

County Councillor Report for March 2014

Radyr and District Good Neighbours: this will wind up after a farewell lunch on Friday 28th March

Welsh Language Medium Schools: I am working with concerned residents to discover why it appears that the status quo will prevail; this means that children from Radyr and Morganstown will not have Gwaelod as their catchment school while children from Taffs Well (outside Cardiff in R-C-T) will continue to go there. For the coming year this disadvantages at least six local children. I am advised that after a few years of financial struggle the Meithrin nursery will discontinue its operation in Park Road.

Sidings Issues: I am cooperating with local residents to induce Cardiff Council officers to oblige Taylor Wimpey to remedy the clear mess in which they left the infamous plot.

Bus Changes: I attended a meeting organised by Cardiff Bus on 27th March before Council. It was made clear that this was a briefing not a consultation. When I realised the impact on this ward I asked if it was necessary to consult or to carry out an impact assessment; Peter Heath (Director) replied that neither was necessary. I have asked local AMs and MP to assist restoration of the previous service to Morganstown and I asked that local residents raise a petition in support

Youth Club: The youth club has a partial reprieve and is operating under the management of Simon Evans to the appended plan:

Day	Time	Ages	Activity
Tuesday	6.30 - 8.30pm	Years 9, 10 & 11, 12 & 13	Seniors Issue Based Music and Projects
Wednesday	6.30 - 8.30pm 6.30 - 8.30pm	Year 10 & 11, 12 & 13 Years 7 & 8	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Young Achievers @ Creigiau Church Hall
Thursday	6.30 - 8.30pm	Year 7 & 8	Young Achievers Award
Friday	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Years 7 & 8	GYG Young Achievers at Gwaelod Y Garth Village Hall

Green Bin Collection: this has reverted to a fortnightly service until next winter.

Cardiff West Neighbourhood Management : these committees operate over a number of council wards and have a separate budget to devote to agreed projects; they coordinate projects with police, council officers and health professionals. I have been appointed as the lead County Councillor on the Cardiff West version.

Comprehensive Swimming Pool: regrettably this is likely to remain closed until after the summer holidays due to the boiler breakdown.

Local burglaries; we have had a spate of burglaries right across the ward. This was discussed at PACT and I have had subsequent further discussions with the local Police Inspector and beat manager to ask for counter measures.

Allotments; the rental charge has increased again and this touches allotment holders at Forest Farm. I have been unable to secure a rethink on this.

Radyr Gardens Signage; some residents have asked for signs directing visitors from the main road to this development; initially this has been rejected by highways officers and I have suggested that the residents organise a petition to gauge local support for this.

Local Development Plan; the consultation in Radyr Comp attracted a fair attendance and the Community Council and I are preparing our joint response to this phase of the plan. A fuller statement will be circulated soon but key points we make are that housing development should be phased and reflective of infrastructure (particularly transport) in place and that we believe that the planned level of local development can only be sustained if the metro link (or a comparable service) is delivered.

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