

County Councillor Report for August, 2013

Local Development Plan: this is going out to public consultation in mid October and I attach a joint statement from an R+MCC Committee which I attend in dual capacity and which has R+MA input. We intend that there will be a public meeting for all concerned residents in Radyr Comp in early October and the date will be widely advertised and on the local web site.

Double yellow lines round War Memorial: this scheme is now out for public consultation: I am aware of strong views both for and against this and I suggest that concerned residents participate in the consultation.

Fitness Suite at Radyr Comp: the Governors decided that this should close to public participation as the outgoings exceed income by a large amount and the deficit has to be met from the school budget which is a misuse of this budget; furthermore quite a lot of equipment is on the point of obsolescence and to continue requires capital expenditure. I met with users of this facility who made a number of good points about past management; we agreed that delegates from this meeting should seek to meet School Governors and Headteacher to devise a business plan which addressed the deficit and the need for new equipment.

Plot of Land at Radyr Sidings: this will not revert to Taylor Wimpey and T-W has no wish to acquire it or develop it. I have asked council officers to advise me when they contact the putative owner which, I imagine, will be Network Rail. I will meet with the owner at that time. Residents will notice that T-W is now making progress towards adoption of the roads and the play area will be installed soon. I now have good contacts with representatives of this company.

Structure over rail line near River Taff: this is being done on behalf of Western Power to enable maintenance of the transmission lines and they hold a way leave permitting this work

Disabled access at Radyr Station: Work will start in October and the lifts should be commissioned in July 2014; I have asked for details of hours of work and have pointed out that we welcome the installation but urge the need to keep disruption and noise to a minimum

Radyr Primary and Bryn Deri and Radyr Comp: Bryn Deri had a very good inspection outcome and staff, governors and pupils are to be congratulated. Radyr Comp had very good A-level results and I have not yet had an analysis of GCSE results, Radyr Primary resembles a building site but we continue to make progress towards pre-school provision, increased intake, repaired wall, new library facilities and replacement of unsatisfactory demountables.

Refurbished Railway Bridge: this is now open and being used by lots of people.

Mound Field: open day at motte is on Sunday 15th September.

Verges and roundabouts: a local resident asked a public question at July Council and won an agreement to try to avoid cutting down cowslips and bluebells in their prime.

Bus Service to Cardiff; the new service gives a faster service to Cardiff Centre on newer buses but some improvements can be made and I have been told that changes will be considered after a bedding-in period dependent on volume of usage.

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