

Report for July 2011

All Weather Pitch at Radyr Comp: Construction is well underway and is on schedule

Lorries through villages: I have had a number of reported incidents including Quarry Lorries which I reported to the local director. He took the opportunity of restating quarry policy to drivers but the quarry was making a lot of deliveries to Radyr Comp of stone to be a base for the pitch and that was the cause of the apparent infractions.

Footpath and railway bridge project: the plan is to go out to tender in the next 6 weeks. In addition to funds in place for the estimated cost of the bridge repairs and modifications, I applied for a Neighbourhood Regeneration Grant to fund work on footpaths and landscaping. I am delighted that out of 35 projects our project gained second place and was approved; the highest score was 90(including 10 points under the heading of deprived area) and we got 89 but we got no marks for being in a deprived area(where up to 10 points could be awarded).

Parc Radur; the potholes and street lights have been repaired.

Road Adoption: Progress continues on this important issue

Waste Collections: there will be a number of significant changes effective on 12th September. I have submitted an article to Radyr Chain on this subject and I will post the article on the website nearer that date as a further reminder.

Radyr Weir: the waterpower of the weir will be used to generate some 1.55 million KWh per annum and, in addition, there will be a new picnic area, display boards and a better fish pass.

Radyr Gardens: at last we have an agreement with Bellway to bring public open spaces to an acceptable standard and put in proper road markings; this is targeted for completion by October. Verges are once again being cut by CCC.

Road maintenance: big improvements have been made to our local roads in the last 7 months and most recently Heol Isaf has been resurfaced between Tynant and Real Radio. I have reported problems in Cefn Coch, Park Road and Maes yr Awel.

Miscellaneous: issues of graffiti, fly posting, waste bin emptying, weeds on pavements, ragwort on Llantrisant Road, street cleansing, unsafe wall in Station Road- these have been dealt with satisfactorily. I am pleased that the “boot Camp” is now an authorised activity at Mound Field.

Planning; Ael y Bryn expected to go to committee in August probably with a recommendation to approve.

Cardiff Bus; I am meeting the Managing Director in September to discuss my proposals to improve local service

Library: plans have been lodged for planning approval which, I hope, will be accepted shortly.

Civil Parking: penalty notices are now being issued in the area and this will intensify in the key areas around the schools and village centre.

Jubilee; I was asked to establish CCC position :” Officers have already been in preliminary discussions regarding proposals for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in 2012 and the visit of the Jubilee Diamond to the Capital City. Once formal proposals have been considered and evaluated, the outline celebration plans will be shared with the Council’s Executive for final consideration.”

Road Safety: my suggestions for Heol Isaf are still under consideration

Council Matters: I spoke in a major debate this month on the disturbing standards achieved by Welsh Schools in general and Cardiff schools in particular. Cardiff LEA had a poor Estyn Report and scrutiny of literacy found a high percentage of Y6 pupils with a reading age of less than 9.5 years as they were about to embark on secondary education. I also raised again the issue of long running staff suspensions at Danescourt School.

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