

County Councillor Report for May 2019

New School to serve Plasdwr: Consultation will begin in June; I urge those who have views on this projected primary school to respond to consultation invitation.

Traffic control: The speed disclosing sign by Cheshire Home has been malfunctioning for some time due to faults with the solar panel; it will shortly be repositioned and wired to a lamppost. The pelican crossing at Station Road had a fault, which I reported, and it is now working. The package of measures on Heol Isaf/Tynant Road, previously described, is about to enter stage 2 of the consultation process; this involves posting notices about the intended works and circulating nearby residents.

Youth issues: I have received a series of complaints/observations from residents about young people congregating at various points in the area; these describe behaviour, which ranges from the discourteous to a more serious level. This is a concern, which has been notified to our local police who are active in the matter. It will be raised at the next Pact meeting, likely to be on 12th June at a venue to be announced.

Car Break-ins: a spate of car thefts has hit various localities. I am told that no theft has involved entry being forced; in every case, contents have been removed from an unlocked vehicle. Please lock your cars.

Adoption of Sidings Roads: the bulk of roads are close to adoption; I will send details to the Radyr Sidings Residents Association for transmission to interested residents

Waste Collections: these continue to be erratic and I reported several recent missed collections; usually this produced remedial action.

White Van: this has ceased its occupation of lower Windsor Road for which many residents are grateful.

Bethel Chapel: This is an ongoing concern which I have discussed with our local AM and our community council. I raised it with various council officers in building control, planning enforcement and legal. The primary concern is to remove any hazards but it is more difficult to ensure enhancement of the buildings and site.

Boundary review: consultation is now open and I hope that residents will take the opportunity to request a second County Councillor to work for about 5500 electors, far above the average for Cardiff.

Play areas: some work at Fisher Hill Way is imminent but full refurbishment awaits payment of a S106 planning gain sum. The Parc Radur play area could be partially refurbished with existing funds but the surface water drainage problem would soon undo the benefit. We can achieve best results by pressing for the drainage work to be done soon; meanwhile successful crowd funding could add to the extent of the refurbishment. I have received various suggestions for the tarmac area on this site (including leave it as it is); nothing can be done without the cash, approval from Cardiff Council and evidence that residents agree any proposal.

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