



# **Radyr & Morganstown Community Council**

## **Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan**

**Report**

**Agenda Item 16**

**Meeting:** Full Council  
**Date:** 21 July 2022  
**Report Author:** County Councillors Helen Lloyd Jones & Callum Davies

### **County Councillor Information Update**

#### **Introduction**

1. This report provides general information on recent matters of interest to the Radyr & Morganstown Community arising from the work of Cardiff Council.

#### **Key Issues**

2. Issues reported by Councillor Callum Davies Jones include the following:

##### **(i) Meeting with Cardiff Bus**

As a non-executive director of Cardiff Bus, I was delighted to have the opportunity to meet with senior staff to introduce new board members to the organisation. We discussed the challenges and opportunities ahead. While the role must be treated as separate to that of a ward councillor, the position will allow me greater insight into the working of Cardiff Bus and help me in the latter role to make the case for greater bus provision in Radyr and Morganstown.

##### **(ii) Meeting with TfW**

Cllr Lloyd Jones and myself met with representatives of Transport for Wales for a briefing on the works they are undertaking for the rollout of the South Wales Metro across existing rail routes that go through the ward. I raised concerns regarding noise near residential properties and accessibility for the new bridge that is to be built as a replacement for the crossing by Gelynis Farm. Assurances were given regarding informing residents about works near their homes and keeping works intensive in order to complete them in short a time as possible. However, further clarification is needed over the issue of the bridge. We also discussed the future of the clubhouse at Radyr Rangers when works have completed on in the area where temporary ones are located.

**(iii) Planning application 21/02465/MJR**

A planning application for the development of 50 dwellings (use class c3) including affordable homes, pedestrian and vehicular access, sustainable urban drainage, landscaping, infrastructure, and associated engineering work location has been made for the land north of Clos Parc Radur. Cllr Lloyd Jones and I objected on the basis that the sewerage smell issues in the area have not been addressed and, therefore, no development should take place before that is resolved.

Following correspondence from nearby residents, I also reiterated the previous objections of former-councillor Mckerlich regarding the pressure that could put on Radyr Farm Road that has little capacity as it does, the density of housing, and the threat to ancient hedgerows.

**(iv) Planning application 22/00830/MJR**

Regarding a planning application to build a park on the new Redrow development south of Llantrisant Road, I have asked the Council to put assurances in place that guarantee the developers replace the contents of the park when they reach the end of their life cycle. This comes after the Parks Department highlighted the short lifespan of materials used (10 years for timber). Although the developer stated in its response that this would be the case, I have asked whether legally binding agreements will see the developer held to this and whether this is a one-off or whether they will have to do this many times over.

**(v) Planning application 20/00187/MJR**

Developers have altered plans to develop the land off De Braose Close in Danescourt Woods. I have objected on the basis that little has changed from previous application and, therefore, the previous concerns of the community and those nearby have not been addressed. This includes protecting green areas and encouraging active travel – both Council and Welsh Government objectives that would be undermined should this application be granted – as well as accessibility to Radyr High.

**(vi) Double yellow lines**

Following concerns from residents and the agreement of the Community Council, I have asked the Council to consider establishing double yellow lines at the brow of Drysgol Road as it merges with Bryn Derwen as people sometimes park here despite poor visibility.

**(vii) Morganstown Village Hall Sign**

In my previous report, I detailed my request that the village hall sign is moved to a more appropriate location after residents reported it sent some up a private driveway. The Council said:

“We hope new signs will be installed in the next two months. Our Lead Officer has been to Morganstown to investigate and the existing sign will need to be removed and a new sign designed and fabricated. The pavement in front of the cottages presents difficulties for the alternative placement of this sign as it is full of utilities but the Officer is looking for a suitable spot.

“The advanced warning sign from the other approach also seems to be missing and two signs back-to-back immediately opposite the junction of Heol Syr Lewis need to be designed and made We will prioritise the installation of these signs once they can be designed and fabricated.”

#### **(viii) Bin on Windsor Avenue**

In my previous report, I noted that a bin on Windsor Avenue had gone missing and asked the Council if it had been moved, possibly to Ffordd Las. The Council replied saying they did not have an explanation as to why the bin in Windsor Avenue was removed, assuming it was due to vandalism. The bin has now been replaced and the bin at Ffordd Las has been secured into place.

#### **(ix) Children and Young People Committee**

I attended my first meeting of the Committee, scrutinising officers on the Council’s plans to deliver additional learning needs and emotional wellbeing education, as well as the expansion of Pentyrch School. Here, I asked questions regarding staffing and transport, particularly the issue of congestion around the school in Pentyrch.

#### **(x) Written Questions**

Ahead of every Council meeting, I have the chance to table five written questions to the Cabinet. I will aim to use up my allocation each and every month to find out information useful to myself as a representative of Radyr & Morganstown but also in my other roles on the Council, including Shadow Cabinet Member for Supporting Young People and Tackling Poverty. This month I asked:

- Will the cabinet member update the Council on progress being made to restore Parc Radur on Drovers Way, including a timeline for completion?
- When are the promised schools scheduled to open in the Plasdwr development and have there been any delays that would affect this?
- What action is the Council taking to address the effects of coronavirus control measures on young people in Cardiff?
- How many potholes have been filled in the Radyr & Morganstown ward in each of the last five years?
- What assessment has been made of the decision to reduce bus services that serve Radyr & Morganstown?

Answers can be found [here](#) on the written questions section of the June Council meeting agenda

3. On this occasion Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones will report on any issues orally.

#### **Financial Implications**

4. N/A. This report is for information only.

#### **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 initiatives described in this report will help the Council understand how the work of Cardiff Council impacts on these Wales-wide sustainability goals.

#### **Staffing Implications**

7. N/A. This report is for information only.

#### **Risk Management Implications**

8. N/A. This report is for information only.

#### **Legal Implications**

9. N/A. This report is for information only.

#### **Recommendation**

10. It is **recommended** that the report is noted.