

County Councillor Report for April 2018

Traffic Issues; when the proposals for Heol Isaf are finalised, costed, funded and implemented, traffic flow will be considerably slowed but, possibly, fewer transiting cars will use this route consequently. I pointed out in a speech at Cardiff Council (on 22nd March and available 21 minutes into the webcast) that the promised metro is unlikely to relieve the situation in the reasonable future even if the available capital and revenue funding is adequate. A quicker mitigation would be to use the existing heavy rail system by purchasing more rolling stock to run longer trains and possibly more frequent trains; this would be reinforced by park and ride facilities at several R-C-T stations and subsidising fares to be the same cost to Cardiff, as the Radyr fare, all the way to Pontypridd. In this way we might get 80 000 daily commuters out of their cars.

Homes without main sewers; I have advised all of these residents of a possible solution as advised last month.

Clean Air Green Paper; I can send this on request

Radon Gas: this was raised as a possible concern; I have checked and testing at the 3 local schools shows this is not a matter of concern.

Waste Collections: continue to be erratic

Potholes; recent weather has produced a rash and I continue to report them for repair.

School Admissions: At this point, I am unaware of any problems touching local children failing to get into a local school; there were a few problems but these have been resolved.

Nat West Mobile Bank: this facility is under threat; Community Council, local residents and I have asked for a meeting with local senior management to discuss this

Data Protection: I send this newsletter to those who have requested it and I can remove names, by request, from the circulation list. I only use the list to send newsletters and I do not share it.

Newsletter: I prefer sending a newsletter to engaging via twitter, as it is a matter of record, not subject to deletion or amendment and available for several years. Many residents have said that they like a single page setting out the principal issues and they know that they can ask for supplementary information where needed. If demand exists, I can augment this by working with other local Councillors. Please give feedback.

Deputy Lord Mayor: at the Council AGM on 24th May, I will be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor for the municipal year 2018-9. As I will shed some other commitments during this year, I do not anticipate any deterioration in the high standard of ward casework I have supplied for the last 10 years.

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