### Introduction

I wish to share my statement.

It is written with an historical context at the start of this document, as to enable to work toward the future is important to consider historical information documents etc. and in my personal and professional opinion it should always be the base line when considering the future.

In the context of the history I enclose the following documents. See attached.

- 1. A deed of conveyance to Porthcawl Urban District Council and Board of trade from King George (v). This refers to the areas on the map shaded in Red and Blue. Red indicated the area which should never be built upon. Therefore, this map should be considered alongside the second document the map attached to the Kings decree.
- 2. The second map (one and the same in my opinion) was used by Newton Estates (TG Jones) in 1935 to show that he owned the 256 acres and again in 2007 as a claim of ownership of Parc Dean Caravan Site.
- 3. Memorandum (Newton Estates Conveyance) this provides evidence that land changed hands from Newton Estates to Porthcawl UDC. 1960 on paper.
- 4. Evidence of investors wishing to provide recreation at Sandy Bay.

Land registry have documented that prior to BCBC applying to register the land in 2005, the only known record was 1920. "a conveyance dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 1920 made between 1) Sire Raleigh Grey 2) Annie Trevelyan Grey and Robert Lewin Hunter, and 3) Aitken and Morcom Ltd contains restrictive covenants but neither the original deed or certified copy or examined abstract thereof was produced on first registration". The subsequent conveyance in 1930 of the land from King George (V) was not registered at that time.

Newton Estates was founded by TG Jones, who it seems did not want the decree publicised at that time. Sir TG Jones also owned the Porthcawl Newspaper, was an Estate Agent and property developer at this time.

There was a London syndicate that had planned to build housing on the said land. This is when King George (V) became involved, because it was originally common/crown land.

The first registration was in 2005 by BCBC and the registered title absolute in 2018 includes the current JVP. As far as my research has indicated, this was without public consult. In 2007 the area to the east of Sandy Bay (Parc Dean) was also first registered.

A memorandum attached shows two houses built after 1930 being displayed as being under a lease dated 1926, which was seemingly to legitimise the existence, as Newton estates it would appear defied the Kings decree.

BCBC have documented in reports that the 56 acres were compulsory purchased and this land was held in trust prior to appropriation in 2022. Please may I add that this appropriation was taken to scrutiny, the recording was listened to by myself and the scrutiny committee in my opinion were misled by the information given by the corporate director for communities. The information she gave was "We have not predetermined the use of this area of sandy bay and coney beach, what we are doing on sandy bay is appropriating it for planning purposes. We are not appropriating it for housing purposes we are appropriating it for planning purposes. Now what that does, it is a legal mechanism whereby we remove its current use, and its current use is for a caravan park, so its current use is not open space, it's actually a private piece of land and there are signs up there. It is not formal open space so what we are doing is appropriating it for planning purposes and the intention is to do intensive communication with the community and look at what can be achieved in this area". "Currently Sandy Bay is private land it isn't recreational space".

The following is what is documented in the relevant cabinet reports:-

The former Sandy Bay Caravan Park which forms the majority of the land owned by the council in the area intended for development was acquired by the council for the purposes of public walks, being purposes set out in section 164 of the public health act 1875, and section 4 of the physical training and recreation act 1937. The acquisition took place following the confirmation of Porthcawl Urban (Newton) recreation ground conformation order 1948 which authorised compulsory purchase acquisition of the land for those purposes. The land is accordingly held pursuant to a statutory trust imposed by section 10 of the open spaces act 1906 to allow, and with a view to, the enjoyment thereof by the

public as an open space within the meaning of the 1906 act" Ref 4.42 of Appropriation of the Council Land.

Another concern is the describing of Sandy Bay as being "Brownfield Land". Many years ago part of this land had been exploited for aggregates and also had been used as a refuse tip. Technically in the past this could therefore have been considered as brownfield land, however after many years of providing recreation enjoyment to the caravanning community this land has now rewilded. There have over the years been people wanting to invest into Sandy Bay (see attached), large sums of money to develop it in a way that the public/residents and visitors could enjoy. I fail to see how housing will enhance the area for residents as this land as it stands is used daily by many people for walking dogs, riding horses, by the school for safe walking/exercise for groups of children, by runners, by mothers and toddlers who can push a pram, walk a dog, and exercise their children safely. I could go on and on about the way this land is used, as it was intended.

I appreciate that housing is needed but this land in Porthcawl offers such opportunity for enjoyment by visitors and local community alike and it will be lost for ever if housing is allowed to dominate.

It is an area that is beautiful to those who love freedom and nature. Visitors flock to Porthcawl from all over the world to attend events such as the Elvis Festival and the Truck Festival. The land has a multiple of uses. There have been gymkhanas held there in the past, car shows as examples.

