

## May 2011 Report

**Library:** For several months we have been seeking agreement on the best basis of replacing the existing library with a new one on the Park Road site. It is now decided that a refurbished and extended library will be developed towards the end of 2011 or in early 2012. There will be a display in the existing library; it is envisaged that, in addition to creating more space, the new refurbishment will be well fitted-out to a high specification and it will be able to serve our communities effectively for many years and will give the staff much improved working conditions.

Building work will take about 6 months with probable completion in June to August of 2012; during this time when the library is closed we will hope to provide a mobile library combined with assistance to visit other local branch libraries where help is required.

Clearly this is not a major rebuild and it proved impossible to persuade the ruling coalition of Cardiff Council to fund a rebuild despite the efforts of your County Councillor, Community Council and R+M Association who worked together on your behalf. Indeed, even to secure this much needed new facility, it was necessary to relinquish the "community land" at the sidings. Taylor Wimpey, the main developer, insisted on their legal rights and refused to respect the spirit of the original agreement which allowed them to build and sell so many homes in the area.

We believe that residents will admire and enjoy this updated library and we look forward to seeing it completed as soon as possible

**All-Weather Pitch;** All necessary funds (nearly £500K) are in place and I await an up to date plan for completing the installation

**Local Development Plan:** I can not emphasise too strongly the risk that some 4000 houses may be built at the southern end of Heol Isaf. There is a meeting in Radyr Comp at 6pm on Monday 6th June when the process will be explained; questions may be asked and the means of raising objections will be set out.

**Drysgol Road and Bryn Derwen:** the poor areas of roadway have been resurfaced which will please the innumerable residents who raised this with me.

**Disused Railway Bridge and footpaths between Sidings and Llandaff:** the cost of repairing the bridge is estimated at £250K but the funds to do this are nearly in place and we will go out to tender soon. I have applied for a special grant to resurface several paths in the area and early indications are hopeful. This will give access to Llandaff by foot or cycle to Sidings residents but it will also create an excellent circular walk linking with the Taff Trail near Hailey Park. I have drawings which I will share with anyone who asks. The total project cost will come close to £500K if we do all the planned areas.

**Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary:** Bryn Deri will have a major staffroom extension and Radyr Primary has had constructed a number of outdoor teaching areas. The approx cost is £130K and this follows £100K of projects completed last year using planning gain funds.

**Malfunctioning speed indicator sign:** the only suggestion I have received is to relocate this further north between Bryn Derwen and Morganstown on Heol Isaf to slow traffic going north towards Morganstown.

**Boot Camp:** People will have noticed signs advertising this to take place at Mound Field. I investigated this at the request of Radyr Rangers and found that it was completely unauthorised and the signs are fly posted.

**Gullies;** recent heavy rain has made it evident that we have a number of blocked gullies which I have reported.

**Radyr Festival:** Sue and I have attended a large number of Festival events which have been well organised and most enjoyable. This reflects great credit on many people but David Cargill and Allan Cook in particular. I hope that Good Neighbours profited to a substantial extent.

**Grass cutting of Cardiff Council owned land in our ward:** I am seeing a senior officer to arrange a sensible basis for R+MCC to take over some grass cutting from the Council.

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