

County Councillor Report for November 2017

Possible development of plot in Sidings: I have received a pre-planning consultation document and I will reply giving grounds of my opposition to the plan. Following the information meeting on 25th October the Sidings Residents Assoc. organised a meeting, which has led to a paper expressing local concerns.

Pentre Poeth or Treforgan: R + MCC will discuss this on 23rd November and decide whether to raise with Cardiff Council the need to accept local decision- making on local matters such as street names.

Plasdwr/ Redrow: there is a further meeting in New Church Rooms on 23rd November and we continue to press Redrow to be a good neighbour; soon Barrat will start development of Goitre Fach and this will have an effect on local traffic. Traffic lights will be installed shortly at the junction of Heol Isaf and Llantrisant Road and this will be followed by a series of projects. . Redrow commissioned a travel plan from Vectos and R+MCC has issued a substantial response. I can send links to these documents to anyone who requests this.

Highway issues: I agreed various actions at the site meeting on 6th November with the cabinet member and senior officers. I have a long list of concerns and each has an agreed action plan which we will be progressing; some are dependent on funding.

War Memorial; the Remembrance Day Parade was its normal success and it was good to see the participation of so many local organisations. In early 2018, the War Memorial will be refurbished and cleaned as the first phase of an enhancement

Taff Trail: last year I tried unsuccessfully to ensure that leaves would be swept from the trail and that it would be gritted in cold weather. The sweeping is agreed but gritting remains under discussion.

Leaf fall bags: some residents advised me that they would like to remove fallen leaves from their street but cannot do so due to the low capacity of the wheelie bin. I can arrange delivery and collection of large bags to assist these public-spirited residents.

Cardiff Council matters: Each year the number of looked –after children increases and this increases the shortfall of foster parents; I can arrange briefing and support for any people interested in this valuable service. There is a range of support and advice to assist elderly persons needing assistance to manage at home due to infirmity and I can advise contact details

The annual budget will, yet again, put a strain on services and the normal consultation is available via www.cardiff.gov.uk/budget. Residents may not realise that Cardiff raises about £170 million through council tax and around 200 million via business rates; about 90 million of our business rates are “confiscated” to a pool, which is spread amongst other Welsh Councils. This lost cash would drastically improve services and local infrastructure such as roads

Christmas tree lighting; on 8th December R+MCC and RMA have worked together to create an event which becomes more splendid each year. Do come to support the festival charity (Dementia), hear our schoolchildren singing and enjoy our community.

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