

## **Report for November 2011**

**Sports Pitch at Radyr Comp:** the pitch opened for use on November 1<sup>st</sup> and it is being well used on weekday evenings by local soccer teams and during the day by school pupils; at present there are no weekend bookings

**Disused Railway Bridge over River Taff:** Legal issues with Network Rail and Sustrans are close to resolution. We are going out to tender in December with a view to starting work on the bridge in March 2012. This is the key to a major project which will involve several meetings with the Neighbourhood Renewal Team who approved my grant application to cover work on the big network of footpaths lying between Radyr, Llandaff North and Danescourt. The scheme will not be fully completed until 2013 but access will improve from mid 2012.

**Library:** this has closed and demolition work will start soon; there is a weekly free bus service to Fairwater Library for those who need this.

**Grit Containers:** I requested these to be placed at a number of local locations and most of these have been agreed and the containers are in process of being installed. In cases where a site was unreasonably refused I have asked for a review.

**Refuse collection:** after a flurry of problems I have received few recent complaints and I assume that the service has now settled down; I will request a report on the log of local complaints shortly.

**Welsh Medium pre-school places:** there is a shortage of LEA provided places and this is being met by voluntary organisations; the financial formula used to fund these places is disadvantageous and I have requested a rethink.

**Cyclists on Taff Trail:** following a successful trial of signage in Hailey Park, it is proposed to extend to other parks this trial asking cyclists to proceed courteously and sound a bell when approaching pedestrians. I stated that these signs are long overdue on the local stretch of the Taff Trail and this should be implemented.

**Blocked drains and slippery pavements:** leaf fall at this season creates these problems which I have been passing to relevant officers.

**Dilapidated bench at Springfield Gardens:** this is beyond repair and will be replaced.

**Grant to Cricket Club and Tennis Club:** the tennis club voted to proceed with the major project which was allocated a grant and I have supported a similar request from the cricket club to construct new nets.

**Street lighting and road adoption:** I have been discussing various defective street lights with developers and these will receive attention; the developers of part of Radyr Gardens and part of Parc Radur are working toward road adoption which will assist future resolution of problems with lights and many other matters.

**Defective pavement:** a badly cracked area of pavement in Castle View was not agreed to be in need of replacement as the trip hazards did not approach the point at which compensation would be payable.

**Adult Services:** I have intervened successfully in 2 cases where regulations were being applied rigorously but without humanity.

**Planning:** it is probable that some longstanding cases will be resolved at December planning committee.

**Mound Field:** the steering committee, chaired by Alan Cook, met and agreed a strategy for development of the area around motte and bailey, including former rugby pavilion.

**Danescourt School:** I have asked a series of further questions to encourage a resolution of this long running and costly fiasco.

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