

County Councillor Jessica Crook
report for July 2012.

Constituent Issues –

- Still dealing with a council tax issue.
- Road markings on acacia avenue, meadow rise – have contacted highways and am waiting for a response
- Change of speed limit requested for the causeway (opposite side of cross roads from B425) – Met with Graham Kinsella from Highways and he suggested horse warning signs be put up instead of changing the speed limit, with potential for a speed limit change if the signs are ineffective. He said that the signs will be up within a few weeks.
- Request for skate park in magor/undy possibly at community centre. Brought this up with Andy Quine if it goes ahead it will be after the building of the hall which is obviously dependent on the Big Lottery Bid.
- Request for CCTV policy in cabs information from MCC and WAG – have requested and am waiting for them to find and pass it on to me!
- Request to bring up issue of flood lights on Magor playing field/village green and secondarily on Undy school field.
- Complaint about food waste not being collected, chased it up and was told by the one stop shop that it had been collected however was then told by the constituent that she had taken it to the tip herself. Have apologised for this and forwarded my correspondence with the one stop shop on to the constituent so they can see what was said etc, have also apologised.

General:

- Sent a comprehensive letter to the M4 cem consultation opposing options A and D and supporting options B and C. Had a reply saying thanks, my comments will be considered etc . Again fingers crossed.
- Correspondence with Welsh Water – have a meeting on Monday 30th but that will be after I submit this report, can feedback verbally if required.
- Met with a work experience girl to answer questions on being a young councillor at the Magor offices.
- Attended the MUSLA AGM in late June after I'd submitted my June report. Mainly focusing on the big lottery bid application they put in. I have since written a letter of support for the bid and have my fingers crossed for that.
- Went to a meeting with BAM nuttall which the Clerk and Cllr Sandham also attended. Agreed on a plan for the junction in question on the steelworks access road (Left turns at junction only and no-overtaking around junction area to be marked on road). Tried to stress the importance of an alternative way for pedestrians to cross the road without having to dodge traffic. Some ideas put about however no intent from BAM nuttall to implement anything.
- Briefing on Project Gwyrdd and the Cattle market. Voiced my concerns a lot regarding the incinerator. At this stage nothing I can do regarding the incinerator except hope the Llanwern site isn't chosen.

- Attended a SNIC meeting the week before the Newport City Councils decision on the incinerator site. Mainly to offer my support and see what they were doing regarding the issue. Very impressed with the organisation of the group.
- Full council meeting. A lot of criticism of technology within the council was voiced. Technical problems are blighting the majority of councillors hence making it very hard sometimes to keep in touch/do work. When I asked how many of the cabinet had smart phones and contracts paid for by MCC I wasn't given a straight answer and was then told I couldn't speak again on the issue. I left the meeting after I was told I couldn't speak and have a meeting with the deputy chief executive to voice my concerns over not being properly able to represent my ward at the decision of the chairwoman. I am planning on submitting a question for the next council meeting regarding apparent lack of funding for our area.
- Attended Undy primary school play. Was wonderful.

Undy AFC –

- Unfortunately missed the monthly meeting as a pregnant family member was rushed to hospital! Sent my apologies and asked for an update. Apologies warmly accepted, nothing much to report back on I was told.
- Had a meeting with the chairman about land use issues, leases and the railway line fence. Have chased up the leases and land use issues and am corresponding with both MCC and UAFC to get those issues sorted. Was also asked about the roundabout in the playground which was taken away and hasn't been replaced, this I believe is the community councils responsibility. Will bring it up with Bev before the meeting but might be worth discussing replacing it at the next meeting.
- Have been asked to write a letter of support for the club to get corporate sponsorship, I also suggested the community council write one as well, have contacted the clerk about this.
- Have had training behind the bar at the club as a committee member in case as a committee member my help is needed when its busy.

Again I always worry I've missed something out but hopefully everything's in there. See you all soon.

Jessica