

## County Councillor Report for May 2015

**Local Development Plan:** Cardiff Council has now made a response to matters raised by the Inspector but the response is not yet in the public domain. We expect that a meeting date will be announced soon.

**Primary School places for children in Radyr and Morganstown:** for the last 3 school years and for the upcoming year there has been local demand for around 90 reception places and this has been met through 60 in Radyr Primary and 30 in Bryn Deri. For the school year 2015-6 Radyr Primary has been scaled back to 45 and this has denied places to about 15 pupils .(I say “about” because I had to create a list from those who contacted me as the LEA state that they cannot give me their list on grounds of confidentiality). I have proposed a solution to the LEA and I am supporting the parents in the appeal process with the expectation that they will be successful. It is most regrettable that so much anxiety has been caused when the problem was easily predictable

**Radyr Weir:** after many delays the work to install a hydro-electric scheme will start at the end of this month and will be complete by the year end. During this time users of the Taff Trail in that area will suffer a significant diversion via Longwood Drive. The outcome will be a greatly improved fish pass (possibly with an inspection chamber), extended picnic area and display boards aimed at explaining to school children the industrial history, science and fish stock preservation of the new plant.

**Radyr Sidings Residents Association:** this is now active and wants feedback from residents via its page on the local web site <http://www.radyr.org.uk/31914> or direct to [radyrsidings@gmail.com](mailto:radyrsidings@gmail.com)

**Radyr Youth Centre:** thus far we have not identified any organisation able to run this youth centre and, in the absence of management, the facility will not continue except for the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme which the LEA will continue to run.

**Radyr Station:** train users will have realised that work to improve access to the platforms is now underway. I have a contact for any near neighbours who believe that the work is creating unreasonable noise or disruption.

**Network Rail:** Night time working is causing severe problems for near neighbours to the rail line and I am trying to persuade the company to adopt more reasonable working arrangements.

**Drains:** I continue to report blocked drains as I notice them and I ask other residents to report these direct to C2C or to me. Recent heavy rains are a reminder that houses well above the flood plain can suffer if the drains are not working properly

**Velathon:** On Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> a number of roads in Cardiff will be closed. I suggest that you watch out in the local press for details or contact me and I will send you the information I have.

**Cardiff Waste Strategy:** major changes to the refuse collection service will be publicised and implemented in the coming months; the impact on Radyr and Morganstown will be comparatively slight. The current 240litre black bins will be replaced (around August) by new ones with a capacity of 140L; exception will be made for houses with 5 or more occupants if they can demonstrate need for the larger capacity. Many people will point out that this is an extravagant policy which will not modify greatly the amount of recycle generated in this ward; I agree.

**Street sweeping:** The team is in this ward each Tuesday and I have identified and reported several areas which do not benefit noticeably from this operation

**Fence on east side of Heol Isaf near Min Y Coed:** this is in poor condition and the land owner has not complied with a notice asking him to effect repairs; I have asked officers to gain his compliance soon or do the work and charge the land owner.

**Viridor:** this company, which operates the energy from waste plant used by 5 local Councils including Cardiff, is receiving applications for grants of up to £20K to qualifying projects. I have contact details and some information about “qualification” for interested parties.

**Work done on Radyr pavements:** this was a low cost process and the low cost enabled the work to be done on a big section of local pavements. The work was done untidily and, thus far, the contractor has not returned to tidy up. I have had comments which ranged from those who described the work as vandalism to those who requested that more areas should be treated in the same way. Wheelchair users and pedestrians with impaired mobility were pleased by the treatment.

**HGV unauthorised use of Heol Isaf:** in the last month 7 offenders have been caught and fined

**Double Yellow lines:** A number of residents have identified locations where they would like parking restrictions and I have referred these to the relevant officers. It is not easy or quick to get agreement to such proposals.

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