

Postbag

Who will pay for Tudor's dream?

IT WAS interesting to read views from the party leaders re. the proposed Life Centre.

Firstly, it was not long ago that The Herald reported that the Labour council had to tighten their belts, as we were as a council in debt. The debt appears to have now vanished, with Plymouth City Council offering to fund the Life Centre to the tune of £26million! One must ask where this money is coming from and what has happened to the debts.

Seaton Pool was closed by this council due to the fact no money was available to pay for the running costs of £160,000 per year. Cllr Vivian Pengelly is absolutely right in questioning what cuts will be made to fund this dream. She has been made to look a scapegoat because she dares to ask prudent questions. It is time for the electorate to decide if they trust the council, or would like to see a change in the May elections.

Cllr Karen Gillard is, as usual, siding with Labour but voting for her is just another wasted vote for Labour.

Any promised donations to this Life Centre will ultimately be paid for by council tax payers and if one cannot afford to keep a pool open costing £160,000 per year, then what real chance is there for this latest pie-in-the-sky development?

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SO TUDOR EVANS would like the sportsmen and women to vote Labour. Could I remind them that it is this Labour council that closed Seaton Pool, with no alternative in place: is giving little, if any, support to the people of Plymstock in their efforts for a pool: is going to take the playing fields at Butt Park to build a new primary school: and in Devonport, at the Brickfields - given to the city as sporting facilities - wants to take a portion of it to build a primary school, when not 100 metres down the road there is education land sitting idle. Devonport/Stonehouse badly needs a new secondary school and the site bandied around a couple of years ago was Stonehouse playing fields.

So before you sport-minded people put your X in the box, just think: what has this council done for you?

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TUDOR EVANS has made a firm promise to deliver this Life Centre: good, but all we have seen is an artist's impression. The electorate should be informed in detail of what we are going to get for our money, how it is to be financed and if assets are going to have to be sold. Then the Conservative concerns would no longer be an issue. Unfortunately our politicians, locally and nationally, appear reluctant to give a straight answer to a straight question.

Here we have three party heads, agreeing a Life Centre is needed, preferring to try and score political points. Shame on you; no wonder the turnout at local elections has plummeted.

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