

County Councillor Report for May 2018

NatWest Mobile Bank: I regret that this helpful facility will be withdrawn soon and the bank local director has not even replied to our letters of concern

Newsletter circulation; a small number of largely anonymous contributors to the local “forum” suggested that I should communicate with residents via twitter. I asked for views in my April report and the overwhelming response was that I should carry on as at present.

Play areas: those at Drovers Way and Fisher Hill Way are in need of refurbishment and I met the officer responsible with the Vice-chair of R+MCC. The budget to deal with 150 play areas in Cardiff is woefully inadequate and we could not get agreement to deal with these matters despite Redrow offering some modest help. I will seek to assist by locating some s106 cash for the one in Fisher Hill Way but I am not clear on how to deal effectively with Drovers Way version.

Sidings plot: despite the strong arguments against, the application to build 36 units on that plot was passed by 6 votes to 2 at Planning Committee

20mph zones at Primary Schools; that at Bryn Deri is finally to be done in the next month; the scheme for Park Road is delayed because the responses to consultation opposed the control of five parking spaces by single yellow line preventing daytime parking.

Heavy load on Heol Isaf at 7am on Sunday 29th April: this attracted a few comments and the explanation is “Just to give you notice, there will be an abnormal (wide) load travelling along Heol Isaf on Sunday morning at approx. 7am. The vehicle will have a police escort. The original route had to be amended due to weak structures, which have proved unsafe for such a heavy vehicle. They have chosen 7am on Sunday to minimise disruption.”

Pact meeting: the next Pact meeting will be at 7pm in OCR on Wednesday 27th June. This is the best forum for raising concerns about HGVs, excess speed or parking on pavements at Radyr Comp.

Radyr Festival: Thus far, we have been blessed by good weather for some splendid events ; I hope the standard of events and weather is maintained for the final few days.

Traffic matters: we had a well-attended public meeting organised by Michele and her husband. There was broad agreement about a number of issues and various routes emerged as means of resolving issues. I stated that I had agreed (with cabinet member and senior officers), last October, a list of necessary measures, some of which were due to be implemented by Cardiff Council. In my view, it is vital that Cardiff Council produces soon a masterplan for Heol Isaf/Tynant Road from Llantrisant Road to Ynys Bridge. We need rough costs for proposed additions and changes to compare this with available funding and we need to agree variations required to address clear hazards. I pointed out the risk of double disruption due to two sets of sewers being built consecutively and I raised the advantage of more intensive use of heavy rail while waiting for a Metro.

Other matters raised by our 5200 electors; traffic is important but my recent outgoing correspondence and meetings also dealt with school admissions, planning objections, youth annoyance in Radyr Woods, marijuana factories, S106 for local sports clubs, potholes, missed waste collections, leaking school roofs, need for additional disabled bay, inaccessible alleys and footpaths, sewage connections, unusable Comp all-weather pitch plus some confidential matters. Please feel free to contact me on matters of local concern

County Councillor Rod McKerlich, 14th May 2018

