

County Councillor Report for October 2013

Local Development Plan: Several residents came to our session in Radyr Library to look at proposals and maps and raise questions. We then had the public meeting with about 120 attendees who listened attentively and made many good points which we noted. Principal discussion centred on the provision of an enhanced public transport prior to large scale housing development and concern that the road system in North West Cardiff would not be able to cope as it already operates with no spare capacity at peak times.

Radyr Sidings: As matters stand, Taylor Wimpey has refused to grass the plot but might agree to further removal of detritus; Cardiff Council officers are considering if there is a basis for taking enforcement action or legal action against T-W. A further concern of residents is that many are upset by trees being planted in metal cages reducing car parking spaces and impeding traffic.

Western Power Distribution: The various bridges and netting will be removed soon and WPD has agreed to remediate all damaged verges and paths.

Road repairs: the streets selected for top dressing are Windsor Crescent, Graig Hir and Coed y Llyn; I have repeated my list of roads in need of complete resurfacing.

Radyr Gardens: new road marking has been done.

Street Sweeper: the dedicated litter picker has been reassigned to a team who will work the outer wards of Cardiff; I do not yet know the intended frequency with which this team will visit R+M and I have complained that this change was made without either consultation or thought.

Good Neighbours: this excellent charity is on a list of those who may lose Council financial support for the next financial year and the committee is negotiating to preserve the service given to elderly people in this area.

Drains and potholes: recent weather has highlighted a number of incidences which I have reported and most have been remedied.

Toast: There is, once again, uncertainty about the future of the restaurant/café facility in Station Road

Refuse collection: a discussion document has been released about the frequency of collection and various other important issues; this has attracted attention in the national press; views are invited and I will send an electronic copy to anyone who wants this.

Annual Report: County Councillors are urged to produce an annual report setting out their various activities; mine may be accessed on the Council web site and I will disseminate it to local residents in various ways.

Peer review: Sir Peter Rogers was commissioned by Welsh Local Government Association to evaluate the performance of Cardiff Council; I represented my group at a meeting with Sir Peter who made a number of fierce criticisms and set out routes to improvement. If Cardiff Council is to get through the next few years without dismembering valued services, it is essential that it works in a smarter, leaner way; I offered our support in working to achieve this.

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