

County Councillor Report for August 2015

Local Development Plan: we await from the Inspector a decision on when there will be further hearings if she regards them as necessary.

Sidings plot: Network Rail are not prepared to regard this as a windfall site which they might be prepared to offer for a community use and I have asked them to tidy it up, particularly round the edges. The site will be marketed soon for a residential care home or residential development

Pelican Crossing and dangerous fence at Min y Coed: We had a site meeting with the cabinet member and a senior officer; local residents assisted me in setting out residents' concerns. It was agreed that there will be a detailed traffic survey after schools reopen; this will take account of traffic volume, traffic speed, number of accidents/ near misses and the number of children or persons with limited mobility who need to cross Heol Isaf at that point. The landowner will be forcefully contacted by Cardiff legal dept. about his failure to repair the fence.

Refuse issues: there are continuing problems with waste collection and I have raised this with the senior management. Shortly this ward will have black wheelies replaced by smaller ones and I have pointed out recent problem with supply of green bags at Radyr Library. The decision (mistaken in my view) to close Waungron Road has been called in for further scrutiny by the Environment Committee.

Radyr Weir: work has started on installation of hydro-electric equipment and is expected to be complete by Xmas

Radyr Primary: congratulations on winning a competition with a prize of £50K to fund energy reduction projects

Radyr Comp: congratulations to the pupils, teaching staff and senior management on a magnificent set of results in the recent A-level examinations; full details are available on the school web site.

Radyr Cricket Club: the club enjoyed recently a week of celebrating its 125th birthday and it has obtained planning permission to extend the clubhouse to serve the needs of its booming membership with large numbers of young members, both boys and girls.

Gas workings: Wales and West Utilities is replacing metal gas pipes with plastic to safeguard local gas supplies; The work entails traffic lights on Heol Isaf and I am assured that it will be completed before the new school term; if necessary extra hours will be worked in the run-up to the bank holiday.

Bushes and shrubs overhanging pavements: this year has caused a big upsurge in complaints about this, no doubt due to the weather this year. It would be neighbourly to check your boundaries and trim offending vegetation and it will save Cardiff Council the expense of asking you to do so.

Resident Parking: the traffic overflowing from the station has created interest in establishing resident parking zones which are now under discussion; the rules are quite stringent and I will send a copy to interested parties.

Cardiff Council Issues: I have made a formal response to draft strategies on transport and on cycling in parks. I am proposing and will lead an investigation into the huge gap between Cardiff's collection of business rates and the amount it is permitted to keep; over £80 million each year is creamed off by the Welsh Government. While the financial problem faced by Cardiff Council could be eased by better control of an extraordinary rate of internal inflation, it is clear that the difficulties are increased by this haemorrhage of cash.

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