

County Councillor Report for May 2013

May Festival: I would like to thank and congratulate the organisers and helpers, but particularly David Cargill and Allan Cook, on a huge range of very impressive events. Sue and I attended most events, either in an official capacity or for the simple joy, and we were delighted by them all.

Community Council: I was elected as Chairman of R+MCC at the annual meeting and I hope that this will enable even closer cooperation between the Community Council and Cardiff Council. Between them, they touch many aspects of the lives of our local residents and, at a time when budgets are being squeezed, it is vital that we consider carefully the best means of serving local needs.

Local Development Plan: The deposit plan will be put forward later this year and the Community Council is actively preparing to make a most effective response. This is likely to necessitate a public meeting to receive local residents' views. I would be glad to hear if a public meeting would be welcomed.

Radyr Primary Developments: there were a few objections to the pre-school provision but I am advised that they are unlikely to defer proceeding to statutory consultation.

Railway Bridge and linking pathways: the work is behind schedule and should be complete in early June. I walked around the project on both sides of the river and it is going to open up an enormous and interesting area.

Resurfacing of local roads: potholes continue to appear and I have made a pitch for a great deal of resurfacing work in this area in the capital plan for 2013-4.

Radyr Weir; The Cabinet agreed that this scheme should go out to tender. I can send a copy of the full proposal on request

All- weather Pitch at Radyr Comp; this pitch was constructed to provide a community leisure facility using a considerable sum of planning gain money. As a result of a tiny number of objections, the hours of use may be cut thereby curtailing community use and damaging the long term viability of the pitch as this will also reduce the rental income necessary for regular maintenance of this facility. If you are asked to sign a petition supporting the existing hours please consider doing so.

Highway Issues: I have asked for double yellow lines to be placed on the south side of Kings Road in addition to the agreed provision all round the war Memorial. When work is done on the area of Heol Isaf near the Scout Hut I have suggested that they install a table on the nearby zebra crossing.

Heol Isaf Pavement: the stretch between Park Road and the Health Centre has been reported by me on several occasions; some work has been done but the rest has been found to be satisfactory. I walked this area with council officers and Martin Williams, a resident of Cheshire Home who was able to demonstrate the problems faced by wheelchair users. While

the officers pointed out the tensions between balancing the budget and responding to these concerns, several areas of improvement were agreed

Mound Field. I am involved in discussions with Radyr Rangers and Parks Dept. about remedying deficiencies in the main football pitch

School Admissions; as a result of our local schools being at full capacity or close to this for a number of school years a number of anomalies and concerns arise. The LEA has, in response to a number of enquiries, confirmed that they will not diverge in any way from the admissions policy

Speed disclosing cameras: The one on the west side near Cheshire Home has been relocated slightly south and I have asked that the one at Pugh's be moved to near Min y Coed.

Off Road Bikes; these cause damage and noise nuisance at several parts of this ward but some are deemed unsafe areas for catching offenders. In a recent joint operation between police and Council a number of these bikes were confiscated.

Flyposting; I have reported several recent such issues to have the offending posters removed.

Grass cutting on verges and roundabouts: I apologise to those residents who mourn the cutting down of bluebells and cowslips and I have asked that operatives be trained to identify these and other welcome flora so that they will cut round them.

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