



Cynulliad National  
Cenedlaethol Assembly for  
Cymru Wales

## **The Petitions Committee**

### **Completion Report**

**Summary of the Petitions Committee's consideration of P-03-135  
Car park at St Illtyd's Primary School**

**January 2009**

**E-petition received**

28 April 2008

**Ruled admissible**

4 June 2008 (following collection of signatures)

**Initial Consideration****25 June 2008**

The Committee gave initial consideration to the petition, and agreed to write to the Vale of Glamorgan Council to ask for ownership details of the car park, and that it inform the Committee of any ongoing action it is taking regarding the petitioner's concerns.

(See Annex 1 for the relevant extract from the transcript of the meeting on 25 June 2008, and Annex 2 for the letter sent by the Chair to the Vale of Glamorgan Council)

**Further Consideration****20 November 2008**

The Committee reviewed the progress of the petition, and noted that it had not received a response from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and agreed to write to the Council again.

(See Annex 1 for the relevant extract from the transcript of the meeting on 20 November 2008)

**13 January 2009**

The Committee considered a response from the Vale of Glamorgan Council. This response confirmed that the Vale of Glamorgan Council owns the car park. The Committee cannot get involved in matters that are for local councils to decide, so it agreed to send the petition to the Vale of Glamorgan Council to be considered according to its own rules. The Committee then agreed to close this petition as it has taken it as far as it can.

(See Annex 1 for the relevant extract from the transcript of the meeting on 13 January 2009, and annex 2 for the response from the Vale of Glamorgan Council)

**Petitions Clerk**  
**January 2009**

## **Annex 1**

## **Extracts from Petitions Committee meeting transcripts**

### **25 June 2008**

**Val Lloyd:** The third new petition this morning is on St Illtyd's car park:

'We ask that the National Assembly for Wales urges the Welsh Assembly Government to investigate the safety of the car park outside St Illtyd Primary School, Llantwit Major, and to work with the Vale of Glamorgan Council to make it safe.'

There is a good suggestion that we write to the Vale of Glamorgan Council to ask it to provide the committee with details of the car park's ownership, and whether this matter falls within its competence. I have no idea of the geography—I do not know whether you do, Andrew.

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** I have a vague idea of it. I have not been made aware of this petition to date, even though it falls within my region. However, knowing the area vaguely, a degree of clarity is needed as to exactly what we are talking about here, because it is a multi-use site. We also need to find out what the Vale of Glamorgan Council has been doing, and proposes to do, to try to resolve the issue in the first instance. That would be a sensible way of moving this forward.

**Val Lloyd:** I agree. Could we also try to get a map to inform our deliberations next time? I always find it more helpful if I have a map—I do not know about you.

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** The case up in Caerphilly was more about the road outside the school, but there seems to be a strand coming through in that there have been several petitions about road safety and the proximity of roads to schools. I believe that this is the third or fourth one now.

**Val Lloyd:** Of course, many schools were built before the roads were quite as busy. They reflect the geography of an area and the distribution of houses and, as time goes on, that changes, and roads become busier, so we are likely to have more. Therefore, we will take that twofold approach: we will get a map that shows the car park in relation to the school, and we will write to the Vale of Glamorgan Council to ask about ownership details and about how it has dealt with it to date.

### **20 November 2008**

**Val Lloyd:** We last considered the petition on St Illtyd's car park, P-03-135, in June, and we wrote to the Vale of Glamorgan Council, asking for a response about ownership. We have not had a reply.

**Michael German:** Chase them, Chair.

**Val Lloyd:** Yes, we will chase them.

### **13 January 2009**

**Val Lloyd:** The next petition, P-03-135, is on St Illtyd's car park. We agreed to write to the Vale of Glamorgan Council to determine ownership of the car park. The council has responded, and has told us that it is owned by the local authority. So, I do not think that there is any action that we can take forward, except to inform the petitioner, close the petition, and refer it to the Vale of Glamorgan Council, as we are not enabled to deal with it in this circumstance.

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** I know that I am stating the obvious, but could we reinforce the point that, as it is owned by the local authority, there is literally nothing that we can do? We have tried to set a precedent that we do not delve into local authority issues, because of a conflict of interests.

**Michael German:** We could discuss these issues at our next meeting.

**Val Lloyd:** We have maintained that all along, Andrew. It is not specific to this petition; we have abided by that principle. So, we will close that petition, but we will write to the petitioners, explaining our reasons for closing it, and their potential course of action.

## Annex 2

## Y Pwyllgor Deisebau

### Petitions Committee

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Our ref: PET-03-135

30 July 2008

Dear Mr. Evans

#### **PETITION: ST. ILLTYD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CAR PARK**

The Petitions Committee is considering a petition that expresses concern over the safety of a car park outside St. Illtyd's Primary School in Llantwit Major.

A copy of the petition wording is available from: <http://217.140.43.189/gethome/e-petitions/eform-sign-petition/p-03-135.htm?debug=210&debugimg=on>

The Committee understands that the car park lies within the grounds of St. Illtyd's Primary School, but that it is not owned by the school. The Committee agreed to write to you to request details of ownership of the car park, should you hold this information.

In the interests of fully investigating this petition, the Committee also agreed to ask you whether any steps have been taken to address the safety concerns raised by this petition.

Should you require any further information, please contact the Committee's clerking team on 029 2089 8998. I would also be grateful if you could send an electronic copy of your reply to the clerking team at [petition@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:petition@wales.gsi.gov.uk).

I thank you for considering this request and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



**Val Lloyd**  
Chair, Petitions Committee

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Dear Val,

**ST.ILLTYD'S CAR PARK, LLANTWIT MAJOR**

In response to your e.mail of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2008 to the Chief Executive.

I confirm that St.Illtyd's Car Park, Llantwit Major is owned by The Vale of Glamorgan Council under the joint control of Learning & Development and Social Services.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Jeffreys', with a horizontal line underneath.

**BRYAN JEFFREYS**  
**DIRECTOR OF LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT**