



# **Radyr & Morganstown Community Council**

## **Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan**

### **Annual Report 2021/2022**

The Report describes how Radyr & Morganstown Community Council is contributing to the wellbeing of its area.

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## **About this Annual Report**

An annual report is required for the 2021-2022 financial year. It is due for publication as soon as practicable after 1 April 2022. Reports will be required annually thereafter.

This Annual Report is in two parts.

Part 1 deals with basic information about the Council, its structure and finances.

Part 2 showcases the work of the Council during the year, reflects on the past year's activity and looks ahead to the coming year.

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## PART 1

### Members

#### [Members Contact Details](#)

(This information will be updated on our [website](#) as changes occur)

### Committees and Leadership

Decisions are made by the Full Council. The Council receives recommendations from committees. Details of the committee structure are published to our [website](#).

The Council was chaired in 2021/22 by Councillor H Onllwyn Jones  
Councillor V Patel was the Vice-Chair

### Contacting the Council

The Clerk to the Council was Nadine Dunseath.

David Collins assumed this role from April 2022.

The Council's main telephone number is 02920 842213.

The Council can also be contacted at [clerk@radyr.wales](mailto:clerk@radyr.wales)

### Financial Information

The Council set its Precept for 2021/22 at £126,451

The Council retains its funds with the Unity Trust Bank:

On 31 March 2022 the balance on each account was as follows

Account *****326	£5,609.72
Account *****339	£154,408.25
Account *****001	£60,332.54

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Income and expenditure for 2021/22 will be recorded in the Annual Return, which is to be approved by 30 June 2022. Details will be available from the Clerk.

General and Earmarked Reserves are identified in the Council's Statements of Accounts produced at year end. These will be available from the Clerk.

This is the Council's Annual Budget for 2021/22

Summary		Budget £	
A	Environment	41,850	
B	Old Church Rooms	38,000	
C	Old Church Rooms Loan	8,000	
D	Community Grants	7,400	
E	Community Halls	100	
F	Community Services	18,300	
G	Events & Hospitality	11,250	
H	Staff	39,000	
I	Members	2,500	
J	Insurance & Fees	16,000	
K	Elections	0	
L	Gen Admins	6,000	
M	Contingency	4701	

*What do you think should be our spending priorities as we plan for the future?*

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## **Audit**

The Council's Accounting Statements for 2021/22 will be the subject of internal and external audit.

*(On 4 May 2022 the external auditor (Audit Wales) issued an Unqualified Opinion in relation to the Accounting Statements for 2020/21. There were no further matters drawn to the Council's attention.)*

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## **PART 2**

### **Foreword**

The past year has been difficult for us all.

Although we saw a gradual relaxation of the restrictions arising from coronavirus, the impact of the pandemic continued to dominate our lives.

This report describes some of the ways in which the Council responded to these pressures, introducing new ways of working, supporting & sustaining communities through unprecedented global challenges.

The report also describes how the Council continued to exercise its usual functions and meet its statutory obligations.

We now want to hear your views about how we have performed and the objectives we have set.

Have we done all we can?

Would you like us to consider other ways of contributing to local Well-being?

Please let us know. You can reach us via social media or by email at [clerk@radyr.wales](mailto:clerk@radyr.wales)

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## Outcomes & Indicators

We have examined our performance against Wales-wide sustainability goals. This report includes an overview of our achievements in delivering on these objectives.

- A Prosperous Community.
- A Resilient Community.
- A Healthier Community.
- A More Equal Community.
- A Cohesive Community.
- A Community of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language.
- A Globally Responsive Community.
- A Competent Council.

## Our 5 Ways of Working:

We believe in.....

**The Long Term:** the importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long term needs

**Prevention:** how acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.

**Integration:** considering how public bodies' well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.

**Collaboration:** acting in collaboration with any other person that could help the Council meet its well-being objectives.

**Involvement:** the importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the Council serves.

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## **“Helping to Make Radyr & Morganstown a Great Place to Live!”**

*In this, our first Annual Report, Councillor H Onllwyn Jones, Chair, Radyr & Morganstown Community Council 2021/22, looks back on a difficult year for our local community and anticipates some of the challenges ahead.*

Working within and alongside our community, we have come through difficult recent times. It is wonderful to see our community coming back to normal, following the pandemic and the restrictions we have all faced.

I wish to record the Council's appreciation of the efforts of so many volunteers, individuals and organisations who have helped sustain the community during unprecedented times.

