

County Councillor's report September 2014

Recreation facilities:

Heol Brown Football Pitch:

I have requested an update on the asset transfers as we are eager as a Community Council to pursue the transfer of the football pitch. Over the summer I requested that the County Council cut the pitch and I asked for confirmation that the Community Council be able to replace the goal posts. The County Council have confirmed that we are allowed to replace the goal posts as long as they are British standard equipment.

Betws Wind Farm:

The application for grant support for the Mill Terrace play area was put to the July Betws wind farm panel. I am a member of the panel, as are all Amman Valley County Councillors. So far over £600,000 has been spent in the area between 10 wards. Up until the July panel meeting only £10,000-15,000 had been spent in Tycroes Ward. I approached the panel meeting with that in mind and informed the panel that Tycroes had received well below the average of £60,000 per ward. There were two applications from Tycroes: Llanedi CC's application for Mill Terrace play area and Tycroes RFC's application for changing rooms.

Decision letters will be sent out to all successful applications this month. I have been told that until the letters have been sent out the information is restricted and I am unable to tell members whether we have been successful.

Sports fees charges:

Members will have already seen my contribution to the sports fees consultation. I requested that the County Council consider my response to also count as the response of Llanedi Community Council unless otherwise informed.

Traffic issues:

I have received a request from constituents who live on Coopers Road (From the Coopers flats junction to Capel Hendre), for a lowering of the speed limit. The village entry speed limit has been lowered to 40mph and Coopers Road remains at 60mph. The 60mph zone contains a turning to Coopers Estate on the brow of the hill. Following my request the County Council are going to begin consultation on the lowering of the speed limit on Coopers Road to 40mph. The statutory process should take 3 months.

Coopers Estate and Cae Graynor no.1-5 do not have a road sign. It has now been ordered and should be delivered by the end of the month.

A483

I have written to the Minister for Transport (Edwina Hart) this week, asking for an update on the review of the A483 (Pontarddulais and Ammanford Roads). Earlier this year, I was told that the A483

was under review and that yellow lines would be placed between the Chip Shop entrance and the junction to Capel Hendre Road. I have requested timescale updates on these issues.

Eisteddfod 2014:

As vice chair of the Welsh Language census group, I spoke at several events at the eisteddfod about the County Council's Welsh language policies, and the work of the census group.

Flooding in Ammanford Road:

Residents have contacted me about flooding behind their properties in Ammanford Road, caused by a lack of drainage on the land behind their houses. I've written to the landowner who has agreed to improve the drainage and wishes to meet with me at a further date for a permanent solution.

News:

During the first week of August there Explosions at property in Tycroes. Two men were taken to hospital. From speaking to fire fighters and police at the scene, a full investigation is underway and I have not been updated any further.