

## **County Councillor Report for November 2016**

**Occupier of Bench on Heol Isaf:** after a brief absence the gentleman has returned. I realise that there are divided views on the matter but it should be realised that he can be assisted to a lifestyle which is less damaging to his health and which caters for his personal hygiene needs. Outreach workers and representatives of charities to aid the homeless have tried repeatedly but without success to engage with him.

**Radyr Gardens landscaping:** this is a great improvement and I will meet shortly with officers to discuss the ongoing maintenance regime; I would be interested to receive the views of local residents

**Local Cycle paths:** Under the active travel scheme I have received plans for increased and improved cycle routes in the ward; I will pass these to any interested party.

**RS McColl:** I suggested that an automatic door would assist the entry of less mobile customers and, after great deliberation, the company decided instead to install a bell enabling such clients to enlist assistance.

**Drains:** I have reported a number of blocked drains and Cardiff Council have arranged clearance of these. I do urge residents to report any such problems direct to the Council via C2C or via me; during my 9 years as your councillor I have not seen any house flooded as a result of the Taff overflowing but several houses have suffered water ingress due to blocked drains.

**Refuse Bins on Taff Trail:** additional bins will be installed soon

**Windsor Crescent Double Yellow lines:** when the street was resurfaced the double yellow lines at the junction with Heol Isaf were "lost"; they will be replaced soon.

**Closed footpath:** a footpath off Pant Tawel Lane was closed on a temporary basis due to an incident where a walker was trampled by livestock

**Equipment in play areas:** there is a national concern about lead paint on play equipment. Cardiff Council does not use lead paint in maintenance of this equipment and has no such painted apparatus in current use. As ever, handwashing is a sensible procedure to avoid risk.

**Dog waste:** following complaints I have asked for refuse bins and signage to reduce this concern on the footpaths around Radyr Gardens, leading to the pedestrian bridge over the M4. Dog wardens will be monitoring this area.

**Springfield Gardens Planning application:** I have no news as to when this will be determined but the issue is becoming increasingly complicated.

**Remembrance Day Parade:** as ever this was a great village occasion, blessed as usual with good weather. It was a credit to the organisers and a delight to see our schools and children's groups well represented. We now look forward to the lighting of Christmas trees on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**County Councillor Rod McKerlich, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

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