

## County Councillor Martyn Holland's Monthly Report – August 2020

### Potholes

The small stretch of road outside the old Youth Hostel has been resurfaced and the potholes filled. The new surface is not perfect and I will chase this.

### Hedge Maintenance Cae Derwen

I have contacted Morris Homes again regarding their hedges in the Church Lane and the trees in Cae Derwen. Sadly, despite previous commitments to maintain these I have had no further response from the company and so I have asked the County to approach them.

### Visitors to Moel Famau

Over the last twelve months or more we have seen a dramatic increase in the numbers of visitors to Moel Famau. This was exacerbated after the Covid-19 lock down was lifted to the point that there has been utter chaos on the Forestry road where badly parked cars have turned the road into a single lane highway and corresponding grid lock.

I have been working with DCC Officers to look at short term and long-term solutions to this problem and the funding need to implement them.

I am pleased to say that there is some light at the end of the tunnel and I hope that the residents of Forestry Road will soon no longer be prisoners in their own homes.

This bank holiday weekend 200 traffic cones and resident parking only signs have been placed along Forestry road.

### Flashing Speed Signs A494

As you are aware I have asked for 40mph flashing signs to be installed on the A494 through Llanferres as well as in Loggerheads. A speed measurement has been undertaken and the average speed recorded was 53mph. Well above the limit.

I have spoken to John Morris the North Wales speed camera officer and he advised that he has also been on this section of road with a speed camera.

Darren Millar has kindly once again taken up our case because this is a trunk road.

### Ragwort

Did you know that Ragwort is no longer on the controlled list. It is still poisonous to Horses but normally only when it has died and has been included in hay. If you are intending to remove it, it is best to pull it up by the roots before it flowers and then compost it.

### Re-opening Village Halls & Community Centres

I have circulated the new Covid-19 regulations for the opening of Village Halls and Community Centres. This involves not only the hall committees undertaking risk assessments (that should be available in the hall) but it also requires groups using the halls to undertake risk assessments themselves for their events. A copy of that assessment should then be lodged with the hall committee. All groups should also maintain a list of everyone attending any events.

### LPFRA

Congratulations are due to the LPFRA who have won a £1000 from the Calor Rural Community Fund and thanks to all those who took part in the vote and contributed as supporters. An excellent Community effort.

### Weed Control

Our village kerbs were treated recently with weed killer and I am pleased to say that the County responded to my request to sweep the streets after the weeds had died.

Sadly, if they had let us know when they were coming we could have asked residents to move their cars for a day just to ensure all of the streets could be swept!!

### Visibility at Road Junctions

I have received a number of concerns about the visibility at the junctions of Tyn Llan and Rectory Lane with the A494. The verge along the roadside has been designated a Bee Friendly area but some residents feel that the long grass is reducing their visibility when turning onto the main road. I have suggested that the Trunk Roads Agency look at cutting the grass back a little at both of these junctions.

### Winter Gritting

I have circulated the Counties proposals to do away with piles of winter grit and replace them with numbered yellow boxes. As your County Councillor I will be given access to the plans for these boxes and I will check to see if any key areas have been left out. Piles of grit are not environmentally sound or cost effective because they soon wash away.

### Pistyll Gwyn Car Park

Tarmac have installed a new height restriction bar at the Pistyll Gwyn Car Park after I raised my concerns at a Quarry Liaison meeting about fly tipping, overnight parking and other activities in the car park. The height of the bunds have also been reduced to make it easier to see the car park from the road.

### Fly Tipping

I have mentioned that there has been a case of fly tipping on the Housing Association plot on the Glebe Field. I am pleased to confirm that "No Fly Tipping" signs have been put up by DCC.

### Llanferres Village Hall Roof

The work on the Village Hall roof has begun but sadly will not be completed before the children return to school. The new windows will be installed during the next half term break.

### Theft from Property

As reported in my last update there was a recent break in at a house in Eryrys. Because the police were already in the area looking for a missing person they were soon on the scene in force and I am pleased to report one suspect was apprehended on site and others have been arrested since. This was a classic example of good neighbours looking out for someone's property while they were away. Please always contact the Police if you see something suspicious.

### Covid-19 Updates

I have continued to circulate my Coronavirus Updates and because they have been popular I intend to complete one every month in the future.

### Road Resurfacing on B5430

I am pleased to confirm that the resurfacing work on the B5430 has now been completed and the white road markings have been reinstated. Another job well done.

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