

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS **SUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

4.15 PM WEDNESDAY, 25TH JUNE, 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBER

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members of the Objections and Appeals Sub Committee are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and prejudicial interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members' Code of Conduct.

3. Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Amendment No. 6) Order 2014 - Consideration of Objections

To consider a report of the Director of Customer Services (Pages 1 - 8)

4. Any Other Business as deemed urgent by the Chair

<p><u>COMPOSITION:</u> Councillor E Galsworthy (Chair) Councillors H Barrett and T Chaplin together with appropriate officers</p>
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Agenda Item 3

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS SUB COMMITTEE



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Committee Date	25 th June 2014

To: Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO. 6) ORDER 2014 - CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

To consider an objection received against the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Amendment No. 6) Order 2014

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 On the 23rd December 2013, a report was submitted to Council recommending a change to the tariff structure from:

1hr 70p
2hrs £1.30
3hrs £1.60
4hrs £2.30
All day £3.80

To

3hrs £1.50
All day £3.50

- 1.2 Council accepted the recommendation and the new tariffs were introduced on the 1st April 2014 in the majority of the County Borough Council's car parks following the

making of the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Amendment No. 5) Order 2014.

- 1.3 The four car parks not the subject of the Amendment No. 5 Order, namely Castle Multi-storey car park, Abermorlais Car Park, Civic Centre Car Park and Post Office Lane Car Park, which did not form part of the Amendment No. 5 Order were included in the Amendment No. 6 Order (attached Appendix 1).
- 1.4 In accordance with statutory procedure, the proposed amendment to the Off Street Parking Places Order No. 6 was advertised on the 24th April 2014 with objections required by 16th May 2014. An objection dated 30th April 2014 has been received from Mr Barry to the Amendment No. 6 Order. The objection is attached at Appendix 2.

2.0 CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTION

- 2.1 The objection received from Mr Barry is in relation to the doubling of the charge from 70p to £1.50 if you stay in a car park for 1 hour.
- 2.2 As stated in paragraph 1.1 and 1.2 above Council accepted the recommendation to increase the tariffs in all County Borough Council car parks. Amendment No. 5 amended the tariff in the car parks that were the subject of that Order. Amendment No. 6 seeks to amend the provisions of the Off Street Car Parking Order and the subsequent amendments made to it by incorporating the remaining 4 car parks that were not subject to the Amendment No. 5 Order.
- 2.3 Mr Barry's objection is in relation to the increase in tariff. The tariff's were increased in the whole on 1st April 2014. The remaining 4 car parks are now being brought into line with the other car parks within the County Borough and therefore Mr Barry's objection should not be accepted.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 3.1 Financial requirements in relation to set up costs have been approved previously and will not be affected by changes to the proposal.

4.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been submitted for previous reports relating to this matter, it has been identified that one is not required for the purpose of this report.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION(S) that

- 5.1 Mr Barry's objection is not accepted and the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Amendment No. 6) Order 2014 be confirmed and a Notice of Making be advertised accordingly.

ELLIS COOPER
DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER SERVICES

BACKGROUND PAPERS		
<i>Title of Document(s)</i>	<i>Document(s) Date</i>	<i>Document Location</i>

Consultation has been undertaken with Executive Board in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.

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**MERTHYR TYDFIL CUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
(OFF STREET PARKING PLACES)(AMENDMENT No. 6) ORDER 2014**

Notice is hereby given that the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council in exercise of its powers under Section 32, 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act of 1984”) as amended, the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004 (“the 2004 Act”) and all other enabling powers, intends to make the above Order.

