

County Councillors Report – October 2019

Local Issues

The car parking is becoming an issue in Whitland and to think to the long term a meeting is to be held with TFW to see what can be done. Hopefully this will take place in November.

Leaves blocking drains at Trevaughan and slippery behind the Town Hall where the WTC Clerk has requested a sweep. A local housing issue highlighted a glitch in the new bidding system that is to be resolved following my formal complaint. It may affect many others.

There has been a vermin issue at one location and the source was identified and dealt with. A drain issue overflowing and leading to an icy patch on a dangerous bend was highlighted. A drain odour at a local house was to be investigated and rectified along with a fencing issue and rusty radiator. The Ash tree at Lon Hywel needs to be monitored so I will be asking.

Planning Committee

The Whitland area has had its second One Planet Development application. Both just on the borders outside the Ward but no doubt will use the local train station facilities. One of them at Rhiw Las is up and running this other one just approved. I did not attend this committee due to another engagement on an Appeal Panel. The OPD application is noteworthy as it promotes sustainability and CCC wish to be carbon neutral by 2030.

One Voice Wales

This is the professional body for TOWN AND Community Councils.

I was keen to attend this one since there was a section on the future of community councils and how changes will affect us. I am always wary about changes and about smaller councils getting left out or centralised meaning we will not get a say in our own precept. This may be some way off but best to try to keep it local if we can. Vicky also attended as any changes will be significant. She noticed that Cllrs. can put an article in the OVW newsletter so might be worth doing this to highlight WTC and any concerns.

Consort Duties

Attended the Mayor of Neath Port Talbot's Remembrance concert. This was also attended by the MP Steven Kinnock and the Armed Forces sweetheart. A school Prize giving at Coedcae was very cheering as there were so very many talented young people especially sports. We can expect to see them at the Olympics in the future. The Chairman, Cllr Kevin Madge, had a fundraiser in Llanelli so went along with the Vice Chairman to support him.

Rural Affairs Launch / Ten Towns

This was held at the Cawdor Hotel at Newcastle Emlyn and was really the press launch to showcase the recommendations. This leads on to the Ten Towns initiative which is current in Whitland with a survey on www.economicgrowthplans.co.uk Ten Towns is funded by the LEADER European monies and consultants from Abergavenny have been appointed to undertake the surveys and reports. I met with them last week and they went on to the Town. They want to form a local steering group to facilitate.

Other I have been serving on an additional Appeals Committee and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. This will conflict with my usual committees.