

Report for June 2012

Radyr Library: The “soft opening” of the library will take place on Saturday 23rd June and it is envisaged that there will be a more formal opening in early July.

Cardiff in Bloom: Closing date for entries is 6th July; if you want to enter but need an entry form please contact me.

Radyr Weir: the officer in charge of this project has retired and I am meeting his successor on site in early July.

Derelict Railway Bridge: I am delighted to report that we are on the point of signing the necessary agreement with Sustrans after lengthy and complex negotiation. The funds for the first stage to renovate the bridge are in place and the contractor has been appointed. I expect building work to start in late summer or early autumn. The following stages involve substantial work on the network of connecting paths and this will follow on. This project in total will cost between £400K and £500K but it will create a recreation facility which serves a functional purpose in addition.

Jubilee Events: there were a number of notable events but the clear highlight was the Jubilee Concert at Radyr Golf Club which was a credit to the Community Council, Golf Club, volunteer helpers and all organisers, particularly Mike Diment.

Community Council: I am one of 6 local residents who have been co-opted to bring the Council to its full strength of 12 members.

Normal issues: as usual at this season there are a number of hedges blocking footpaths and the usual problems of overgrown grassy areas, potholes, malfunctioning streetlights, blocked drains and matters arising from unadopted roads. I am pleased that Crest has had adopted its roads on Parc Radur and Bellway is progressing further adoption at Radyr Gardens as is Charles Church at the first Sidings phase.

Wider issues: I sit on the Environment Committee of Cardiff Council which will address topics such as processing of food waste and black wheelie bin waste, new bus station, hygiene standards in schools as well as restaurants and food shops, dog fouling. These meetings are open to the public and I am happy to brief any interested resident on the work programme. I also represent Cardiff Council on the Fire Authority, Cardiff and Vale Pension Advisory Board, Cardiff Medicentre, Cardiff Sportlot and Liaison Body for Reserve Forces and Cadets.

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