



## **Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan**

**Agenda Item 15**

**Meeting: Full Council**  
**Date: 23 June 2022**  
**Report Author: Councillor Julia Charles**

### **Bethel Chapel Update**

#### **Introduction**

1. At a meeting held on 19 May 2022, Members referred to long-standing concerns about the condition of the site occupied by Bethel Chapel. Members noted that a meeting of the Friends of Bethel Chapel was due to take place on 24 May 2022.
2. It was Resolved that an item is included on a future agenda to discuss progress in relation to Bethel Chapel and that an approach is made to Cardiff Council to discuss any action which could be considered to encourage the owner of the site to address the condition of the site. (Minute RMCC22/43 refers)

#### **Key Issues**

3. A report of the meeting held on 24 May 2022 is set out below:

*This group started just before lock-down. Meetings had started to be arranged and plans in place but were put on hold for the last couple of years. They have now re-started again.*

*Councillors Charles, Cook and Lloyd-Jones were present along with residents who have an interest in the Chapel.*

#### *Discussion points and next actions*

*It was a very positive meeting regarding the current situation. Points were discussed on where we are now after such a long pause in the proceedings.*

*It appears that there may be an indication that things may soon develop but it is very early stages so no firm details are available.*

*The Chapel is a grade 2 listed building and there is apparent interest especially around keeping the Welsh culture in focus.*

*The covenants would need to be reviewed on what the Chapel can be used for as it is also still classed as an active graveyard.*

*Difficult to raise funds for the upkeep as it is actually a private property.*

*The gates were recently stolen, possibly for scrap, and an attempt for fund raising to replace was not very successful.*

*Contact was going to be made with the Owner to establish his current position as before lockdown he was eager to sell. Contacting MGY for an update.*

*Cardiff Council need to be contacted to ascertain if any enforcement notices could be issued.*

*We agreed to meet again in July when hopefully there will be encouraging progress. Date yet to be confirmed.*

### **Financial Implications**

4. None at this stage.

### **Links to Corporate Objectives**

5. The Council's Annual Report confirms that the Council's objectives include delivering:  
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.
6. The issues described in this report will help the Council deliver these Wales-wide sustainability goals.

### **Staffing Implications**

7. N/A

### **Risk Management Implications**

8. N/A

### **Legal Implications**

9. An approach is to be made to Cardiff Council to discuss any action which could be considered to encourage the owner of the site to address the condition of the site.

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### **Recommendation**

10. It is **recommended** that a further report is submitted following the :