

Monthly Report for June 2011

All Weather Pitch at Radyr Comp: Work will start on 4th July with planned completion in mid October; the school is receiving a good level of booking enquiries.

Local Development Plan: Over 80 people attended the meeting and several expressed major concerns about the basis of Welsh Government projections and the impact on local infrastructure of working to these projections. I have written setting out my objections.

Drysgol Road and Bryn Derwen: the resurfacing work is now being completed by the addition of road markings

Christmas Fair: I have acted on the request to have upper Station Road closed on the evening of Thursday 8th December; nearer the time we need to ensure that this is communicated to local residents and to the whole community of R+M.

Footpath and railway bridge project: waiting for approval of Network Rail while preparing tender documents.

Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary: Radyr Primary Estyn Inspection is now complete but results will not be published for some time; inspectors commented favourably on new outdoor teaching areas funded by planning gain. I have chased officers to ensure Bryn Deri staffroom extension is completed to agreed timetable.

Gullies: the blocked gullies which I reported are now cleared.

Parc Radur: the hard standing is now in place but several residents do not approve of the work and state that they were not consulted in advance. The work was agreed by me after support by R+MCC and R+MA who confirmed, at the time, that a flier had been delivered to residents in the area. It is not clear to me that this process was flawed in any regard.

Planning matters: Ael y Bryn and Fisher Hill Way.

Road safety measures: I repeated my request for crossing at Min y Coed in light of speed data for Heol Isaf but this was not given revised priority. I am exploring the possibility of a 20mph zone around Radyr Primary.

Parc Radur Lights and Potholes: I have reported these and expect early rectification

Road Adoption: I have raised with the Chief Executive the need to make rapid progress on this when Welsh Water is obliged to accept the transfer to them of private sewers and drains on 1st October. There are several affected roads in R+M.

Winter Maintenance: The Council will be issuing through Cardiff Times guidelines to be followed in the event of any emergency, such as heavy snow, and suggestions on being prepared in advance of any such crisis. There will be a much better command and communication structure than last time and I will be advised soon of proposed new locations for grit bins and details of the proposed gritting/ploughing routes. Special measures will be offered (at a cost) to schools. Insurance and risk assessments will be obstacles to local self help e.g. by privately organised snow ploughing.

Danescourt School: I have asked further questions in Council about breaches of relevant LEA policies in the way this has been handled to date.

Radyr Gardens issues: I am pursuing through officers the proper standard for agreed public land on this development as provided in the planning agreement of 2001. I am also clarifying the reason for non-cutting of the verges on Fford Treforgan.

LLantrisant Road roundabout: the weeds have now been cut back.

Cefn Coch: this road was reported to me as being in poor condition and I asked for it to be resurfaced. When the work was done the contractors left the roundabout at the top and I have asked that it be renovated.

Waste Treatment and Refuse Collection: refuse collection will be restructured in September and food waste will now be collected separately. The changes will be well publicised when they are finalised. Cardiff Council is now evaluating new methods of treating food waste and I am part of a small team assessing available technologies.

Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Guidance: as part of this substantial document there is quite a lot about habitats in Radyr and Morganstown. I have a copy and can guide interested people to their own copy if they want one.

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