

## **Report for February 2012**

**Knotweed:** Highways Dept. have asked for a quote to remove this from south side of Fford Treforgan; it is proving difficult to remove the colony on Taff Trail as the ruling coalition removed this item from the budget for next year.

**Mud on main road:** residents may have noticed mud on the road near the quarry entrance. The local management responded promptly when I asked them to do this after I was contacted by a concerned citizen.

**Potholes:** I have reported several new ones created by recent cold weather and would ask you to report to me any which you see.

**Trees:** some were not replaced in the first phase but they will be done.

**NatWest and Taylor Wimpey:** these issues resonated with local people and I received a significant but not overwhelming response from people anxious to assist in expressing our annoyance.

**Grit Bins:** on the whole these were found adequate and appropriately situated and I am discussing remedies for the few which are the subject of complaint. Taylor Wimpey has not dealt with the concrete bridge location on the approach to Sidings 2 and this is typical of the behaviour of this company.

**Vandalised sign on Station Road:** council employees repaired this within 24 hours of my reporting it.

**Waste Bins and dog fouling:** I had 20 new waste bins installed to reduce litter and reduce the incidence of dog fouling; while dog fouling was reduced it is still a big problem especially in the area around the M4 pedestrian bridge. I have requested increased activity by dog wardens. The new waste bins were not emptied regularly and I have so advised officers.

**Pre-school places:** with the growth in our local population I am concerned that the Bryn Deri facility is inadequate to deal with local demand and there is an on-going problem with the local provision of Welsh medium pre-school places.. I would like to hear from parents who have encountered any difficulty.

**Bethel Chapel:** the future of this interesting building in Morganstown has been raised frequently and I can advise that plans have been lodged to convert it for residential use.

**Significant local developments:** Library refurbishment is on schedule: all weather pitch at Radyr Comp is being well used by the school and community groups: tenders have closed on the project to renovate the magnificent railway bridge over the Taff to create a pedestrian and cycle pathway linking Sidings 2 with Llandaff, Taff Trail and Hailey Park.

**Station Road and village centre:** this needs a survey of local residents, shopkeepers and other concerned parties to attempt to find a consensus which would be a basis for a public meeting with the attendance of council officers. Clearly this will have to be done after the local elections in May.

**Waste management:** the recent changes to refuse collection caused a few local problems but. On the positive side, Cardiff is now recycling or composting a considerably higher percentage of its refuse. I do not yet know the percentage for Radyr and Morganstown which, I hope, will be of the order of 70% but I will share this when it is available

I have been one of 3 Councillors investigating the optimum method of processing food waste and garden waste and our findings are reflected in a major tendering exercise now underway; I am one of 2 Councillors representing Cardiff on a Scrutiny Committee which is considering the tendering process for a means of processing the black wheelie bin waste of Cardiff and 4 other nearby local authorities. Given that landfilling is expensive, unpleasant and in short supply, this facility (which will operate for at least 25 years from 2016) is of crucial importance.

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