

County Councillor Report for July 2013

Local Development Plan: the “no-status” draft deposit plan has been issued and can be accessed from the local web site; it is very long and becoming more prescriptive about house building but less specific about roads, public transport and other infrastructure. Land between Pant Tawel Lane and Rhydylafer is now included as “overflow” and if it is included Radyr and Morganstown building coverage will extend solidly from the quarry to Llantrisant Road with a green island, Radyr Golf Course. With the Community Council and other local communities we are preparing to mount comprehensive defence when that process begins.

Pre-school Provision and new building at Radyr Primary: With several hitches we continue to move on

Railway Bridge: Renovation is complete and the bridge is open to the public; official opening is on 19th July

Verges and Roundabouts: a local resident has put down a public question for Cardiff Council next week to stop uncontrolled cutting down of wild flowers such as cowslips and bluebells

Plot of Land at far end of Sidings: this will not be used for the designated purpose of a residential home and it will be returned to Taylor Wimpey. I have arranged a meeting with the local MD to discuss this. I have some ideas for this plot but I am open to other suggestions. Of course, Taylor Wimpey may have its own scheme and we shall see!

Bus Service: the new service will start on Sunday 21st July and will replicate the former service except that it will not go to Ynys Bridge and it will go direct into Cardiff with a slight diversion through Danescourt.

Mound Field: planning permission has been given for the facelift at Pugh’s; there will be an open day and barbecue at the motte on Sunday 15th September.

Drains; several blocked drains have been reported and cleared.

Dog Control: over 50 on the spot fines have been given in Cardiff to dog owners who failed to clear up after their dog and this offence will continue to get high profile treatment. In addition, thought is being given to creating dog control zones in play areas and on or near sports pitches; this would make it an automatic offence if a dog were not on a lead in these areas.

Organic Waste; I am on a committee which is considering a contract to treat Cardiff food waste using anaerobic digestion which produces methane from the food; this is used to create high pressure steam which is used to generate electricity. When the suite of treatments is up and running all 4 domestic refuse streams will be recycled to a significant extent.

County Councillor Rod McKerlich

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