



Barry Town Council facing strike action

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GMB union warns council using ‘unscrupulous practice’ public believes should be banned

GMB Union, the union for council staff, has warned Barry Town council they face strike action.

The local authority for Wales’ largest town has served notice to six cemetery workers imposing a unilateral change to terms and conditions of employment, without their consent.

The union had been consultation with ACAS and the Barry Town Council clerk Emily Forbes on proposed changes to the terms and conditions of employment for Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery workers.

However, Barry Town Council has rejected all the union’s representations and withdrew from talks whilst issuing notice to cemetery workers of a unilateral change to terms and conditions of employment.

Nicola Savage, GMB Regional Organiser said:

“This practice is unscrupulous, unpopular and unwarranted.

“Barry Town Council think they can run roughshod over its staff; they can’t. Members should have no fear that we will stand up and protect them.

“The damage is done, members from across the council feel betrayed and we’re balloting our members now on whether to take strike action.

“The council should stop digging a hole and come back to the table immediately, or this could escalate into strike action.”