I am pleased to say though that, as far as possible, the Council continued to function and serve the community. We funded projects, delivered services, held meetings remotely and worked with our partners to provide safe and vibrant communities for us all to all enjoy. Our Christmas lights and other festive initiatives brought much needed seasonal cheer, encouraging and welcoming visitors.

Radyr and Morganstown is well-supplied with houses and homes but with small and compact community centers, such as Station Road, the onus is on ourselves, much of the time, to create our own community spirit.

The community has always risen to this challenge with energy and enthusiasm.

I am especially pleased to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the work of the long established Radyr and Morganstown Association that works so hard to provide a wide range of events whilst also raising a substantial amount of money for charity. We have pleased to support the Association by helping to stage an annual festival each year. I am sure that this will continue.

We look forward to developing and strengthening our relationship with new Chair Tom Evans and his team during 2022/23. We are always keen to develop good relationships with community, such as our wonderful team of litter pickers who we have supported and our local clubs, uniformed organisations and societies. We have helped our local scouts fund improvements to their premises over the years.

We have some amazing clubs in our community, such as Radyr Golf Club, which we have supported with grant funding to help them develop golf lessons for young people and Radyr Cricket Club, which has also received Community Council funding. We also have an excellent local tennis club.

We take a very keen interest in Cardiff Council's proposals to create a replacement Local Development Plan.

New developments have already put pressure on the local infrastructure and we now await with interest to hear if more housing can be expected in areas such as land to the north of the golf club (alongside Pant Tawel Lane) and near Radyr Station. We are interested to see how development of land near the station will impact on access to public transport.

Other important developments include a new District Centre which is proposed for land just south of Llantrisant Road and the potential establishment of a new public house at

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Maes-y-Llech farm. These developments will add to the local economy but also bring commercial pressures for existing enterprises and concerns over issues such as traffic for residents. We are pleased to see local businesses such as the Radyr Tap going from strength to strength. We also remain concerned at the condition of Drovers Way playground, which has experienced drainage problems for many years.

The Council met with Cardiff Council officials in November 2021 to walk the area and discuss if and how it could be improved to better serve as the heart of our community and to better manage traffic. We look forward to working with the leadership of the Council and a continuation of this dialogue. Our relationship is underpinned by a Charter.

It is important that the Council continues to act as a voice for its community, drawing on appropriate expertise to articulate any concerns as these developments and concerns come forward. We have also worked on behalf of residents to try to overcome other issues of local concern, such as the future of Bethel Chapel, a new bridge at Morganstown and signposting of local areas of interest.

Our premises at the Old Church Rooms continues to serve a wide range of community groups and we are looking at proposals to improve the premises to help benefit the community. We continue to manage Radyr Woods and have helped with the installation of a new storage compound for safe storage of equipment. We have also helped refurbish Pentwyn Park and will look at potential improvements to improve Windsor Gardens.

So that is just a glimpse of the work that the Community Council has undertaken recently and some thoughts on forthcoming issues.

Our hardworking Members manage a small budget to serve the community, promoting a bilingual organisation at the heart of the community. I am proud of our achievements. We have responded to global pressures which have impacted on our community. We will continue to embrace digital solutions to work alongside our community and keep residents informed of our work.

We have also stood alongside the people of Ukraine in the crisis which developed there towards the end of 2021/22. Radyr & Morganstown Community Council stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine. We strongly condemn the country's invasion and mistreatment of its people. We call upon the international community to work together for peace in Ukraine and the maintenance of an independent and democratic Ukraine.

I wish to record my thanks to our diligent staff and look forward to working with our new Clerk, David Collins in 2022/23.

Finally, the Council wishes to place on record its appreciation to Clive Morgan and Rod McKerlich for whom 2021/22 has been the final year of office. Both have served the community with distinction

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## Appendix 1

### Objectives & Targets 2022/23

#### **Objectives**

The Council supports the following principles, as its long-term objectives.

To contribute towards the delivery of:

- A Prosperous Community.
- A Resilient Community.
- A Healthier Community.
- A More Equal Community.
- A Cohesive Community.
- A Community of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language.
- A Globally Responsive Community.
- A Competent Council.

These objectives provide a framework for the delivery of specific projects, services and programme of events during the year. They guide spending decisions.

#### **Targets**

Here are some targets to guide our work. We will measure success and record our achievements in future reports.

