

County Council Budget

All members of the Council have been taking part in budget seminars and scrutiny meetings. The public consultation has now started.

Fire Authority:

Mid and West Fire Authority have indicated that they will be prioritising front line services and calling on the constituent authorities to pay for a zero budget. The Authority has the power to precept the County Council's for the amount they deem fit for providing a safe service. I supported this in our budget seminar and resources committee meeting.

Recreation and parks

Heol Brown:

The tender for Heol Brown Park has gone out, I will update members on the progress of the tender as it occurs.

Traffic Issues

Pontarddulais Road- Tycroes School:

Edwina Hart has responded to my calls for a speed limit change outside the school. The Minister has said that she has contacted all schools along the trunk road as part of a safety review that will be complete and announced by the end of this year. I have sent copies of the speed camera reports from outside the school which show some vehicles travelling at 50mph right outside the school gates. She has responded to confirm that the statistics will be included in the review.

Flooding at the back of Ammanford Road

I held a meeting with the land owner and planning department about the 2nd phase of the Bridgend Inn application. The Landowner has cleared the ditch behind the houses, which residents believed was the cause of increased flooding.

Planning

Ffordd Y Deri:

The application for 27 dwellings was granted by the planning committee on the 18th of November. I attended the meeting along with objectors but the planning was granted. Now the conditions and s106 will be settled between the planning dept and developer. The access issues on to Ffordd Y Deri were put to the highway department, who state that a build out on to Tycroes Road will resolve the visibility problem. I am also dealing with a complaint from resident who says that his letter was not considered in the planning application. He sent it by recorded delivery but it is not in the list of objections.

Bridgend Inn:

The application for phase 2 of Bridgend Inn development behind Ammanford Road was finally rejected.