

County Councillor report from Cllr Crook – June 2012

Undy Athletic Club –

- 1) I attended the AGM where the accounts were read through, members of the committee and other posts were appointed. All very 'doing the formalities'. Collected the 'Club man of the year' award on behalf of Mark Crook. Was reported that the football club was doing ok, not great but ok, on the financial front. Youth activities flourishing, 1st and 3rd team both doing extremely well. 2nd team looking for a new manager. Social, darts and pool teams all doing well. Rugby teams relocated, need help finding a permanent ground/training facility.
- 2) Committee meeting – Issues regarding bar staff, all reports from all teams (football, cricket, pool, darts, rugby) = ok no action needed. Tesco fun day 22nd July = huge event will be very busy with cars and traffic congestion. I would say worth it, only one day, road clear provisions in place for the causeway and huge profit expected for the club. I will be helping with the ground running of the event, behind the bars, organising teams etc. Chairman wants a meeting to discuss in more detail issues they want my help/support on – waiting for him to come back with a date.

Constituents Issues –

- 1) Trees covering the electronic 30MPH sign as you enter magor from the motorway side. Have phoned highways and still waiting for them to get back to me.
- 2) Request for the speed limit on the more rural part of the causeway (past the crossroads when approaching from the football club) to be reviewed due to high number of horse riding lessons and windy/lane nature of the roads. Currently 60mph, perhaps to be lowered to 40mph. Once again waiting on a response from highways!!!!
- 3) Query as to why the line markings haven't been fully completed around Quarry rise, Acacia avenue area since the relaying of the road. This has only been presented to me today and I will be phoning highways tomorrow – probably to wait for a reply like the previous two issues!
- 4) Been dealing with a complicated Council Tax query for a local resident. Obviously details are withheld however this is still an on-going issue.
- 5) Road works / road closures on slip road. I have no problems with these, necessary and minimal disruption due to unsociable hours closures.
- 6) Contacted Andy Quine regarding setting up a meeting with me and Frances agreed to just attend the AGM due to its proximity and go from there.

MCC –

- 1) Full council meeting (21st June) - Social services report. Overall MCC doing well, areas for improvement and areas hinted at being not up to scratch – specifically mental health provisions. Queried the leading partnership on their affordable housing numbers and the targets they have set out to meet in the next 3 years. Told that the extremely low targets were a typo and would be slightly higher. Cabinet pointed out that if you don't reach targets you don't get financial rewards from WAG.
- 2) Project Gwyrdd briefing being scheduled for late July – should be interesting points to bring back to Community council.

Have also been conversing and working with Cllr Taylor about issues affecting both Magor and Undy and we are both doing our best to represent and support our villages in the council domain!

I hope this is a satisfactory report. Still finding my feet obviously and wasn't even aware that I had to write a report at the last meeting hence the absence of one. I'm afraid you will have to help me along while I'm finding my feet as I'm obviously not automatically aware of everything I need to do. Sure I've probably forgotten a few things in this report but hopefully they'll become better over the next 5 years!!!

See you all soon,

Jessica