

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2014

CROSS COMMON BRIDGE

Here is some information from the Vale relating to the bridge works:

Indicative programme for replacement of Cross Common Road Bridge in Dinas Powys, as follows (key dates highlighted in bold):

Appoint Capita to undertake detailed design immediately – exemption from financial regulations to be requested to expedite this element. Capita has indicated that they can complete the **detailed bridge design by end of March 2014**. Preparation of contract document and **invitation to tender issued mid April 2014** – to comply with contract standing orders.

Tender period approx. 3 weeks – tenders to be returned first week in May 2014. Tender analysis/report approx. 2 weeks leading to award of contract to preferred contractor by no later than end of May 2014.

Lead-in time to commencement on site to satisfy CDM regulations approx. 3 weeks – **anticipated start date on site mid to late June 2014**. Construction phase is likely to be up to 20 weeks. **Construction period say late June 2014 to end October 2014**. A bridge closure will be required for up to 14 weeks during the construction period – **likely bridge closure from mid July 2014**.

The Vale believes the above is a realistic timescale to achieve the design, procurement and construction of the new bridge structure – this will ensure that the new structure is in place prior to the commencement of the winter period when wet weather could result in higher flows in the river and increased risk of flooding to upstream properties.

Please note that the new bridge design will endeavour to maximise the carriageway width so as to provide improved turning capacity, particularly for larger vehicles / buses, and therefore a safer junction serving the southern Murch area.

The existing bridge deck will remain open until it is required to be closed for the start of new bridge construction around mid July 2014. In the meantime, monthly inspections (or more frequent depending on circumstances) will continue to ensure safety of the general public is maintained at all times.

WOMEN'S ARTS ASSOCIATION

There is to be an exhibition organised by Women's Arts Association. There will be an eclectic mix of art works on show by women artists from across Wales including textiles, jewellery, paintings and film.

The Art Central Gallery, Central Library, Barry, will be open Monday - Saturday 10am - 4pm daily.

ST. CYRES SCHOOL ANNEXE

A master plan is to be drawn up regarding the potential land use of the site. More details are awaited.

HEALTH CENTRE

The Health Centre application has gone to the Vale this week and we will aim to keep members informed.