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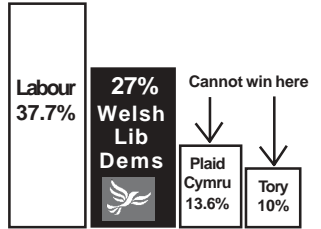
On Morriston



Welsh Liberal Democrats
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How you voted in
Morriston on 1st May



Only the Welsh Liberal Democrats can beat Labour here

Welsh Lib Dems halve

Labour majority - thank you!



Welsh Liberal Democrats have halved Labour's majority in Morriston to just 140 votes.

Helen Ceri Clarke pushed Labour's fifth placed candidate to within a whisker of losing his seat on 1st May. It was only the fact that opposition votes were split amongst other parties that saved him. Helen, Jon, Rachael, Owen and Sam would

like to thank everybody who voted for them, worked for them or helped them in any way in these elections. The rise in the Welsh Lib Dem vote was a huge endorsement of the work being done locally by the **FOCUS** Team. At a citywide level there was a big vote of confidence for the Welsh Lib Dem Administration on Swansea Council. The Welsh Lib

Dems gained 4 seats and now have a 23 strong group. The coalition they lead has a majority on the Council for the first time. Labour lost two seats overall, whilst both Plaid and the Tories fell back. The Welsh Liberal Democrats also continue to lead administrations in Cardiff and Wrexham. They are now helping to run 13 of Wales' 22 Councils.



Labour propose closure of four more Swansea Post Offices

Local Welsh Liberal Democrat Assembly Member, **Peter Black** has accused the Labour Government of abandoning local communities after it was announced that four more Post Offices are to close in Swansea. The four are in Tycoch, Gors Avenue, Garnswllt and Parkmill. Labour have already closed 22 Post Offices in the City since 1999. "The local Post Office is more than a business," said Mr. Black. "It is part of the community. Post Offices are making a loss because the Government is taking business away from them. They must rethink this policy and start to invest in keeping Post Offices as proposed by the Liberal Democrats."

Welsh Lib Dems - the main challengers to Labour around here

Defending the Council's Record

During the election Labour ran a negative and dirty campaign based on a series of lies about the Council's record under the Welsh Liberal Democrats leadership. Below we set the record straight on a number of their claims:

- * The Council has not cut funding to schools as Labour allege. In fact the Welsh Lib Dems have increased it year-on-year despite a poor grant settlement from the Labour Assembly Government. We are spending more per pupil than the Government say we should. Of course if our Labour Councillors don't think that is enough then why did they not move an amendment to the Council's budget on this issue in February? Instead, they sat on their hands.
- * The Metro bus is being paid for by First Cymru not the Council. The cost of road works are being met by a grant from the Labour Assembly Government. That is because it was their idea.
- * The actual cost of the Council's e-government computer programme is contained within the budget set for it by the previous Labour Administration. It was a necessary investment to keep the Council running and to improve our service to the public. That is why Labour proposed it in the first place.
- * There have never been plans to stop weekly rubbish collections and nor are there now. The only people who proposed this are Labour Ministers in the Assembly. In fact the Labour Environment Minister is still urging local Councils to do this in the Assembly on a regular basis.
- * Road maintenance has in fact been increased and we have set up a rolling programme so that all areas get the benefit from it. Thanks to us, kerbside garden rubbish and kitchen waste collections will be available to all homes next year.



Vicarage Rd Clasemont Road.



We reported that plans to put traffic lights on the junction of **Clasemont Road** and **Vicarage Road** had been delayed because Labour Councillors had failed to respond to a Council consultation. They denied having seen it. Strange then that the minutes of the Morryston Residents Association for 5 April say that one of our Labour Councillors admits to having received this report.



Garth Farm

Labour persist in claiming that the Council intend to

resurrect plans to put a motorbike scrambler facility on Garth Farm. This idea is dead in the water. Local Welsh Liberal Democrats have now helped to arrange a meeting between Clydach Riding Club and Council officers to pursue their request that this land be used for horse riding. We are not just sitting back and grumbling like Labour, we are trying to find practical solutions.



Chemical Road

Helen Ceri Clarke and **Jonathan Clarke** are continuing to pursue the Police and the Council over complaints of speeding on **Chemical Road**. The police have agreed to position an officer there with a hand-held speed detection device, whilst the Council will be carrying out a speed survey to assess whether the area qualifies for traffic calming measures. We will report back when we have the outcome of this survey.

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