

## County Councillor report for August 2014

**Heol Isaf Flooding:** I have asked regularly for the drains under M4 to be checked and I am advised that this was done; however the carrier pipe conveying the water away was blocked by detritus and silt and these have now been cleared. I am promised that the carrier pipe will be regularly checked in future. This problem and that of flooded homes in the ward serve to remind us of the importance of keeping an eye on drains which are not checked sufficiently often on a routine basis. If you see a blocked drain please report it giving the exact location via C2C, me or the Clerk to the Community Council.

**Traffic lights on Heol Isaf:** I have asked officers to instruct the contractor to operate the lights taking account of the different traffic flow in morning and evening. I have also asked, in view of the duration of this work that it should be done 12 hours per day and 7 days per week

**Fly tipping:** possibly as a consequence of the foolish closure of Waungron Road Recycling Centre there have been several instances of fly tipping mainly in Golf Club Lane and on Llantrisant Road. Householders employing contractors would assist if they check where the contractor will dispose of any material removed and I would be glad to pursue proceedings if any observant resident gets photos and /or registration numbers of offenders.

**Morganstown Chapel:** comments have been made about the state of the building and the graveyard and I have passed these to the owner via his architect. The architect advises that the building has not significantly deteriorated and stated that he would meet the owner on site to discuss future plans.

**Parc Radur;** the path leading from bridleway 40 down to Plas y Mynach is regularly acting as a water course due to the blocked soak- away at the top; with members of the residents association I met a senior Council Officer who is now seeking the go-ahead for a proper solution.

**Meeting in Old Church Rooms with Residents of Sidings:** many issues were discussed including the infamous “plot” , play area, street numbering, damaged block paving and tree planters. I t was agreed that it would benefit local residents if they could form an association to represent their interests.

**Overgrown hedges:** as the nesting season concludes it is opportune to cut back hedges and shrubs which are blocking the pavements. Some residents in Radyr Gardens and Heol Isaf have been contacted to remind them of this.

**Japanese Knotweed:** there are several colonies of this notably on the Taff Trail and on Fford Treforgan. I regret that there is no council budget to deal with this on council land unless it is encroaching onto private land

**Radyr Comp:** a) congratulations on fine A-level results

b) Sadly the swimming pool will be out of commission for a lengthy, further period

**Radyr Primary**: the most recent programme of works ran into difficulties when it was discovered that the demolished and dilapidated demountable had been erected (about 25 years ago) over a 450mm drain contrary to all regulations. Welsh Water has refused to allow the new

Demountable to be moved from its temporary position to the intended position and we are now considering various alternatives.

**“Orphan Land”**: it is intended that small parcels of land, neglected because there is no owner, should be catalogued and then apportioned. I will pass on details of any such local land which residents bring to my notice.

**Culex Pipiens**: I was advised by a local 6 year-old that this breed of mosquito is very prevalent locally this year . I checked with an expert in public health who commended her on her observations but advised the hazard to be tiny.

Local Development Plan: the plan has been deposited and we are considering future strategy. A number of local residents attended the “Ask Cardiff” consultation and several made trenchant points about the LDP

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