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Glynneath,
Neath Port Talbot,
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30 June 2022

Dear Chief Finance Officer at NPTC

This communication is submitted to you in line with the following council value:

"We will be open to challenge and will promote a culture of learning and innovation throughout our organisation."

We submit it because the council has failed to uphold the following NPTC values in relation to my family and the families of the residents group I belong to:

"We will stand up for our citizens and our communities, advocating for the needs and aspirations of our people in every aspect of our work."

"We will listen to our citizens, our workforce and our many partners and seek ways to meaningfully involve people in our work."

"We will celebrate diversity in all of its forms and work tirelessly for greater equality in all of our communities."

"We will conduct the work of the Council in an open and accessible way, ensuring we are properly accountable for the decisions we make."

Please find enclosed a copy of my initial refusal to pay Council Tax in 2020 and a follow up email that identifies the failure of the council to observe its purpose. This is still the case, your council refuses to answer relevant questions, fails to provide relevant information and does not follow planning protocol in relation to toxic waste found nearby. The council planning officials, Nicola Lake, Steve Ball and Ceri Morris along with the Glynneath Councillors Simon Knoyle, Del Morgan and the chair of the relevant scrutiny committee Councillor Stephen K Hunt have deliberately undertaken actions which have and still continue to endanger the lives of residents in Glynneath.

I refer in particular to the planning approval for P2020/0863 which allows a spoil heap containing toxic waste to be moved closer to the houses in my street. This planning approval shows a basic regard for human life. Its only purpose was to remove the safety requirement for the chemical testing of land that already had eyewitness reports of toxic waste being dumped on it. A document that showed the land actually contained toxic waste was available for consideration but was ignored by the planning department who approved the planning application without going through the committee.

Quite simply your council are happy to place Glynneath residents in danger to cover up historical malpractice by your planning department working in conjunction with unscrupulous developers. They are aware they are breaking laws and regulations, they are aware the land is contaminated with carcinogens, mutagens and neurotoxins, they are aware that people have already died most likely from contamination and therefore as far as I am concerned this is attempted murder and I will not pay for my family and the residents in my group to be murdered.

I am in the process of compiling a research report paper based upon the above information in relation to P2020/0863 but in the mean time, I enclose 3 research report papers which have previously been submitted to both the the NPTC and Glynneath Town Council's for consideration. These reports have not been considered by either council and as such I believe this to be a failure in the duty of care to my family and other families whose lives are linked to the information contained in the documents. Your council is clearly unfit for purpose and I will not pay to support incompetence, malpractice and corruption amongst the employees and elected officials of the council.

I'm sure you are aware that this contravenes the 'purpose of the council which is

Neath Port Talbot Council exists to serve and represent the interests of its citizens and communities. We strive to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of all of our people.

I cannot in good conscience pay money to an organisation that endangers the lives of my family and residents in my street whom I have sworn to support.

Neither can I pay to support child abuse as directed by the Welsh Government that breaches the United Nations Children's Charter and may potentially affect my grandchildren and other children in Wales.

With reference to your role in the process of collecting council tax from me, I refer to the council's monitoring officer, Craig Griffiths. This public officer can be shown to be having made inappropriate actions that fail to observe the purpose of the council in order to cover up the breach of the 1990 Environmental Protection Act as outlined in in the "Council of Death" document. He is not to be trusted to act with integrity in relation to the information I am providing you with. I would suggest that in line with council protocol you provide this letter and its contents to him. Firstly however, the documents I am providing to you identify potential Corporate Manslaughter and child abuse that is linked to your council and so you should follow national government guidelines and the "The Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 (as amended 2013)" which is highlighted in the council 'whistleblowing' policy.

You should copy and provide this information to the relevant Welsh government regulators on the basis that the information I am providing you with, and the information which I will eventually make public in the future that relates to the council, is covered by all the points a, b, c, d, e, & f of this act. I will of course retain confirmation of the delivery of this letter and will also make this information public.

If, as per your protocol you summons me to the courts and then instruct bailiffs to act on behalf of the council to recover what you believe to be an outstanding debt, you will be considered to be and shown to be supporting the endangerment of Glynneath residents lives (Corporate Manslaughter) and the abuse of Welsh children contrary to the United Nations Children's Charter. Eventually, my team and/or the relevant authorities will make sure that you personally will be made accountable publicly and legally for your actions.

Finally, I would consider entering into negotiation with regard to the non payment of my council tax, should the council consider upholding the purpose and values of the authority in relation to the points covered in this letter and the enclosed documents that have been previously submitted to the council..

I trust this communication finds you in good health.

regards - David Richards, (Director) Rugby Relics Ltd

on behalf of the East Glynneath Residents Against Contamination group and the abused children of Wales.