

County Councillor Report for February 2019

Highway Issues: The first phase of road safety improvements on Heol Isaf/Tynant Road will be completed by Spring 2020; we have a critical path itemising and timetabling intermediate steps. The malfunctioning speed disclosing sign at Cheshire Home will be slightly relocated to allow a connection to a lamp standard, ending difficulties with the solar panel. I have asked for street lighting near local zebra crossings to be increased and this has been done. I suggested that a fixed speed camera near Min Y Coed would pay for itself quickly and would make the road much safer; this is not agreed because “for a speed camera there needs to be at least 3 Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) collisions in the last three year period and several slight injury collisions”. After investigating several complaints, it was clear that CEMEX lorries recently traversing Heol Isaf, were en route to Sidings development. The installation of traffic lights at southern end of Heol Isaf will not be completed until August when the next phase west of Clos Parc Radur will begin.

Litter Picking: the February event attracted even more volunteers and these will carry on starting at 10am at Radyr Library on the second Tuesday of each month.

Cardiff Bus Routes: Cardiff Bus is cutting some routes to regain control of costs but the changes to our local service are minor and are timetabling issues.

Taff trail: I have frequently asked that the Taff Trail should be cleared of autumn leaf fall and gritted in icy weather. That will now be done.

Waste issues: As usual, I reported missed waste collections and fly tipped refuse. I also raised twice the overflowing refuse bins and these were emptied with a promise of ongoing inspections.

Telecare: this is a Council service to assist elderly or infirm residents to cope with independent living in their home. I can pass details of this service on request..

School issues: Congratulations to our three schools on being rated as “green category”. I have had a series of meetings with cabinet member and senior officers about opening date of the first new Plasdwr primary school. Consultation will start in May/June with the intention that the school will receive its first intake in September 2021.

Planning matters: I represented at planning committee the strongly expressed views of numerous residents and the Community Council about the proposed development at Drysgol Heights. Determination was deferred until March to allow a prior site visit on 11th March. I have asked planning enforcement to look at the unsightly (and possibly dangerous) state of Bethel Chapel and graveyard. I requested action to stop fly posted advertising by David Wilson Homes and I contacted the company to complain.

Public Toilet Strategy: Cardiff Council invites comments on the provision of these facilities

Suds (sustainable urban drainage systems): I have a simple guide on the control and installation of **these systems**.

Budget: Cardiff Council budget will be discussed and set on 28th February

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