



# CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL

**Councillor Roderick McKerlich**



## **Annual Report 2013/14**

*This annual report (max. 2 sides of A4 paper) provides details of the key activities undertaken during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 by the named County Councillor. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.*

**Councillor:**     **Rod McKerlich**

**Political**

Conservative

**Group / Party:**

**Ward:**            **Radyr and Morganstown**

### **Role and Responsibilities:**

Member of Environment Committee, Democratic Services Committee, Corporate Parenting Panel, Neighbourhood Management Committee and Local Development Plan Task and Finish Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor representative on Cardiff and Vale Pension Panel.

Appointed by Cardiff Council to Fire and Rescue Authority and Reserve Forces/Cadets Association. I have also been a member of appointment panels for senior council posts. As a member of the Conservative Group I am Chief Whip and the group spokesman on Environment and finance matters.

Prosiect Gwyrdd was a complex project involving the sourcing and funding of a treatment for tertiary waste in the effluent stream of five different local authorities i.e. in Cardiff terms the waste which is put in black bins or black bags. A Joint Scrutiny Committee with 2 Councillors from each Council was established to monitor this vital and costly project which will deal with this waste stream for 25 years and enable us to reach challenging targets for recycling. I was elected Chairman of this Joint Scrutiny Panel.

### **Ward Activity:**

Radyr and Morganstown is a large single member ward with nearly 5500 electors who generate a considerable volume of correspondence in the expectation that this will be processed swiftly and effectively. I have done this and I have issued a monthly report setting out key issues in my workload; this has been posted on the local web site and e-mailed directly to the substantial and growing number of local residents who request this.

I have served as Chairman of Radyr and Morganstown Community Council, Chair of Governors at Radyr Primary, Governor at Radyr Comp and a panel member at Pact Meetings.

During our festival, I have attended most events and also supported performances of the Parish Music Group and Drama Group.

Of course, volunteers also provide important sporting facilities and I have maintained contact with Radyr Rangers, Radyr Cricket Club, Radyr Tennis Club and Radyr Golf Club to understand their concerns and to provide tangible benefits wherever possible.

The Guide Centre is in need of major repair and I have worked with the support committee to identify suitable grant assistance and start the repair work.

A major local concern is the impact of the local development plan on our communities; I have worked with the Community Council, other local organisations and neighbouring representative bodies to present our concerns and seek mitigation of the worst consequences.

As a result of new residential areas being built, I inherited a large number of unadopted roads and, in the last year, some were finally adopted.

## **Initiatives and Special Activities:**

Due to the amount of local housing development I had a significant sum of planning gain funds to spend on community projects. During 2013-14 several projects I managed came to fruition:

- A derelict railway bridge over the Taff was refurbished and with connecting paths this opens a big new area for leisure pursuits in addition to usefully connecting the Sidings development to Llandaff North
- Radyr Tennis Club was assisted with major redevelopments
- Radyr Cricket Club was assisted with outdoor net project

## **Learning and Development**

Attended:

Children's Services briefing on "Child Protection" – 2 December 2013

Scrutiny Training Session "Working with Risk" – 23 January 2014

Constitution Session – 10 March 2014.

## **Other Activities and Issues**

As a result of the rapid local population growth, a shortage of pre-school and primary school places has occurred. The senior management and Governors of Radyr Primary have worked with me and the LEA to remedy this and an increase in school capacity together with the creation of a new pre-school facility was agreed. Now it will be installed.

I am very conscious of the number of hazardous traffic issues in Radyr and Morganstown and I have had regular meetings with officers and Executive Members to press the case for solutions; there has been some limited success but much remains to be done.

Signature of Councillor:



Date:

24 June 2014

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