

Monthly Report for November 2012

Local Development Plan: the preferred strategy was approved by Cardiff Council at the October meeting; this was not a surprise as it is consistent with the policy of the Welsh Government as well as the ruling party on the Council which has a substantial majority. I spoke and voted against the plan because I believe that it considerably overstates the number of houses which will be built and it does not provide adequately for necessary infrastructure, especially, but not only, roads and public transport. A drop-in session was hosted by Radyr Library and many local residents attended. I am working with the Community Council to produce a joint response to the plan on behalf of our communities; individuals may make their own responses or feed their views to us for inclusion in the joint reply.

Provision of pre-school and primary education: I have initiated a series of meetings which concluded that the way forward is to establish a pre-school provision at Radyr Primary from September 2013 and to assess if an increase in primary provision is also necessary. A number of hurdles remain to be overcome but progress is being made. There remains a current shortfall in places (which will be short term if the new provision is built) and some steps have been made to reduce this but a reduced shortfall exists.

Radyr Comprehensive: I was delighted to see that our local school was placed in the top 200 state schools in England and Wales in a Sunday Times article. Not many Welsh schools achieved this and none of obvious local rivals did so. Well done to the leadership team, staff and pupils.

FFord Treforgan Lights: these were not working due to a cable fault which has now been repaired.

Kings Road: my request for double yellow lines prompted 2 surveys which were inconclusive. A further survey will take place soon and I hope that this one agrees the view expressed to me by numerous local residents.

Railway Bridge over Taff: refurbishment continues.

Mound Field football pitches: I will meet with council officers and Radyr Rangers officials to see how this facility can be brought to a proper standard.

Families First: this replaces the services previously supplied by Cymorth and, in my view, there was a real risk of discontinuing some very good services, particularly some helping young people with disabilities. Following representations made by me and other colleagues, it has been agreed that this will be reviewed.

Dog Fouling and other waste issues: research done by our sub-committee has led to new initiatives to deal with abandoned shopping trollies and dog waste. Dog fouling, fly tipping chewing gum, rubbish thrown from cars at motorway exits and general litter are a big issue with local residents and a great cost to Cardiff Council. By researching best practice in dealing with these matters, we hope that a number of further measures will result.

Burglar Alarms: if your burglar alarm sounds when you are on holiday and Council officers can not locate a key holder to deal with complaints, they will get a warrant to enter your home and turn it off at your expense. If you register contact details of your key holder with the appropriate council dept. you can avoid this quite significant cost. I will point you to the correct contact.

Llantrisant Road: there is a programme of partial closure on Sundays to repair the road and clear vegetation which was blocking the footpaths.

Road repairs: some local roads and pavements are being resurfaced but not all of my recommendations were agreed. I will seek their inclusion in next year's round.

Seasonal issues: I had some additional grit bins installed and have requested leaf fall to be cleared from pavements and blocked drains to be cleared. If you are aware of any which require attention please give me the details.

Footpath between Teamans Row and Radyr Gardens: I have asked for the steps and path to be refurbished as they are slippery and hazardous.

Surgery: my next surgery is in Radyr Library on Saturday 8th December; no appointment is necessary

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