

County Councillor Report for September 2016

Radyr Weir and Taff Trail: There have been 2 incidents of graffiti on the new installation; both have been removed. Concerns have been raised about speeding cyclists posing a risk to pedestrians and I have suggested the need for signage encouraging considerate behaviour.

Speed disclosing sign near Min y Coed: this continues to operate successfully but intermittently and I await the outcome of the changes I suggested after they are carried out.

Work on Sewer in Station Road: this will start on the evening of Friday 23rd September and finish on Sunday 25th; It will involve closure of Station Road between Kings Avenue and end above the exit from Cwrt Brynteg; diversions will be in place and I will send the diagram to those requesting it.

Weed Control: my previous newsletters have produced a flurry of reports of untreated pavements and I have passed these for action to the appropriate officer

R S McColl; suggestion of self-opening door is "under consideration"

Redevelopment of Nat West: It is confirmed that the occupants will be the Co-op as they have applied for a drinks license.

Radyr Gardens landscaping; Via council officers, I am also chasing Bellway as well as Waterstone to have the public open space areas brought to the agreed standard.

Station lifts: I have asked when these will be in service

Radyr Primary; Council Cabinet will consider on 15th September the request to set up a consultation on converting the school to 2-form entry; this is essential to provide enough primary school places for the population of Radyr and Morganstown.

Gwaelod Welsh Medium School: 2 years ago, helped by concerned local residents, I tried to have the catchment of this school altered to include Radyr and Morganstown. This met with strong opposition from an AM in R-C-T and a compromise was enacted; part of the ward, to the north of the M4 is in the catchment but the remainder is not; I tried to have this revisited this year but was told that it was too soon. I would like to hear from any concerned parents over the next few months to find support for getting this changed next year

Play area in Fisher Hill Way; the slide has been out of use since being vandalised in June and I have pressed for its replacement

Problems with sending e-mails to users of Btinternet; I have found many of my outgoing e-mails (either from the bulk sending of this newsletter or individual e-mails) being delayed or bounced if sent to users of BT e-mail addresses. I investigated and found that the Cardiff Council servers had a huge backlog of e-mails to these subscribers. We threatened to go public with this problem if it were not remedied within 2 days and I believe that this achieved a satisfactory result. Can I assure residents that I reply promptly to all correspondence and, if you use this provider, please phone me if you ever fail to receive my newsletter or an anticipated reply

Plant overgrowth; this has been a year of many obstructed pavements and I have passed all reported issues to the correct officers.

Springfield Gardens planning application; the application of concern to local people is not going to September committee. I am away for October committee and I have asked that, if this is to go to October committee, it should only be to agree a site visit which, I believe, is necessary

Postal/proxy votes; when the recent referendum and Assembly elections were imminent, quite a lot of electors contacted me because they would be absent on the day; in most cases they were too late to get a proxy or postal vote. If any elector is likely to be absent for future elections, I can supply the necessary form to arrange a postal vote and I will explain how they work.

Waste issues; these have become much less frequent but we still have the odd missed collection or problem with damaged or lost bins; these matters are normally resolved quite quickly.

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