The RLDP in my opinion remains to be a little deceptive. The wordy descriptions for their future vision conflict with their mixed use descriptions. 1100 dwellings does not leave much meaningful space for recreation and/or future opportunity. The number of people that would move into these houses and the number of cars would collapse our current infrastructure. I appreciate that the planning system is in place to help prevent issues occurring, but for such obvious observations and anxieties regarding infrastructure, I feel that a much more proactive approach should have been taken. Those supporting this RLDP need to be fully informed and appreciate these types of concerns. After all these years of this current LDP being in processes

the answers/solutions regarding infrastructure should simply now be known and not remain a subject of continuous debate.

Once this land is sold to developers then this land will be lost to our future generations. Our opportunity to have a wonderful seaside resort to be proud of will be gone for ever. There have been attempts to deceive the public and official bodies for many years, and this is continuing today in my opinion.

## Some definitions to consider.

World Health Organisation

"The place or social context in which people engage in daily activities in which environmental, organisation and personal factors interact to affect health and wellbeing"

May I bring your attention to the following:-

The local government act 1933.

The physical training and recreation Act 1937

The Acquisition of Land (authorisation procedure) Act 1946

The CPO of 1948 was sanctioned under these acts. There was transition following this event to, Ogwr Borough Council, Mid Glamorgan County Council and then Bridgend County Borough Council. At every stage housing development has been attempted and failed. It is my opinion that the appropriation of land that was approved at cabinet in 2022 was based on misled information. This might be because of not understanding fully the background history of Sandy Bay alongside or not understanding fully the local current use of this land.

BCBC's placemaking report along with the statement of reason for the CPO's and the subsequent reports provided ahead of the decision to appropriate this land shows the intent to cover Sandy Bay almost in its entirety, with housing. In my opinion, this does not improve the area, protect the area and certainly does not consider how the residents of Porthcawl will benefit from such a development. From the information provided within the LDP, it will impact considerably on the well being of many residents who use this area regularly as a safe area to exercise, particularly those that

are elderly and can safely engage in activity i.e. walking their dogs, and the young parents that can give their children freedom. Such areas do not exist anywhere else in Porthcawl as although we have the beaches, pushing push chairs or wheelchairs is not practical alongside the freedoms that this space provides. Sandy Bay is perfect for young and old alike. In conversations I have discovered that people come from all over the county to Sandy Bay for its unique qualities of space and safe walking.

I would like to add that although there is an improvement in consultation of late, mainly brought about by local residents, the consultation process to date has not been good. I have presented in world congress in consultation and is my area of expertise, therefore I feel qualified to comment on this. There have been too many excuses made for poor consultation. Covid in my opinion was not a valid reason although this was the reason given when I challenged BCBC. I still do not feel that many people, particularly those that are vulnerable, have been afforded the opportunity to contribute, and those are the very people that rely so heavily on being able to use Sandy Bay for the purpose it was intended all those years ago by King George (v), and later by the Ministry of Health.

This LDP, if sanctioned without change ahead of public consultations, will predetermine the use of the land and I fear to the detriment of Porthcawl being a successful and sustainable seaside resort.

It is my opinion that BCBC has not been able to join the dots between multiple policy objectives and perspectives. I believe the LDP has been heavily weighted by political issues and the local residents, along with day trippers, and holiday makers have been largely ignored. Please remember Porthcawl is a seaside town and the major focus should be tourism not housing, which does not have the infrastructure to support the this proposed LDP.

I understand fully that there is a need for housing and I am sure residents would be prepared to negotiate but in my opinion BCBC are not working in partnership with residents because they are focussed on meeting housing targets and not considering well-being, tourism, or future generations enough. When this land is gone it is gone forever. Can BCBC be proud of that???? Surely there is land outside of Porthcawl that

is less unique, that does not rely on tourism, and does not impact on culture, well being and future generations, as it would if they destroy Sandy Bay.

I am sure there are things that BCBC might have done differently in hindsight, i.e. Owners Agreement which was never consulted on with the residents of Porthcawl but I am submitting this statement with the hope that BCBC show some empathy with the feelings that are very strong in our community but are not in the majority's opinion, being listened to.

