

## Report for September 2011

**Sports Pitch at Radyr Comp:** this is scheduled for completion by end October; a number of bookings have been received but surprisingly few for hockey or at weekends.

**Refurbished pedestrian bridge over the Taff:** this has gone out to tender with a view to starting work on site prior to Christmas. I will be happy to walk the area and discuss the scope of the project with interested residents.

**Knotweed:** I have raised at Council the colonisation of the Taff Trail by this invasive, resilient weed.

**Library:** planning approval is received and work is due to start soon after reaching agreement with the local Health Board who are co-owners of the site. I continue to negotiate a satisfactory interim service during closure.

**Planning:** there are 3 outstanding applications where I am supporting neighbours in reasoned objections

**Reduced speed limit near Radyr Primary:** the Headteacher and I will meet shortly with council officers to discuss this and other safety suggestions

**Trees:** as previously reported, damaged or diseased pavement trees will be replaced soon, I have reported 2 trees in a potentially dangerous condition.

**Refuse collection:** thus far, only slight teething problems have occurred and remedial action has followed my reporting of these. I repeat that a hygiene service is available for those with special collection needs and that I am concerned to hear of any unresolved problems.

**Community Land:** as advised I have raised strongly my view that Taylor Wimpey should be obliged to make a substantial planning gain contribution as a condition of developing this land. I am glad that the Community Council has written to support this view.

**Road Closure:** at the request of the Community Association I have contacted Council and Police to effect closure of part of Station Road on the evening of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December for our local Xmas Fair.

**Bus Service:** I met with senior management of Cardiff Bus to discuss possible enhancements of our local service. They are prepared to consider these but are reluctant to make changes which reduce the volume of passengers. It was agreed that there will be a local workshop in early spring prior to the next round of changes to bus routes. Meantime there is a Bus Users Forum in St David's Hall in daytime on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September; I urge those with strong views to participate.

**Drains:** I continue to report blocked drains which are reported to me and I am glad to see them unblocked as this is a significant means of reducing the risk of flash flooding.

**Parc Radur:** I met with residents and management committee of this development and received a number of constructive suggestions on means of improving the facilities and services local to this area..

**Cardiff Parkrun:** this weekly event has been banned by council Parks Dept and I intervened to suggest discussions with the aim of reinstating this

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