

## County Councillor Report for April 2014

**Bus Changes:** I raised in Council the curtailment of bus services to Morganstown; I pointed out that this would save little or no money but would disrupt the lives of many elderly and vulnerable people. The Chairman of Cardiff Bus stated that Cardiff Bus had suffered a large cut in the financial support they receive from the Welsh Government and that he could not rule out further cuts. I explained as a point of detail that they would get more business if, for example, the bus passing Radyr Comp was 10 minutes later in the afternoon as pupils would then have time to catch it; this was agreed and will be changed soon. A petition was raised in Morganstown and was presented; I asked our MP and AM (Mark Drakeford) to intervene as the problem was created by the Welsh Government.

**Welsh Language Medium Schools:** Radyr and Morganstown are not in the current catchment for Gwaelod y Garth School which is an anomaly I have raised twice since being elected; the anomaly is compounded by the inclusion of Taffs Well and Nantgarw in the catchment as both are in R-C-T not Cardiff. There has been a consultation exercise and after a great deal of argument Morganstown is now in the catchment with effect from September 2015 while the R-C-T area has been removed. Now I will press for Radyr to be added to the catchment area. Of course nine local children failed to be admitted in September 2014 and I await details on the provision made for them. The Welsh medium pre-school provision in Park Road was privately run and has now closed; I have asked for details of the LEA plan to fill this gap.

**Pedestrian Bridge over the M4:** I have asked the Assembly Minister and relevant officers that this be made safe and suggested that this be done by installing "lion bars" or a roof. Mark Drakeford is supporting this necessary measure.

**Cardiff West Neighbourhood Management:** this committee has some funds to dispense for local projects and an application has been made already for small support for a festival event. I can supply details of eligibility and application form to any interested local organisation.

**Radyr Station:** the work on installing lifts will begin in June with planned completion in early 2015

**Nat West Bank:** I will work with the Community Council to object to closure and suggest ways of mitigating the impact if we are unsuccessful in changing the decision.

**Road Repairs:** as previously advised top dressing is being applied to Windsor Crescent, Graig Hir and Coed Y Llyn; despite local scepticism the officers, who came at my request for a site meeting, are adamant that the end result will be satisfactory and will extend the useable life of these roads. We agreed that the success of this work would be assessed in early July as there is no basis at present for asking the contractor to redo the work.

**Refuse Collection:** as usual the collection after the bank holiday will be on Tuesday not Monday. As the resident consultation indicated that the change to green bin collection cycle did not take account of leaf fall and there is widespread opposition to putting black bin collection on a 4 week cycle, I have asked for details of any plans to change the service

**School Traffic**: this continues to cause great irritation to residents living near our local schools despite the best efforts of governing bodies and school management. I regret that inconsiderate behaviour is likely to attract a significant fine as police and traffic officers apply new powers.

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