that I'm relatively certain. Just because Mr Richards says something it doesn't make it fact, I have read everything he's released to social media (of which there is a lot), unfortunately I cannot see anything that is independent or peer reviewed, again, if I'm mistaken I apologise wholeheartedly. Either way, his accusations against individuals are, at the very least, unfounded, unfair and defamatory. Glynneath Town Council is known as a poisoned chalice within the Clerk community and the bullying/vexatious behaviour is well known by residents. The process of planning has been adhered to, just because an unhinged resident, and I do not use that term lightly but refer to his previously released videos, has decided to blame individuals is of no concern on the understanding GTC have acted correctly. I stand by my view that we should seek legal guidance against Mr Richards.

Regards,

Mike

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Evening Michael.

If, in your "personal view", you feel that" Mr Richards accusations are unfounded" and that you are 100% sure that you have read and understood all the information that has been provided by Mr Richards, and you are confident to approach this from a legal point of view, then that is what this council should do.

Thanks Jennifer.

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On 14 Jan 2022, at 12:06, Mike Pugh
<cllr.mpugh@hotmail.com> wrote:

No problem Jennifer, I'll 100% support council and the majority decision, regardless of my personal views. The reports are all collated by Mr Richards and may be biased toward his view, which is my personal opinion, from what I can see there's been no independent investigation completed. However, it is his constant attacks on a minority of councillors that I take umbrage with, his accusations are unfounded and constitute bullying and harassment, again, in my opinion.

That said, I feel doing nothing isn't an option and feel legal guidance should be sought.

Thanks,

Mike

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Good morning Michael.

Thanks for your agreement on this matter, However I do urge you to take this time, and read 'The Full Report' that we have ALL received from Mr Richards.

There are some clear contradictions to the testing of the ground, and how this testing actually happened, which is why I am assuming Mr Richards picked up on it.

Look forward to your full support on this matter.

Thanks Jennifer.

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On 14 Jan 2022, at 06:58, Mike Pugh <cllr.mpugh@hotmail.com> wrote:

I'm in agreement with Jennifer, apart from a select few, Mr Richards is hounding councillors with unsubstantiated claims. His vitriol seems to be increasing and he is now directly accusing those select councillors of crimes. Some are being accused of supporting murder, he's even started talking about child abuse now.

Again my view only, but I'd say this has now exceeded harassment and council should act

together. I propose seeking legal representation to determine our legal position.

The Sedgemores et al have bullied and spread lies against council for many years, now Mr Richards is expanding on that. I find it ironic that Mr Richards is friendly, and supported by, the Sedgemores and Rey Jones (amongst others). Clearly bullying and harassment by a formed group.

To do nothing isn't an option, I believe we need to take the bull by the horns, start implementing the vexatious policy and take formal action against these people.

Just my opinion on the matter.

Thanks,

Mike

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Good afternoon.

Having read all the information via e-mail from Mr Richards this afternoon, I would say that unless we address this issue ASAP, the whole council will come under disrepute from the allegations being made RE - Heol-Y-Glyn site.

I have purposely left Mr Richards out of this thread, so that we can discuss a way forward with this matter.

Thanks Jennifer.

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