

County Councillor Report for April 2015

Local Development Plan: We await the Cardiff Council response to the action points raised by the Inspector; many of these arose from submissions made by R+MCC or our associated bodies. This will lead to further meetings of great importance to our communities.

Radyr Youth Centre: the future is not looking good; it is necessary to identify management and then apply successfully for a grant to cover staff and premise costs. The grant is likely to be available for a maximum of two years.

Waungron Road: the referendum in Fairwater cost about £5500 and the result was “noted with no action to be taken”. R+MCC decided to write supporting re-opening but not to go for a referendum.

Gelynis Farm Footbridge: this is now open once again after repairs.

HGV use of Heol Isaf: I have discussed this with the local police inspector; he has asked the traffic patrols to look out for offenders and he will check the evidential value if we set up teams at either end of the ward to monitor impermissible HGV transit of our villages I.e. those who do not make a local delivery. He will also initiate a system of using volunteers to employ speed guns under supervision at “speeding black spots”

Newsagent in Station Road: this shop has applied for a licence to sell alcohol and local objections, if any, need to be lodged very soon.

Morgans Walk: some of the homes which were marketed under this name are located in a street to be named Caer Idwen (chosen from a proffered list by R+MCC and me after some local discussion). The house owners have requested the continuation of the name of Morgans (sic) Walk.

Relocation of Post Office: I wrote strongly about the original decision to reorganise the Post Office/ Newsagent and then about the decision to revoke an earlier decision in favour of the status quo. I was contacted by the market research company assessing how well the change was achieved and I expressed local concern that the consultation had been a sham.

Parking on pavements: I have been asked by some residents to persuade the police to take a stronger line on this practice as careless parking obliges wheelchair users and pram pushers to go onto the highway which is a hazardous venture; of course, parking on the pavements cracks the slabs and this creates a trip hazard for pedestrians who are short sighted or who have limited mobility. To deal with the damaged pavements Cardiff Council advised the intention to tarmac some local footpaths without rolling; I queried the suitability of this process and was told it would be fine. Some local residents feel that the result is unacceptable and it is clear that the job was not done tidily. I will meet officers on site to discuss this.

Green and Food Waste Bags: to reduce the large cost of supplying many more bags than are used for the intended purpose Cardiff Council is reducing the number of distribution points. Radyr Library will remain as a supplier and residents may also obtain a supply by phoning C2C.

Radyr Sidings: after strong representations from the Residents’ Association TW have modified the play area but it is not clear that this is satisfactory or that the area will meet the standard necessary for adoption by Cardiff Council. Some residents are troubled by frequent, noisy, night-time work

being undertaken on the railway track. An apartment block appears to have insufficient supply of bulk refuse containers but the Council view is that recyclable material is being put in the “black bin”

Potholes and fly tipping: as usual there have been a number of incidents but the ones I report are dealt with fairly promptly.

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