



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Report

Agenda Item 6

Meeting: Environment Committee
Date: 7 July 2022
Report Author: Assistant Clerk

Environmental Update

Introduction

1. This report updates Members on progress in relation to current projects.

Key Issues

2. Key Issues are set out below:

2.1 Radyr Woods

Furniture

A decision was made to replace some of the benches initially in Radyr Woods with Black recycled plastic ones. The Chair of the Radyr Woods Wardens has confirmed that they would like 3 or 4 benches to start with. The Wardens preference is for Recycled plastic as they last longer.

Ash Die-back

Members agreed at the 9 June 2022 Environment Committee meeting that Cardiff Council Parks Department should be contacted to request another inspection.

Information Boards

Members agreed at the 9 June 2022 Environment Committee meeting that Councillor Vina Patel is requested to report details of progress in relation to the new information boards for Radyr Woods.

2.2 Windsor Gardens

Enhancement Proposals

The Council wishes to improve the appearance of Windsor Gardens and the Granny Park in Morganstown. Quotations will be invited to take forward any proposals.

2.3 Pentwyn Park

Fencing Adjacent to Footpath

At the 17 February 2022 Full Council meeting members agreed that quotes could be sought for extending the retaining wall to hold back the car park. No progress on this yet.

Dog Fouling

It has been brought to the Council's attention that there has been an increase in dog fouling in Pentwyn Park recently. A resident who lives close by that lets their dog out into the park unattended to carry out his business which is then left in the park. Signs in the park regarding dog fouling have also been vandalised.

2.4 Tree Surveys / Tree Works

Tree works and tree surveys in all woodland and land owned and managed by the Council are well behind schedule following 2 years of Covid. The last tree surveys were carried out in 2017 and only hold for 5 years. The Council needs to source a suitable tree consultant to undertake the surveys. This was agreed to be progressed with the new Council in May/June.

Any existing trees of concern in the various parcels of land are likely to be identified on the previous Tree Surveys and can all be addressed by the appointed tree consultant.

Four tree consultants have been identified to approach for quotes to carry out the Tree surveys.

2.5 Large Oak Tree – Woodfield Avenue

On the advice of Cardiff Council, an arboriculturist has been appointed to make an assessment and provide a work specification. A report will be provided to Members once the assessment has been carried out.

2.6 Bethel Chapel

Enquiries have been made of Cardiff Council to ascertain whether action can be taken to improve the condition of this site.

In extreme cases, the Council can use planning powers to enforce against unsightly premises, where there is a public interest. The condition of the site may not merit this as a solution. Officers would normally seek to engage with the owners to seek appropriate actions before using formal procedures.

Cardiff Council also has powers to preserve a Listed Building as a long-term solution.

2.7 Public Right of Way Radyr No. 42. Proposed Diversion.

Following a site visit undertaken on the 23 June 2022, additional information has been circulated to Members. This should provide reassurance that a formal agreement is in place and that Redrow have to provide the new controlled pedestrian crossing and that the proposed diversion along the farm track will be a traffic free route for walkers and cyclists to use and enjoy.

All scheme drawings can be found at the Plasdwr website which for ease of reference can be found at the link below:

<https://www.plasdwr.co.uk/imagesdownloads/>

From discussions during the site visit, the following issues were addressed:

- the need for more signage to direct walkers along the temporary route
- removal of unnecessary stiles where possible,
- grass strimming and improvements to the uneven ground where there are trip hazards.

These have been referred to Redrow and the contractor Walters to action.

2.8 Christmas Illuminations

Following a meeting with Centregreat Ltd, a preliminary quote has been provided for a 3-year plan for Christmas Lighting. This quotation is being assessed and a report will be submitted to the Council on 21 July 2022. (Item 8 refers.). There are no costs yet for the Old Church Rooms lights, Windsor Gardens Festoon lights or the “official” turning on of the lights. Costs for the Old Church Rooms and “official” turning on have been requested.

Financial Implications

3. Financial implications have been approved and included within approved budgets.

Links to Corporate Objectives

4. The Annual Report confirms the Council’s objective to contribute to a Healthier and Resilient Community

Staffing Implications

5. n/a

Risk Management Implications

6. These are referred to in the Council’s Risk Assessment Schedule

Legal Implications

7. The projects can be delivered/has been delivered using powers available to the Council under the following legislation:

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – s6
Local Government Act 1972 s111 and 144

Recommendation

8. It is **recommended** that

(1) the report is noted.

(2) Members consider any issues arising.