

## **County Councillor Report for December 2018**

**Highway issues:** The Community Council and I have made our recommendations about priority for crossings on our main road; we will meet Cardiff officers in January when I hope to report on projected completion dates. I have received reports of near misses on the zebra crossing near the scout hut; it is alarming to hear of drivers behaving in a dangerous and irresponsible manner but without details of the vehicles, the police cannot act. Please reaffirm to children that they should not step onto the crossing until approaching cars have stopped. At the Pact meeting, we received a suggestion that north travelling vehicles seeking to access Pugh's should be diverted by signage to travel to the nearby roundabout to approach in a southerly direction. This suggestion was turned down after observation of the area by highways team

**Planning matters:** The Drysgol Heights application is not going to December planning committee.

**Plasdwr Issues:** the planned new primary school will not be ready for Sept 2020; public consultation has not started; design and planning application await the outcome of this. I regretted strongly this delay at November Council and I have pressed for immediate progress to have the school open in September 2021. I can only hope that this delay will not create problems for 2020 reception intake. There have been further issues with flooding in contingent areas and I have raised these with developer and planning dept.

**Funded Childcare:** up to 30 hours per week of early years education or funded childcare is available to qualifying parents of 3-4 year-old children. I will send details on request.

**Abandoned car;** many residents have asked me to deal with the Hyundai car left on Station Road for several weeks. It will be removed shortly by DVLA.

**Litter picking:** a local organiser seeks volunteers to form groups to enhance their local area or any other selected area. The opening session will be at Radyr Library at 10am on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. I can supply contact details.

**Road repairs:** While I am pleased that repairs are planned for Kings Road, Taff Terrace and part of Heol Isaf, I am perplexed that nothing will be done for several other local roads in grave need of attention

**Waste management:** the glass trial is successful and likely to be rolled out on a wider scale; we continue to suffer lapses in collection; Christmas waste collections in this ward will be on the customary days over the festive period

**Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (Suds);** many residents will be aware of these new arrivals; I attended a seminar on the new management regime which will apply from early January; the relevant website is [www.susdrain.org](http://www.susdrain.org) and I await details of how it will apply in Cardiff

**Radyr Comp:** it was a huge delight to see that a Sunday Times survey rated our local comp as the best in Wales as a consequence of this year's super results in public exams, particularly A-levels. Congratulations, to staff, pupils and parents, As our 2 primary schools are also highly rated, we are a very fortunate community.

**Christmas event:** it was a pity that bad weather curtailed this event but a good crowd still enjoyed it; the Xmas trees and decorations are a joy.

**County Councillor Rod McKerlich, 18th December 2018**

**Best wishes to you all from Sue and me.** [rmckerlich@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:rmckerlich@cardiff.gov.uk) phone 20842764

