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A NEW START FOR NEATH PORT TALBOT

Plaid Cymru  On Your Side

Imagine different



From recession to austerity, the pandemic to the current cost-of-living crisis, we have faced enormous challenges over the last decade.

While our communities are greater than the challenges we face, they need a Council that genuinely supports them and works with them in order to overcome the daily struggles far too many face.

Plaid Cymru believes that Neath Port Talbot has enormous potential to be stronger, fairer and greener.

At this election we invite you to imagine a different Neath Port Talbot, one with;

- Prosperity for all our communities.
- Vibrant heritage, culture and environment.
- Safe and healthy communities
- An education for life.
- A Council that's on your side

Our Record



Despite being heavily outnumbered by Labour on the Council, in the last five years Plaid Cymru Councillors have;

- Campaigned against high levels of council tax in Neath Port Talbot, repeatedly voting for measures that would bring the cost down for residents.
- Successfully supported calls to bring leisure services back in house.
- Campaigned to save small schools from closure.
- Supported people, groups and businesses in our communities, including helping to fund improvement to community facilities like libraries, centres and playgrounds.
- Held the current administration to account over decisions made on service investment and delivery.

Voting Plaid Cymru has and will continue to be a vote for positive change in our communities. If we can deliver for you in opposition, imagine what we can deliver for county borough if we were in a position to lead the Council.

Prosperity for all our communities



Economic uncertainty with the pandemic recovery and cost of living crisis means that we must prioritise our recovery, and ensure that economic growth benefits all of our communities.

If elected on May 5th, Plaid Cymru Councillors will;

- Develop a genuine valleys strategy to build on enormous potential of our valley communities
- Expand business parks to create employment and business opportunities in more communities.
- Improve public transport after years of neglect.
- Initiate new visions for our towns, working with businesses and residents in Neath, Port Talbot and Pontardawe.
- Launch an ambitious community and regional wealth building strategy, utilising procurement spend by local anchors for community benefit.
- Improve collaboration between service providers to support more people into education, employment or training.

Vibrant heritage, culture and environment



Neath Port Talbot is an area culturally, historically and environmentally rich. However, this vast wealth is not being tapped into enough for the wellbeing of our communities.

If elected on May 5th, Plaid Cymru Councillors will;

- Co-develop a comprehensive environmental strategy with community partners to help combat the climate and nature emergencies.
- End the neglect of museums, libraries, and community leisure and play facilities.
- Celebrate street art and create more opportunities for artistic expression.
- Initiate a Communities of Culture competition.
- Protect and promote heritage sites and buildings as part of a comprehensive tourism strategy.
- Promote and strengthen the Welsh language and wider cultural diversity within our communities.

Safe and healthy communities



We live in a beautiful area, but far too many don't feel safe, have their enjoyment curtailed by excessive litter or improperly maintained infrastructure, or are not able to access the services they need for their physical and mental wellbeing.

If elected on May 5th, Plaid Cymru Councillors will;

- Support the work of our excellent local environmental and countryside groups who are making a difference every day.
- Tackle dog fouling, litter, flytipping, and improve maintenance of open spaces, roads and pavements.
- Encourage better co-ordination between Council, Police, Fire and Rescue Service and other agencies to cut crime, incidents of anti-social behaviour and improve community safety.
- Lead greater collaboration between NHS, social care services and voluntary organisations to reduce isolation and make services more accessible and accountable to those in need, their families and carers.
- Make use of care homes to help reduce bed blocking at hospitals

An education for life



A good education is essential for achievement, for wellbeing and for long term security. Plaid Cymru not only wants to see our school buildings maintained and enhanced, we want to see a comprehensive life-long system of education that supports all.

If elected on May 5th, Plaid Cymru Councillors will;

- Review the approach taken to 21st Century School development in the county borough.
- Greater recognition for role quality early years provision has on wellbeing and achievement.
- Ensure comprehensive catch up plans are in place for all learners in the wake of the pandemic
- Develop and promote accessible routes to education and training for people of all ages.
- Work with partners to ensure personalised support for those transitioning from education to employment.
- Reinforcing the rights of young people and involving them more in decision making

A Council that's on your side



For too long we have seen the Council make decisions where the public are either not consulted, or their opinions ignored. We want to see an authority that works in partnership with the public, that works with and for every community in the country borough.

We want a council that is on your side.

If elected on May 5th, Plaid Cymru Councillors will;

- Strengthening the role and status of scrutiny committees, with a renewed focus on public involvement.
- Ensure that matters for consideration by the Council, particularly when key changes are made to services, are more readily available in language that is accessible to all.
- Continue to support broadcast of Council meetings so that the public can hold elected officials accountable for decisions.
- Greater engagement with town and community councils, as well as voluntary organisations, to ensure that your priorities drive our work.
- Following our push to freeze and then cut Council tax, we will continue to fight for fairer levels of council tax.

Change begins with you



Neath Port Talbot needs a new start this May, and with your help we can achieve this.

Change begins with you.

So if you want prosperous, safe and healthy communities, one where our heritage, culture and environment are valued, where education is available and accessible to all, and where your Council listens to you, then vote Plaid Cymru on May 5th.

Want to find out more or get involved?



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