

County Councillor Report for June 2018

Play Areas: discussions are ongoing and I will have a further site meeting with council officers and Redrow very soon. My thanks to those residents who added their voice by writing to the Leader of Cardiff Council.

Pact Meeting; next one is at 7pm in OCR on Wednesday 27th June.

Sidings adoption: Taylor Wimpey is now seeking adoption of remaining streets in Sidings and this will entail tidying rogue vegetation and repairing areas of block paving as well as sundry other issues.

Radyr Library to become a hub; most libraries in Cardiff operate as hubs providing a range of services in addition to normal library functions. When Radyr library was at risk of closure 4 years ago, I suggested making it a hub but I was told that the needs of the neighbourhood were not such as would justify this. It is not clear what changes will occur but I have asked for consultation prior to any change.

Pub in Station Road; I have not lodged an objection but I have clarified hours of opening and set out the concerns of neighbours in the hope that this will reduce the chance of the fears being realised.

Pre-application advice of plans to demolish 2 houses on Drysgol Road; It is likely that a planning application will be made to demolish 45 and 47 Drysgol Road to replace them with 2 blocks of flats and a detached house. I have the plans and will send a copy on request.

Springfield Gardens; the developer has appealed against refusal and the issue will be heard by a Welsh Government appointed inspector.

Radyr Weir; there have been numerous complaints about people jumping off the various buildings into the River Taff and swimmers entering the area where the turbines are rotating. This is difficult to prevent, as the river is accessible and impossible to fence off; the exit of the turbines needs to be unguarded to allow river-borne detritus to go through without blocking the Archimedes screws. The police and council officers are in discussion about the best remedy

War Memorial: the first phase of refurbishment is complete and I have received many favourable comments

Highway/traffic issues: at the most recent of my meetings with the corporate director, last week, I raised again the need to draw up (and cost) a plan setting out proposed traffic calming measures for Heol Isaf/Tynant Road. If the police are unable to lower the evidence threshold for penalising rogue HGVs, traffic-calming measures are the only solution. Further, I emphasised the need to have the first new primary school able to accept pupils in April 2020 for September entry and the necessity of coordinating the sewer construction plans of Redrow and Barratt. I reminded him that the 20mph schemes for our primary schools are overdue. The camera car has led to several motorists being penalised for dangerous parking; it is suggested, tentatively, that recently parking has improved.

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