

ANNEX TO THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND THE HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES

PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION AT TALBOT MEMORIAL PARK TAIBACH

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10th March 2015

Dear sir,

Re: TALBOT MEMORIAL PARK

I am writing to you seeking information that I hope ,with your help, will shed some light on what has happened in the Talbot Memorial Park in the recent past and which is about to happen in the foreseeable future.

During the past year, or so, a number of changes seem to have occurred or, as rumour will have, are about to be introduced. Such changes which are being talk about by park users include;

- 1) the cost of the maintenance of the common use playing / sports field is met by people other than the local authority. If this is so can you please tell me who they are ?.
- 2) Is the permit system, which is noted on the signs at the entrances to the park, still in force for organized activities ?.
- 3) If the permit system is still in force is a permit necessary for each sports pitch in the common use field or can one permit cover the two pitches at one time?.
- 4) it is noticed that the entrance gate to the bowling green now has a notice stating "members only" does this mean that the general public are not allowed to use the one usable green ?.
- 5) we are told, by others, that the upkeep of the single bowling green is paid for by members of a bowling club, is this the case please ?.

- 6) rumours abound , again, suggesting that the common use playing /sports field are to be placed under the control of Taibach Rugby Club, who have been involved in such a move in the past, is this the case or will others be involved ?.

You may already be aware that Taibach Rugby Club were involved in the past regarding the control and use of the common use playing/sports field. At that time a meeting was arranged by the Local Authority and was held at the Civic Centre, attendees at that meeting included a member of the public, who was and still is a regular user of the park, the police, councillors and council officers. Following that meeting the move proposed to allow others to control the use of the field was not continued with. It is noted that at that time part of the scheme involved preventing the general public from using the common use playing/sports field.

If there are any moves by the Authorities , or others, to give others the authority to manage and control the use of the common use playing/sports field which would in any way interfere with the public use of that field I wish to make it known that I strongly object to any such move.

One final request, if such moves as noted above is being considered or intended will you please supply to me the conditions and terms regarding such a move.

I look forward to receiving an early reply to my letter.

Yours sincerely,