

County Councillor report for November 2018

Highway Issues: As advised the Community Council and I persuaded Cardiff Council officers to produce a (roughly costed) plan of speed reduction measures for Heol Isaf/Tynant Road. While there are other issues, which have not been addressed yet, this is a promising starting point. The plans have been widely circulated. As explained, Redrow has agreed to release S106 funds of £300K prematurely and this will enable 3 or 4 of these projects to be done soon and the Community Council will assign priority to enable the most immediately beneficial to be completed. While it is desirable for the entirety plus other outstanding projects to be completed at the same time, the cash is not immediately available. I will be supporting the Community Council in efforts to resolve this. Work will start shortly on replacing the roundabout at Heol Isaf/ Llantrisant Road with a signalised junction. I have a diagram showing the proposed final design and the transformation will be a big piece of work.

Planning matters: the Drysgol Road application will not be going to November planning committee. A number of local residents have objected to a retail business (barber shop) in a private home on Lougher Estate.

LDP ongoing assessment: I spoke in October Council about the predicted but lamentable failure to deliver in a timely manner the infrastructure needs arising from the LDP. Among the solutions, I suggested was the need to reduce traffic caused by commuters from Rhondda-Cynon –Taff. 90, 000 daily travellers to Cardiff can be encouraged to use heavy rail by a coherent plan to make rail a better option than car.

Cardiff Council Budget Consultation: the ruling group has launched this and I can send details of the process and background on request. While undoubtedly, existing income could be deployed to greater effect, the main problem is that Cardiff Council receives a grossly unfair settlement from the Welsh Government. Inevitably, this manifests itself in all the ways, which lead local residents to contact me, most regularly, about many sub-standard council services.

Taff Trail Leaf fall: Last year I raised the hazards of leaf fall, snow and ice on the Taff Trail and I was told that Cardiff Council had no suitable equipment to deal with these matters. A partial success is that the Trail will be regularly a swept to deal with leaf fall but, as yet, there is no solution to ice or snow.-

Plasdwr issues: I am involved in several issues arising from the various impacts these developments have on existing residents. While all are of concern, one is a matter of public safety and all are being pursued via Cardiff Council and other agencies.

WWI and Remembrance Day: our villages have been transformed and several, most enjoyable functions have entertained our residents. The turnout for Remembrance Day was uplifting. Many local people have worked hard over months to organise all these events. Our thanks go to them with our congratulations for jobs done supremely well.

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