

Report for October 2011

Sports Pitch at Radyr Comp: this is due to be completed on time and handed over on 31st October. Bookings are promising. Let us hope that we see some fine hockey players emerge as a result of the vastly improved surface; soccer players will certainly benefit from reduced vulnerability to poor weather. This is a project which cost about £500 K

Bridge over Taff: I am meeting officers in November to discuss the tender documents by when we hope that legal formalities with Network Rail are concluded. This project will cost about £500 K if brought to full fruition.

Knotweed: this will be given a budget to allow for treatment of the proliferation on the Taff Trail.

Library: this will close for about 6 months in early November; library users who find it difficult to visit other Cardiff libraries should register with staff in the library; an organisation called VEST has been commissioned to provide a service for those who need it. I would be grateful if local organisations could publicise this facility which may be withdrawn after a trial period if the uptake is small. Refuse bags, during the closure, may be obtained from Martins in Station Road or P'Zazz in Caer Craig,

Reduced speed limit near Radyr Primary: the headteacher and I agreed with officers a programme of necessary safety measures to be implemented over a 2 year period. These include such measures as a 20mph speed limit in that area of Heol Isaf and Park Road , improvements to pavements and the existing zebra crossing and the possible provision of an additional crossing at the bottom of Min y Coed

Refuse collection: I was pleased to find very few initial problems but disconcerted to find a recent significant increase in problems; these have all been discussed with the senior officers and remedial action has taken place.

Community Land: Taylor Wimpey has withdrawn the initial application to build houses on this land.

Radyr Tennis Club: this club made a very well presented case to officers for financial support from planning gain funds for their plans to enhance the clubs facilities. The club has a large local membership including very many juniors and they offer reasonably priced sporting facilities with a level of public access which found favour with the adjudicators who awarded a significant grant subject to appropriate conditions

Radyr Cricket Club: this club has also made an application for a grant toward the cost of new outdoor nets and this club also has a large local membership with many junior members. I have passed this application down the same route and hope that it will also be successful.

Parc Radur: the various suggestions of the management committee have been progressed and I have discussed the outcome with the committee.

Radyr Gardens: Bellway, at long last and after much prodding, has started to implement the original planning conditions in respect of public spaces and highway markings

Bench at Morganstown: I have requested the replacement of the dilapidated bench outside the former post office.

Laurels, near Ynys Bridge: it is a matter of local concern that a new island has been constructed outside this property. Can I reassure readers that this was done at the expense of the proprietors of the new nursery as a planning condition to avoid creating a traffic hazard; furthermore it lies outside our ward boundary.

Mound Field: the steering committee chaired by Alan Cook will meet in early November to progress the various issues.

Village centre: I have been contacted by 2 traders with suggestions to improve parking. I suggested that any changes would have to involve all traders and the wider community but stressed that I am prepared to act as facilitator. In the meantime we must avoid allowing selfish individuals to abuse the current available parking and I would ensure regular visits by CPSO's.

Windsor Crescent: this is suffering from inconsiderate parking which is sometimes in breach of traffic regulations.. I agreed to ask police and CPSO team to address this.

Single Status: Equal Pay Legislation has lead to a number of legal actions against local authorities but very few against private companies. Cardiff Council is close to negotiating a conclusion to this at considerable expense. Despite the expense, over 2000 council employees will suffer reductions in salary and in some cases these reductions will be very significant. At present, it is not known which category of employees will suffer in this way but the perception is that ancillary staff in schools may do so.

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