

## **County Councillor Report for November 2019**

**Traffic / LDP:** I have issued a detailed explanation of the traffic chaos caused by traffic lights on LLantrisant Road and I have set out how these must be managed. The problem was created by a lack of local consultation prior to giving permission for the lights and by altering the management regime without discussing it with me or even notifying me; the operation of the lights continues to be monitored and I continue to stress the imperative need for better vetting of temporary lights. At October Council, I spoke in the debate about the LDP to set out the full extent of the ongoing upheaval and to point out that it was passed in the face of strong local opposition which I was glad to lead.

**Play areas:** The Fisher Hill Way refurbishment is about to start and should be completed by Christmas; this was financed using s106 money. The Drovers Way play area will be refurbished in the early part of 2020 using funds from a variety of sources. This has been a lengthy process as is inevitable when funding for non-statutory functions is cut to the bone. It is to the credit of the different involved parties that this will finally be achieved.

**NO2 monitoring:** I hope to hear soon that a monitoring point (s) will be located on our main road to enable us to assess both current pollution and the future impact of planned changes to our main thoroughfare.

**Radyr Weir:** the hydro –electric scheme is not functional due to vibration on the lower bearings of the Archimedes screws. This needs checking and repair.

**Fostering:** Cardiff Council has nearly 1000 looked after children and there are opportunities for paid foster carers to assist these young people by welcoming them into a caring home. I will gladly arrange for any interested persons to meet the officers who can describe all aspects of the role including training, advice and support.

**Waste Collection:** This continues to be erratic with some areas being particularly susceptible to being missed. I have raised the difficulties that arise from no garden waste collection in early January but this has not yet been reinstated.

**Street Naming:** a new consultation is likely to lead to a significant increase in street names expressed in Welsh

**Radyr Library:** The Library is now hosting a big range of other activities without diluting its traditional role; call in and enquire about Yoga, Bridge, making Christmas wreaths, coffee mornings, litter picks and many other activities.

**Saverio Florimonte:** the host of our local restaurant, Cicchetti, was invited to become the national secretary for Wales of A.I.M.; this is a worldwide organisation, which leads and supports the local Italian community in its interaction with the wider community. It is a great honour for Saverio.

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