

County Councillor Report for February/March 2021

Highway matters: Extensive work on Llantrisant Road between Clos Parc Radur and Goetre Fach will begin shortly. The work includes installing a 4-way set of lights and widening the carriageway but there are other aspects; this will be a lengthy project, estimated to take some 18 months. I have a document and diagrams setting out the planned work. Golf Club lane is now closed by installation of locked bollards and I have requested supplementary signage. I have asked for resurfacing or repair of various local roads where I have noticed or been informed of problems.

Council Tax: the headline increase is 3.8% but there will be slight variations due to the influence of police, Fire Authority and community council precept. I have a note, available on request, setting out the key features of the Cardiff Council budget.

Hedgerows on Llantrisant Road; several residents have pointed out that Redrow is destroying the habitat of nesting birds after the nominated final date for this activity. I complained to Redrow, as did the community council, before work started and I did so via Cardiff Council Planning Enforcement when work started. It appears that the rules may be circumvented by employing an ecologist to supervise the work. Keep Wales Safe has sent me videos and Leaflets

School Admission: pupils moving to secondary education in September 2021 have been advised of the allocated school place; as I have heard no concerns, I assume that this went well.

Planning matters: I have objected to the TfW plan to construct a bridge to replace the Gelynis level crossing on various grounds and I have asked that this should go to Planning Committee for determination; in this event, I will address the committee. I have also objected to the activities of Morgan Sindall who have been able to claim that their work is a “permitted development”. St Fagans community council has objected to 19/02887 (a plan to deal with foul sewage from Plasdwr). It is lengthy and complex and I have not completed my study of the many documents. I also objected to 20/01897 relating to the Suds on St Philbert Street and this awaits determination.

Waste management: Green garden waste collection will resume on 23rd March. The new Tuesday collecting regime started last week and there were a few problems. The major change to collections was not straightforward; new crews were collecting from new rounds and assumptions were made about the number of homes on the round and the quantities of refuse arising, There is a team following up and dealing with omissions and, ultimately, the collection regime will be better. Please be patient but do continue to advise me of issues which I sincerely hope will rapidly reduce to zero.

Electoral Roll: With the impending Senedd and Police elections, please check that you and fellow residents are on the electoral register. If you want to change to a postal vote, please act now.

Census matters: Residents will have received a letter about the census due on 21st March. If you know of anyone who will struggle to complete this using IT ask them to phone 0800 587 2021 for help.

Mental Health Issues: Keep Wales Safe has sent me videos and leaflets to assist dealing with this problem and I will send this on request.

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