- A Prosperous Community  
To continue to provide support to all members of the community and encourage an infrastructure which supports the local economy.
- A Resilient Community  
We will work with other agencies to maintain and enhance natural environments with healthy ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to change.
- A Healthier Community  
We will promote opportunities for outdoor living and active travel.
- A More Equal Community  
We will promote equality of opportunity, celebrate diversity and encourage a fairer society.
- A Cohesive Community  
Our programme of events will provide the space for communities to come together. We will maintain dialogue with community safety partners and Cardiff Council.

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We will help sustain the voluntary sector. We will work with agencies who support those coming to our community from areas of conflict. Our dialogue with community safety partners will help maintain safe, confident communities.

- A Community of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language.

We will support the arts and embrace Welsh culture.

- A Globally Responsive Community.

We will continue to work with other agencies to help mitigate the impact of climate change and promote sustainability.

- A Competent Council.

We aspire to become a Competent Council.

We will respond to legislative changes to continue to ensure that we meet our statutory obligations. We will prepare an Annual Report and training plans for staff and Councillors.

The Council will continue to embrace principles of Sustainable Development based upon Long Term Planning, Prevention, Integration, Collaboration and Involvement to deliver these goals.

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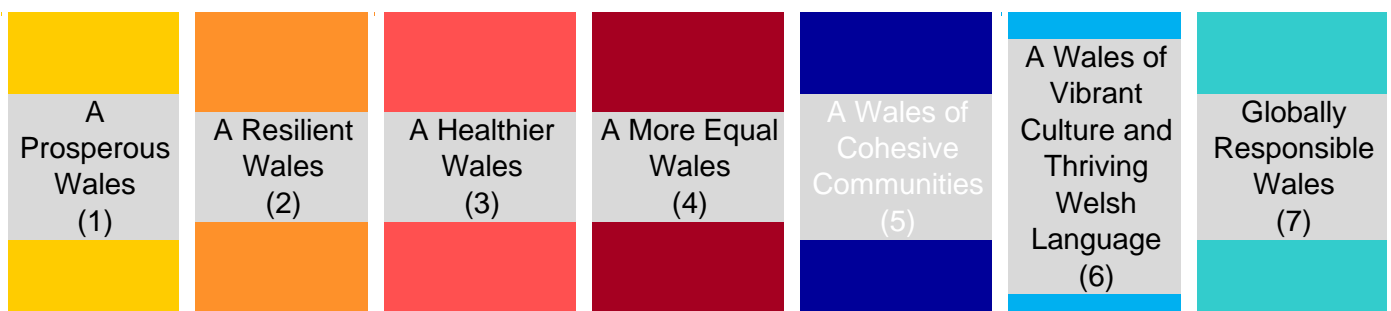
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## Statement of Well-being

This Well-Being Statement sets out the Council’s commitment to the principle of sustainable development to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, ‘the Act’, defines sustainable development as the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the well-being goals. In this regard the Council recognises the role it has to play. Therefore, it will promote sustainable development in how it goes about meeting its duty under the Act and when working for and with the communities that make up its area.

The Act puts in place seven well-being goals. These well-being goals are indivisible from each other and explain what is meant by the well-being of Wales. The Council embraces these well-being goals and will place them at the heart of its forward planning and decision-making arrangements to improve the general quality of life (well-being) within its administrative area. The Act provides a more detailed definition for each of the seven well-being goals. However, for the purposes of this statement the seven goals are:



When applying these well-being goals to the functions, activities and services provided by the Council; the Act requires the Council to think more about the long term, to work better with people and communities and also other public bodies, to look to prevent problems and to take a more joined up approach.

The Council will go about this by making the following commitments:

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## COMMITMENTS

- Look to the long term so that its actions or lack of action does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- Taking an integrated approach to applying the seven well-being goals when deciding upon priorities.
- Involving the diversity of the population in the decisions affecting them, when and where it is applicable to do so.
- Working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions.
- Understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring.
- Take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives in the local well-being plan that has affect in its area. In this regard the Council will consider and review the local objectives contained in the plan alongside its own objectives for the year ahead.
- Form its own judgement of what steps it would be reasonable for it to take towards meeting the local objectives in its area, on the basis of its own knowledge and consideration of the circumstances and characteristics of its area.
- Report annually detailing the progress it has made in meeting Well-being objectives.
- Supporting Sustainable Development.

