

## County Councillor Report for March 2013

**Radyr Primary Developments**; consultation with staff, governors and parents is underway. Demand for places in reception and pre-school is very high and this comes almost exclusively from within the catchment area. The head teacher and governors are pushing LEA officers to maximise the possibility of all buildings and equipment being in place for the start of the autumn term; much remains to be done and it is not within local control.

**Railway Bridge over Taff and associated pathways**: a lot of work has been done and I am advised this will be complete in late spring. I look forward to the opening of this lovely new facility.

**Cardiff Bus**: the consultation strongly supported the desire for a direct service between Radyr/ Morganstown and Cardiff city centre and this will be introduced soon, replacing the existing service.

**Bus Boarders**: some new bus boarders have been constructed and I have asked where it is envisaged to augment current provision of bus shelters.

**Good Neighbours**: I am working with this charity to bridge the gap in its finances, enabling its tremendous work to continue. I am glad to say that Radyr and Morganstown Community Council has shown support for local elderly residents by agreeing generous assistance to this organisation.

**Black wheelie bin refuse**; the scheme to jointly fund an energy from waste plant to deal with this category of waste arising from 5 local Councils was approved last month. Cardiff is now en route to almost total elimination of landfill and is pursuing demanding levels of recycling. I realise from feedback to last month's newsletter that this is a topic of great local concern and I will gladly provide further information on request.

**Parc Radur**: I have requested the inclusion of this estate on the "gritting Routes" and have asked for the play area to be given some attention.

**Resurfacing of local roads and potholes**: various local roads have been resurfaced and others are about to be done: I know that others such as Windsor Road, Heol Isaf and Lower Drysgol Road are in poor condition and I have asked for their inclusion in the next tranche. I continue to report potholes brought to my attention. If you see any please tell me or Connect to Cardiff (20872087). Remember that if a car is damaged by a pothole it is unlikely that the owner will receive compensation if the pothole has not been reported.

**Library Outside lights**; these were annoying local residents by being on all night but the hours are now adjusted.

**Mound Field and Motte**; protracted negotiations to create a visitor site and improve access, parking and pitch drainage are lurching to a conclusion when I will set out the detail.

**Local Development Plan**; this is now approaching the point where the deposit plan will be presented to Cardiff Council and I am a member of the small scrutiny committee which will

examine it in detail. The Community Council, Pact, local golf club and some residents have responded to the consultation process and this is essential. We share a common view that an unachievable and undesirable level of new housing is proposed and we agree that to sustain any new housing significant new infrastructure will be required; in particular this entails better roads and enhanced public transport but several other issues need to be addressed.

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