

County Councillors Monthly Report for April 2013

Radyr Primary Developments: the consultation over the new pre-school provision led to a large number of favourable replies but a small number of unfavourable responses; as a result, it is not yet decided if this facility will be able to open in September 2013. The reception classes at Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary (now increased from an intake of 45 to 60) are full with almost every entrant living in the catchment area. In addition to new classrooms at Radyr Primary the governors are pushing for better demountables or an improved medium term plan for permanent accommodation.

Railway Bridge and associated pathways: this project is expected to be complete by 17th May and will offer residents of Sidings 2 pedestrian or cycle access to Hailey Park and Taff Trail and Llandaff North. It will also give improved leisure or cycle access to all residents in the area. Please have a look after the opening.

Cardiff Bus: Following consultation, Radyr and Morganstown from July 21st will have 2 direct services per hour going straight into Cardiff with a slight detour via Danescourt. The 33 and 33A service will be discontinued.

Resurfacing of local roads: some local roads and pavements have been resurfaced and this work was much needed. I know that several other roads and pavements are also in need of resurfacing and I am pressing for those to be done this year. Potholes continue to be reported by me and they are repaired quickly but, regrettably, it is always a quick fix rather than a proper repair.

Community Building Grants: applications for grants of up to £5000 may be made; several local groups have had these in the past. I will pass on details to any new applicant who is unfamiliar with the rules.

Radyr Weir: this scheme to generate hydro-electricity will be going to Council Cabinet for approval next month. I have been involved in the project and hope that it will make full use of the potential to be an attractive and informative local feature.

All-weather Pitch at Radyr Comp: this much used and costly local facility has been operating on a temporary approval of its hours of use. I expect an application for permanent approval to be considered by the Planning Committee soon; if the application is refused there will be little or zero scope for community use of a facility built with money intended to produce a community leisure facility.

Highway Issues: I have agreement in principle to double yellow lines around the War Memorial and discussions proceed around the extent of the lines and the rapidity with which this will happen.

Mound Field and Motte: we know what is needed for both footballers and those interested in the motte but progress is leisurely. I hope to have a more positive report in next month's edition. Radyr Rangers have been quick to point out possible local contingent benefits arising

from the promotion of Cardiff City to the Premier League and I have made enquiries on their behalf.

Electricity sub-station in Maes yr Awel: Cardiff Council owns the land recently wrecked by a contractor working on behalf of WPD who have a way leave giving access to the sub-station. I had already agreed with the residents and the Council Parks Dept. a scheme to improve the appearance of this area and the contractor has now been told to make restitution.

Unoccupied House; I have been asked by neighbours to do something about a house unoccupied for a very long time and Council Officers are dealing with this.

Cardiff Council Matters: as residents will know from TV news and the local press, the ruling party has decided to reorganise the senior management of the council. This entails recruiting several new senior employees and raising salaries to a significant extent. While I disagreed with the extent and scale of this reorganisation, it is a policy which commanded a large vote in favour and we have to seek to implement it in the best possible way. As a result, I have spent much of the last month sitting on short-listing and appointment panels.

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