In general feedback there has not been good communication, the consultation on-line was wordy and jargonistic. The LDP consultation was not designed to be generally accessible, neither was it child friendly or accessible to those more vulnerable in our society. Negotiation has not been meaningful. Stakeholders are critical to the success of development and this includes elective representative and until recently none of these representatives lived in Porthcawl. I would question if community leaders have been listened to over the years and as for the community themselves, it is my opinion that it has been a token gesture and not meaningful engagement (I appreciate that opportunity remains for this to be much improved). I have not heard representations from public health practitioners that might be affected by this development nor from the Counties Public Health Lead for healthy places and people. I feel however that there has been focused consultation with strategic developers and from research it is something that has taken priority over all other considerations. To my knowledge, the 60/40 agreement with the JVP was put in place before BCBC acquired the deeds of the land. The sales brochure of the land also publicised prior to the deeds being acquired.

In my opinion there has not been a holistic approach to physical and mental health of local residents as the emphasis has been on reaching housing targets set out by government without consideration to the consequences of actions, particularly with regards to this unique area of foreshore land. There has been little consideration to green open spaces and only token gestures have been made to date. These token gestures have only resulted following objections, and more worryingly a consideration of future generations has been sadly lacking.

Placemaking, should be a multi-faceted approach to planning, design and management of public spaces, which capitalises on a local community's assets,

inspiration, and potential, with the intention of creating public spaces that improve urban vitality and promotes people's health, happiness and well being is far from being met within this LDP.

Quite simply, an allowance for the reconsideration of the residential lead (numbers and footprint) should be written into this RLDP. This would fully allow for meaningful public engagement. Only with some flexibility can the voices of stakeholders be meaningfully represented.

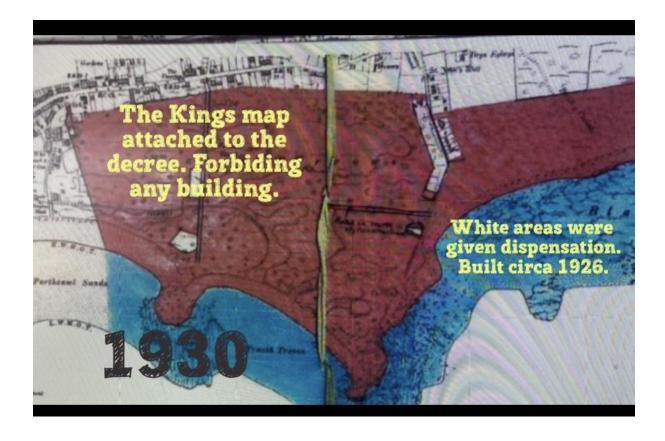
After so many years all this feels like such a fight! The apathy that has resulted from years of poor engagement is an issue. Engagement and trust go hand in hand – one simply cannot exist without the other. Because of this, one huge barrier to successful community engagement can be a lack of trust between the citizens and those leading the project. This has certainly been the case over the years and I feel that it continues to be an issue that needs to be addressed. I am engaging by taking the time to express my thoughts and opinions. I am a local resident that has been in this town for 70 years and I only want to ensure that future generation are left with real opportunity regarding these sights

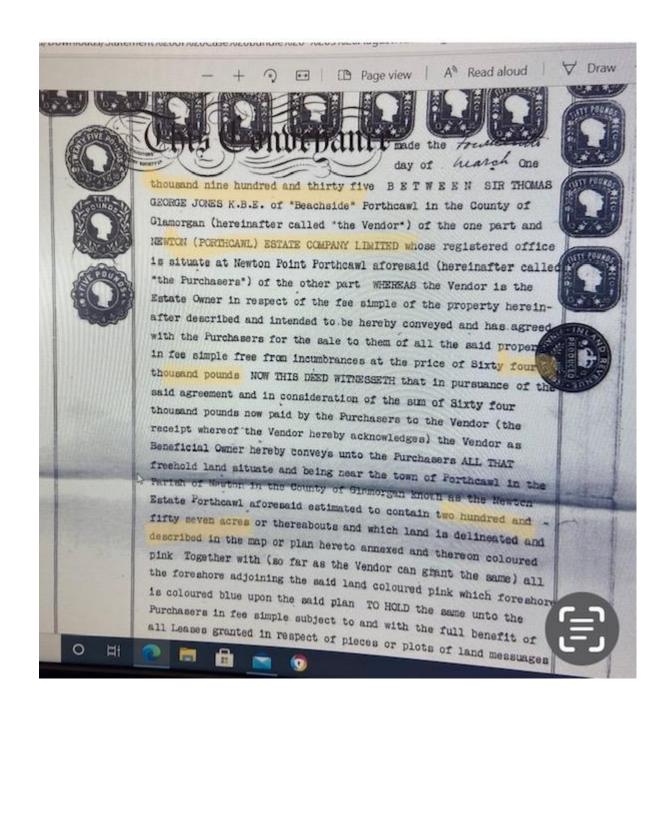
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# PORTHCAWL MAY HAVE A "WEMBLEY" SPORTS STADIUM

