

Report for January 2012

Grit Bins: I requested a number of new grit bins and most have been agreed and installed; among my failures was a wish for a grit bin at either end of the bridge to Sidings 2. This area is unadopted and the issue has been referred to Taylor Wimpey.

Station Access: I am delighted that Radyr station will have within 2 years suitable access for disabled travellers and occupants of prams. This is entirely attributable to the campaign launched by me and helped by Community Council, MP and our former Assembly member.

Radyr Weir: I support this ingenious return to its original industrial use by using the weir to generate electricity; I asked for the scheme to be enhanced by adding display boards, a picnic area and (possibly) a BMX trail.

Speed disclosing sign: a new sign will be installed with sockets permitting its position to be at the northern entrance to Morganstown or on the north approach to Min Y Coed. This will provide useful data to support my campaign for a pedestrian crossing.

Fly tipping: a few cases efficiently removed by Cardiff Council

Refuse Collection: a few glitches over the holiday period and some cases of refuse left on the pavement for an undue time. This is being monitored.

Trees: work to replace damaged street trees has started.

Knotweed: I am asking that a colony on Taff Trail is treated and I reported a further crop on Fford Treforgan.

Taff Trail: I walked the Taff Trail with the executive member to explain problems caused by inconsiderate cyclists and I have raised with Police and Council the issue of motor cyclists using this trail and our beech woods as a scramble track. Now I will press for action.

Parking and traffic hazards in Radyr village centre: there is a virtually unanimous view that this needs to be addressed but there is considerable divergence of opinion on the best solution. Pending the perfect solution, I have asked Police and Traffic Wardens to deal with offenders and I have asked Highways Dept. to survey the area once again.

Community Plot: this has reverted to Taylor Wimpey as this company reused to permit any variation from the original, highly prescriptive agreement. T-W has asked for planning permission to build 9 additional homes on this plot which will give a large windfall profit and I have asked, backed by Community Council, that a reasonable portion of this windfall should be shared with our communities. Of course, I hope that T-W accepts the justice of this argument but, previously, this company has been obdurate. As a community, we need to ponder if we have the appetite to pursue our case more strenuously; I would be pleased to hear views on this.

NatWest Bank: this bank intends to drop to a service of 3 days per week with the clear risk that this is a prelude to closure. The local management will attend the Community Council

meeting in OCR at 7, 30 on Thursday 26th January (I shall be unable to be there as this clashes with an important meeting of Cardiff Council where we will be debating the education provision in our city). This is another issue where the community has to decide how strongly to press for a change of mind on the part of the bank.

Local Elections: On May 3rd there will be elections for Cardiff County Council and Radyr and Morganstown Community Council. I shall be standing for re-election as your County Councillor and I would be delighted to see a lot of candidates standing for the Community Council.

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