

County Councillor's Report November 2014

Traffic

A483 Pontarddulais Road: I have written again to the Minister for Transport asking for an update on the email I sent in September. It may be taking time as there are several agencies involved in the A483, including SWTRA, who may be delaying their response to the Minister. I hope to have an answer by the next meeting for Members.

Tycroes School:

Police have continued their speed checks outside the school. I hope to have figures by the next meeting.

Parks

Heol Brown:

Held a meeting on Thursday the 30th to discuss the development of the football pitch. The grass is being cut more often, and the brush has been cut way back and the drainage ditch cleared. The hedge has been cut down to half the size to enable the residents to see into the field so that no anti social behaviour occurs. The gate will be replaced to stop cars and bikes going on to the pitch. The County Council parks department are drawing up a drainage scheme and dog walk plan for our approval to seek grant funding on developing the area.

Heol Brown Park: The County Council have drawn up a plan to clean up and revamp the multi use games area. The surface is asphalt and generally in good enough use for a kickabout. The tennis court area is without a net due to previous instances of vandalism and difficulties in maintenance. The surrounding fencing is falling apart and has holes in it. There is a proposed plan to use £27,000 section 106 money to replace the fencing with 3m high fencing like that outside Tycroes school, install a permanent tennis net (steel rather than fabric), put a permanent fence in between the tennis and football area, and clean up and paint the goals. With my permission the County Council will tender for the work having only had one quote so far.

Parts of the wall at the entrance to Tycroes Park have become damaged and need to be replaced. The damaged parts have been removed due to safety reasons and I am told they will be rebuilt shortly. I met with the deputy parks manager who told me work was underway.

Tycroes School:

Tycroes school held a successful planting day on Wednesday the 22nd of October. The next one will be on the 3rd of November.

Footpaths

Anomaly in Mill Terrace:

I have been asked by a resident to look at the fact a footpath on the OS map stops in the middle of nowhere. It looks like the path is only part registered and needs to be registered fully to protect it in the future.

Complaints about Heol Brown to Mill Terrace:

I have received complaints of new residents at the Mill Terrace end of the HB to MT footpath stopping some residents from walking on the public footpath and claiming they have the right to

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refuse entry on to the land. The police have been informed and councillors are asked to remain vigilant for further antisocial behaviour.

Path between Pontarddulais Road (the School) and Penygarn Road:

I received a complaint that the lights were not working at the school end of the path. They were fixed within 24hrs on October 28th.

Planning

Ffordd Y Deri planning application:

I attended the planning committee meeting at the beginning of October and requested a site visit. The site visit request was granted and we await the next available date for a site visit.