

County Councillor Report for January 2013

Snow issues: up to date information is available on the local web site and on Cardiff Council web site. I have maintained contact over gritting, bus service, waste collections and local schools. Some trees blocked Kings Road on the first day of heavy snow; Cardiff Council staff cleared the tree fall the morning after I reported this.

Mound Field: the committee, chaired by Allan Cook, met with council officers to review progress and set the strategy for developing the whole area as well as the motte and bailey. Plans include improving local drainage, increasing car park, improving access path, fencing the motte, signage and a visitor centre. This is a long term project where community volunteer involvement will be vital.

Cardiff Bus: I had a further meeting with the MD and senior management of Cardiff Bus to discuss improvements to our bus service. They are supportive of ideas which will increase bus usage and intend to carry out a local consultation. Depending on the feedback from local bus users, this could lead to the early provision of a more direct service to central Cardiff.

Grit Bins at entrance to Radyr Sidings: these have now been provided by Taylor Wimpey

Local Development Plan: no change since last month

Refurbishment of redundant Railway Bridge over Taff: work is well advanced and this is being incorporated in a council leaflet describing walk routes in the area between Radyr, Llandaff and Danescourt.

Local pre-school provision: the plan to build a new facility at Radyr Primary is being submitted to Council executive this month. While the intention is to open this facility in September, the timetable is very tight.

Footpath in Morganstown: It is agreed that remedial work be done soon to the steps and path on footpath 53 connecting Teamans Row with Radyr Gardens.

Local Roads: I met the Executive Member and senior officers to point out the slow progress being made with several necessary safety measures on local roads. I was told how tight are the funds for such measures and pointed out that double yellow lines in the area of the war Memorial were essential and cheap; while I wanted the other measures to be implemented soon, at the worst they should be on the list of projects to be funded from Community Infrastructure Levy arising from LDP.

Dog Fouling, Fly Tipping etc.: I was one of 3 members of a Task and Finish Group which took evidence from public bodies and other local Councils to determine best practice in dealing with a number of types of litter which are a matter of great concern to local residents. We found a number of good ideas, backed by evidence, and these are incorporated in a series of recommendations in a hefty report which is going to the Cabinet later this month

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