## ACTIONS

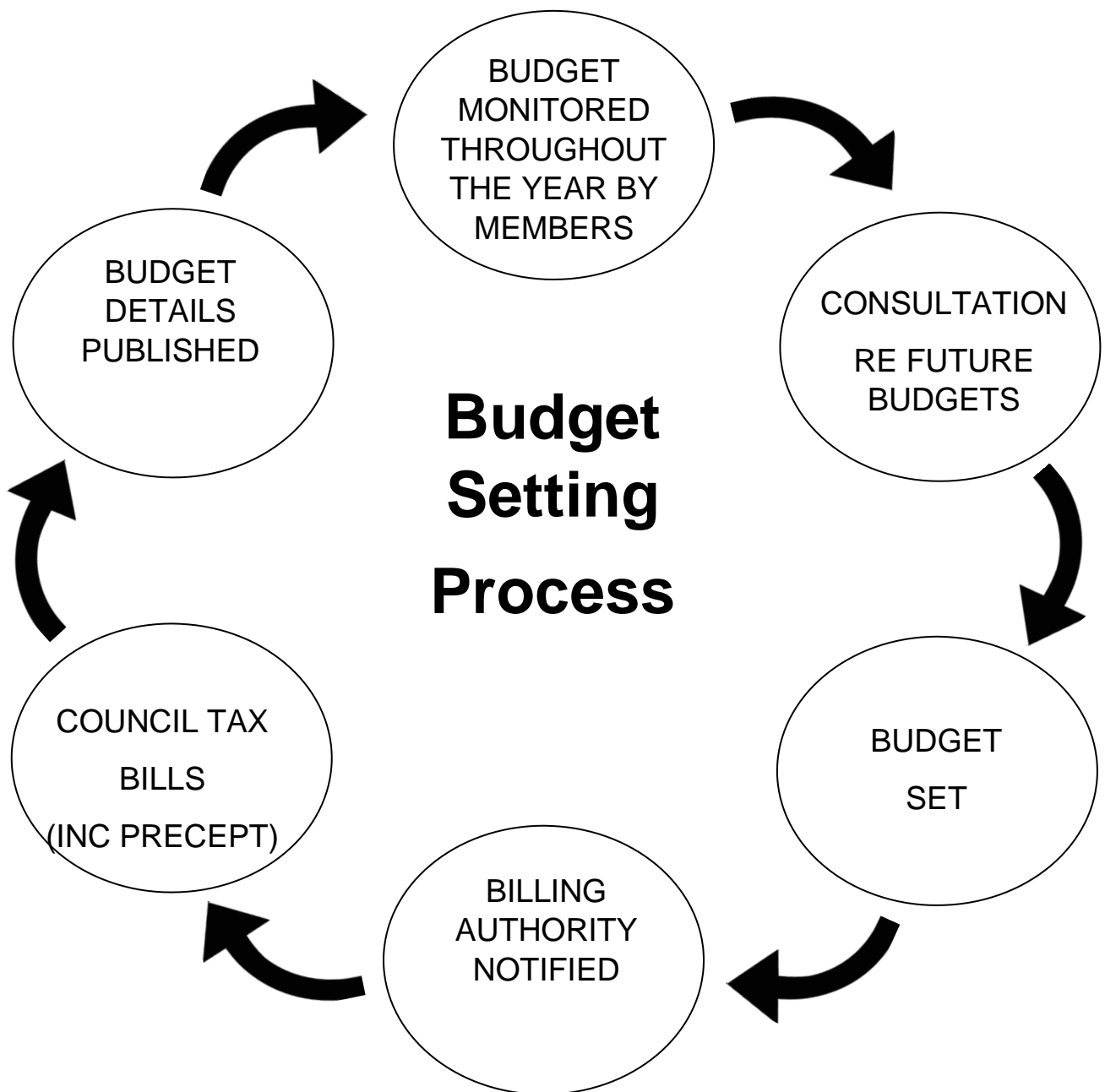
The Council commits to the following set of actions:

- Publishing this well-being statement and Annual Report on its website.
- Incorporating this well-being statement into its Annual Report, which provides an overall framework to focus the Council's activities, investments and spending priorities.
- Incorporating the well-being goals into its Strategic Planning.
- Continue to extend its influence and reach into the community to help sustain general well-being in the communities that make up its area. It will do this by dedicating resources to promote community development through the Council's work programme.
- To support Sustainable Development in what we do, and who we work with.
- To work with others to bring about Well Being locally.

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Our Budget Setting Cycle



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