

County Councillor report for June 2014

Nat West Bank: There will be an ATM (type WINCOR 2050) installed prior to closure and arrangements will finalise within 2-3 months to permit cheques to be paid in at post office. I contacted the chief executive of Principality BS to suggest that they take over the building to establish a local branch but after proper consideration this was declined.

Post Office: the volume of considered local objections has caused a delay in implementing proposed changes until the shop is reconfigured. I regret that the reconfiguration will not alter the fact that the new service will be significantly worse than the present one.

Road Repairs: I have reported many more potholes and continue to pursue resolution of problems at Craig Hir

Speed disclosing sign at Maes yr Awel: this has been repaired

Local Development Plan: this will come to Cardiff Council on Thursday 26th and I will speak about its shortcomings in respect of road capacity and public transport; these are so fundamental that I will recommend that we and colleagues in NW Cardiff Group must take to the Inspector our view that the plan is unsound and requires developments to be phased over the 10 year period of the plan in line with the development of necessary infrastructure. Meanwhile a pre-emptive plan has been made to build about 1500 houses north of J33 and I expect 3 planning applications soon for the Waterhall site, one of which is on the edge of current homes in Radyr.

Footbridge over M4: I have asked that this bridge be made safer by installation of “lion bars” but the Welsh Government Minister has only agreed to post warning signs.

Bus Shelter: the redundant bus shelter at Ynys Bridge will not be moved to Lougher Estate because it is too wide for the available site and there is no budget to move it.

Dog Poo Bags: these are no longer supplied free by Cardiff Council as the grant which covered the annual cost of £40K has been discontinued; nappy bags or food bags are an inexpensive alternative

House Alarms: residents with alarms are strongly advised to tell Cardiff Council Noise Pollution Dept. the contact details of a key holder for their premises; if a neighbour complains about a noisy alarm the cost of getting an order to gain access plus the cost of a locksmith is substantial and it falls upon the householder. I will gladly tell applicants how to register.

Repairs and improvements to schools and council houses: the cost and quality control of current sub-contracting practices is short of optimal and I have coordinated an approach to identifying and remedying this

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