# Big enough to attract national and international events

A SPORTS STADUM, which would compare very favourably with Wembley, was envisaged by members of the Portheawl Council, at a meeting of the Town Planning Committee on Thursday, Councilier E. M. Bowen, chairman, presiding, when a letter from Mr. W. L. C. Prosser, secretary to the Bridged Town Association Feetball Club, was

Councillor R. B. Thomas went on far as to say that if the scheme outlined in the letter was to develop, Portheawi would be able to provide alternative accommodation to Wembiry for sports

The letter read: "We wish it confirm the proposals placed before Councillor E. M. Rowen and Mr. Reas, Surveyor, on Friday, March 5th, 1948, and no state that, having failed to conclude auti-factory napotiations for a mutable site in Bridgend, we should like to transfer our centre of operations to Furtheast."

For ease of reference the following data and prepositions are in note form:

 We are an established Weigh League Club and we have realisable ambitions to play foot-

2. The club is known as Bridgend Town A.F.C., but we suggest that if we transfer our activities to Fortheaw! we rename ourselves Bridgend and Portheaw! United ing, Brighton and Hovel, and by so doing bring our Bridgend following is Porthcaw!.

3. If your Council would be perpared to lesse us a militable sits, my chairman, Mr. C. W. Kieft, and Mr. A. H. Gizze, Wolverhampton, are prepared to you up a five figure sum of mosety in order to promote sport in Porthcavet.

4. It is an accepted fact that it is impossible to make money out of football until a club is very well established; so that it is necessary to run other activities in order to subsidies it until in an find its own fact. We, therefore, acknowledge that if we are to make a success of this venture we must cater for a wide variety we must cater for a wide variety of soorts and sheway provide first-class enfortainment. Our provised activities are as followed:

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(c) Open air dancing

(d) Tennis.

) Motor cycle-

asking them to expedite their de-

It was felt that before the Council could entertain an proposition from the Bridgent A.F.C. the result of the inquiry would have to be known. As it was, the Council did not own the land and could not enter into any

The chairman said that the Chub was anxious to prepare a football ground for next season and three of the Chub's officials were prepared to put down \$10,000 each for the erection of a stadium

Councillor George Gleston said that on Rs face value this proposition was highly desirable, and It should not, as far as the Council was concerned, go into the melting pot stage. He moved that a sub-committee be formed to keep this acheme alive and to have it know with the wood-see.

"We want to start something to show these people that we are in good faith," said Councillor Glenton. Councillor Cyril Philips

Councilior James Levis: We will have to be careful with this. It is not only for the true love of sport. There is a financial gain behind it. The only thing we should see is the revenue for the welfare of the lown.

The chairman and that the English Football Association had given its blessing to the Bridgean Crob. The Club, he said, wanted to make Portheawl the centre for association football in flootb Wales, and also the centre for other activities.

I know whether the Playing Floids Association will be interested in this?

The chairman: This is distinct; apart from the Association. The will not touch something professional. They are strictly un professional.

Councillor Thomas: Well, in that case, we will not have a grant.

The chairman: This will be a definite separate entity. Councillor J. T. Lewis: Where is

Surveyor: It is between Sir T. G. Jones' house and Rhych Avenue. Councillor Lewis: I though we were going to use that land for own feet. We, therewiedge that if we are
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5. I have tried to make it clear that it is our ambition to build a beautiful and commodious stadium at Porthoawl. A stadium which can offer such excellent facilities that it will attract both national and international events to Porthoawl. From my knowledge I would say that Porthoawl would have an extremely good chance of attracting soccer interchance of attracting soccer inter-

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# 1. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI001-4255

Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. We refer to your email dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 which contained a request for information as set out in italics below. Following consideration of your request, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I respond to each point as follows:

 Was there a public consultation held ahead of the owner's agreement being signed back in 2011 and/or revised and signed in 2018? I ask, not in respect to financial details but in respect to the intent to package together and dispose of public land at Sandy Bay.

### No

2. If the was not a public consultation, was there a decision not to consult or was consultation never considered?

# The Authority does not hold this information.

3. If consultation was considered, but the decision was made not to consult, could you please provide the minutes of said meeting, within which that decision not to consult was made?

# n/a see question 2.

4. If there was not a public consultation, was there any other relevant consultation that you are able to advise of?

The heads of terms for the necessary revisions to the Owners Agreement to facilitate the acquisition of the leasehold interest in Salt lake was reported to Cabinet on 19 December 2017: <a href="https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s14153/171219%20Porthcawl%20Regeneration.pdf">https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s14153/171219%20Porthcawl%20Regeneration.pdf</a>