

**Report from Creigiau Ward Surgery Held in
the Church Hall in Creigiau on 19th August 2017**

- 1) I spoke with approximately 14 residents in all.
- 2) There were more residents of Pentyrch who approached me than residents of Creigiau. Pentyrch residents would welcome a similar surgery in Pentyrch.

Concerns of Pentyrch Residents

- 3) 6 residents wanted to ask if yellow lines could be painted around the telephone box in the area where Maes-y-Sarn (I think they mean Heol-y-Bryn) joins Bronllwyn to improve visibility on the junction which is obscured by parked cars at the time parents collect their children from school.
- 4) The same residents asked if was possible to have a 20mph limit in Maes-y-Sarn.
- 5) The 6 Pentyrch residents want the Council to press the Post Office harder for the re-opening of the Pentyrch Post Office. They have stated to me that there is a Pentyrch resident and shop owner who would be prepared to have a post office. I've asked them to ask this person to make themselves known to the Clark if they have not already done so. I've also explained that PCC have written to the Post Office but the residents don't believe we have done half enough on their behalf in this matter.
- 6) The same 6 residents would also like us to press Cardiff Council for a bus that runs between Pentyrch and Creigiau if the Post Office cannot be re-opened in Pentyrch. Possibly by extension of the 136 service, but I already know that timing would be an issue for the current operator.

Concerns of Creigiau Residents

- 7) Amanda Thorpe would like us to press for a 20MPH limit through the Village and on the whole of Heol Pant-y-Gored in advance of the restarting of Quarry Operations.
- 8) Several Residents raised the deteriorating state of the road at Robin Hill. I explained Graham had written to Highways but they deem the response unacceptable. One resident reported a near miss accident as a result of having to go into a pothole while on a bike to avoid a lorry.
- 9) One resident mentioned 2 problems with Creigiau Coaches. The resident believes that Creigiau Coaches gave an undertaking some time ago not to bring coaches through the centre of the village and that this is being ignored. The other problem is more serious. The resident has complained that the washing of coaches in the yard is causing considerable run off of detergent which is making its way into a nearby water-course. I have also observed this

to be highly likely and can confirm the residents' fears. The resident has asked that we raise this matter with Cardiff Council and the Environment Agency. I would assume there were planning conditions made when the yard was allowed?

- 10) A resident has raised two problems associated with Ty-Nant Road in the length between Ffordd Dinefwr and the A4119
 - a. The first is the appalling state of the road and the growing size of the potholes. There is evidence of the banks being undermined as well. Having had a look at the road I have to agree it is getting very much worse and seems to have missed the last round of pot-hole patching.
 - b. The second is the increasing number of large HGV's ignoring the signs indicating the road is unsuitable. Two point here really, the first is can the "unsuitable" advisory sign be replaced with a prohibition sign? The second related back to point (a) it's probable that the lorries are exacerbating the pothole problem and accelerating the deterioration of the banks.
- 11) Finally I had a request from some of the congregation of St Davids Church in Groes-faen. They pointed out to me that the Church is the Parish Church for Creigiau Pentyrch and Capel Llaniltern. They are seeking to improve the Church to make it of more general use to the community and have asked us if there any way we can help, either financially or by, at least, lending our weight to grant applications and request to improve sewerage connections? They are seeking to add toilet facilities to the existing church which would then be able to be used for more functions than it can be presently used for. They are already in touch with RCT and Pontyclun Community Council.

While I know the names of all residents who have mentioned things to me I've only indicated names where residents were happy for me to do so. I think this confidentiality is important to some residents. Generally the idea of a surgery was very well received. Based on this I think we should make the monthly coffee morning a regular surgery date and the Church Hall committee would welcome this. We can add other dates (e.g. PACT meetings) in as extra dates. Despite the proximity of the PCC office to the Pentyrch community it seems a surgery run by councillors would be welcomed.



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