This Order will amend the provisions of the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places)(Consolidation) Order 2012 and the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places)(Amendment No. 1) Order 2013 and the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places)(Amendment No. 2) Order 2013 and the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places)(Amendment No. 3) Order 2013 and the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places)(Amendment No. 4) Order 2014 and the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places)(Amendment No. 5) Order 2014 hereinafter referred to as “the Orders”. The effect of the changes to the Orders will be:-

1. The following car parks referred to shall forthwith be subject to the Tariff Schedule 2014a
 - a) Castle Multi-storey Car Park the extent of which is identified hatched black on Plan 35
 - b) Abermorlais Car Park the extent of which is identified hatched black on Plan 1
 - c) Civic Centre Car Park the extent of which is identified hatched black on Plan 6
 - d) Post Office Lane Car Park the extent of which is identified hatched black on Plan 25
2. The Tariff Schedule 2014 to the Orders shall be repealed and replaced by the Tariff Schedule 2014a as set out below and attached to the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places)(Amendment No. 6) Order 2014.
3. All references made to the “Tariff Schedule 2014” in the Orders shall hereinafter be replaced by the “Tariff Schedule 2014a”
4. The Schedule 4 2014 to the Orders shall be repealed and replaced by the Schedule 5 2014.
5. All references made to “schedule 4 2014” in the Orders shall hereinafter be replaced by “schedule 5 2014”

The provisions of the Orders shall otherwise remain unchanged in all other respects.

The Order and relevant documents and plans giving more detailed particulars of these proposals may be inspected at the Civic Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr Tydfil during normal office hours. Further information may be obtained by telephoning the Parking Manager of the Council on telephone number (01685) 727320.

Objections to the Order together with the grounds on which they are made must be made in writing to the undersigned by 16th May 2014.

TARIFF SCHEDULE 2014

	CAR PARK	CURRENT TARIFF
1	1) Castle Car Park 2) Castle (South) Car Park 3) College Car Park (E) 4) College Car Park (S) 5) Pontmorlais Car Park 6) Swan Street Car Park 7) Tramroad Car Park (E)	£1.50 for 3 hours £3.50 per day <u>£15.00 five days</u> <u>£17.00 six days</u>
2	8) Gilar Street Car Park	£1.50 for 3 hours £3.50 per day <u>£15.00 five days</u> <u>£17.00 six days</u>
3	9) High Street Car Park	No charge - ½ hour parking return prohibited within 2 hours
4	Valid in all car parks in Clauses 1 only.	£38 = Monthly ticket £350 = Season Ticket

TARIFF SCHEDULE 2014a

Clause	CAR PARK	PROPOSED TARIFF
1	1) <u>Abermorlais Car Park (SAT. ONLY)</u> 2) <u>Castle Multi-storey Car Park</u> 3) Castle Car Park 4) Castle (South) Car Park 5) College Car Park (E) 6) College Car Park (S) (SAT. ONLY) 7) Gilar Street Car Park 8) Pontmorlais Car Park 9) Swan Street Car Park 10) Tramroad Car Park (E)	£1.50 for 3 hours £3.50 per day
2	11) High Street Car Park	No charge - ½ hour parking return prohibited within 2 hours
3	12) All car parks in Clause 1. 13) <u>Civic Centre Car Park</u> 14) <u>Post Office Lane Car Parks</u>	£38 = Monthly ticket £350 = Season Ticket

30-4-14.

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DEAR SIR

I AM WRITING IN PROTEST OF THE NEW
HOURLY PARKING CHARGES INSTALLED BY
MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNCIL.

AFTER MAKING A PROFIT OF 340,000 POUNDS
IN THE LAST YEAR ON PARKING AND FINES I
FIND IT ATROCIOUS THAT THEY ARE MORE
THAN DOUBLING THE CHARGE FROM 70P TO
£1.50 IF YOU ONLY STAY FOR ONE HOUR.
PEOPLE WHO GO TO TOWN 5 DAYS A WEEK
WERE PAYING £3.50, WITH NEW CHARGES THEY
ARE PAYING £7.50 FOR 1HRS PARKING.
WE THINK THIS IS UNJUST AND IS A
RIP OFF

PLEASE COULD YOU RETURN THEIR ANSWER
BEFORE THIS LETTER GOES PUBLIC.

THANKING YOU

John Beery

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