

## **County Councillor report for December 2016**

**Final report for 2016:** this is earlier than usual this month as I shall be out of action for a few days from December 9<sup>th</sup> after getting a replacement right hip.

**Near miss in Park Road:** since this occurred and in view of ongoing concerns about traffic in this area I have been involved in numerous discussions with senior staff and governors of Radyr Primary, cabinet member and senior officers (including Chief Executive) of Cardiff Council, Cardiff Bus management and local police. I have also discussed this at Pact and with individual residents. Arising from these consultations I have made 7 suggestions to improve safety and I have asked that the Council road safety team should consider these and make their own assessment of optimum solutions. Among the suggestions is that lower Park Road and the contingent area of Heol Isaf should be a 20mph zone. This would require a traffic regulatory order, a legal process which takes at least 6 months. I know that some well-intentioned individuals have started a petition but I will be unable to present any petition to Cardiff Council until the next meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January. By then we can assess the need for a petition and its content and we can involve the School and PTA in obtaining signatures.

**Man no longer on Bench:** He has been found a place in a hostel and we hope that this continues to be a success. Well done to all who helped to put this solution in place.

**Flood on Heol Isaf:** during recent heavy rain this road was flooded under the M4 as was a frequent occurrence until drains were cleared of silt; I have asked for this to be done again. Many other drains were also found to be blocked and I have reported those brought to my attention.

**Station Carpark;** work is about to start to implement the plans which were publicised. Network Rail is not subject to planning approval for this but Cardiff Council will monitor the outcome particularly in respect of road safety. Local residents should have had a letter drop about this.

**Xmas Tree Lighting;** this was an even greater success than previous events; thanks and congratulations are due to RMA, R+MCC, volunteer helpers, stallholders, Father Xmas, Police and choirs and staff of local primary schools.

**RS McColl;** I have asked this company to reconsider its refusal to install a self-opening door

**Radyr Weir:** The Archimedes screws are often quiescent due to river flow and the terms of the water extraction license but I am assured that the scheme is generating the target level of electricity. Rubbish bins have been installed.

**Flooding of Gardens in Parc Radur;** during recent rain some gardens were flooded by water running off the field above despite Redrow having done remedial drainage to protect one of them. While we want Redrow to act to effectively protect homes which they built in an earlier phase, this makes it even more imperative that the next phase of building has a demonstrably effective drainage scheme.

**Golf Club Lane:** water was cascading off this lane onto a fast stretch of Llantrisant Road due to a blockage in the culvert, taking water away from the ditch. I asked for this to be cleared.

**Schools:** Bryn Deri now has a new nursery unit and awaits the canopy and pod enabling the provision of school lunches; there is a problem with dog waste in and around the school and I have requested signage, visits of dog wardens and more regular emptying of waste bins. The consultation at Radyr Primary is concluded and we await the result. Radyr Comp gained a high place in the recent Sunday Times survey of local schools.

**Sidings Plot**; I am working with the Residents' Association to persuade Network Rail to tidy up the vacant plot and to establish what stage has been reached in its plan for the site.

**Bulky Waste**: Cardiff Council has issued a long list of bulky items which will be collected free of charge because there is a possibility of re-use. I will send the list on request or it may be obtained from the Council web site.

**Network Rail work programme over holiday period**: they will be carrying out an extensive programme and anyone planning a rail journey at this time should check how their route will be affected.

**Greetings**. A merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all residents. My next newsletter will go out w/c16th January. 2017 is an election year for Cardiff Council and for the Community Council. Anyone needing a postal or proxy vote should apply direct or via me in plenty of time

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