



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Report

Agenda Item 14

Meeting: Full Council
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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 Calum Davies include the following:

(i) Drover's Way Park

Following the frustrating news that the tendering process did not attract bids within the allocated budget for the works to fix the problems underneath the grounds of the park, I asked the Council whether the Welsh Government would be forthcoming with additional funds. I am very disappointed to discover that the Council has approached the Welsh Government about potential funding and "received confirmation that there are no further funds available to be granted to the Council to help meet the shortfall in the budget required to implement the scheme". Whilst I am pleased that "the Council is actively exploring options for funding the balance of the scheme from within its own budgets," I wrote to both Mark Drakeford MS, Andrew RT Davies MS, and Joel James MS about this.

(ii) Meeting with Headteacher and governors at Radyr Comprehensive School

It was great to meet the Headmaster and Chair of Governors at Radyr Comprehensive School earlier today. There were several areas of discussion, chief among them facilities, school places, and transport. I will be acting on Andrew Williams and David Silver's concerns to ensure pupils and staff get the resources they need to continue their great work.

(iii) Clos Parc Radur roadworks

After meeting with residents in the area concerning the roadworks occurring on Clos Parc Radur, the Council have informed me that contractors will do better to ensure work does not start before 8am; make efforts to keep residents better informed of timescales and the nature of nearby works; review the signage on Llantrisant Road to ensure better visibility; and avoid taking HGVs further into residential areas than absolutely necessary.

(iv) Morganstown Village Hall sign

I am delighted that I have successfully had the previous signs for Morganstown Village Hall replaced. Previously, the placing of the sign was misleading, directing people to a private residences. The new placing of the sign should now prevent this as well as looking nice and new.

(v) Developments near Llantarnam Drive

I visited residents who expressed their issues with the state of the land behind Llantarnam Drive where building works as part of the Plasdwr Development is going on. I have asked Plasdwr for information on their plans and vision for the beautification of the area once finished as there are concerns this area would be unsightly and could encroach on the privacy of nearby residents.

(vi) Traffic Calming Measures in Radyr Sidings

I have asked the Council whether they would be inclined to install the following traffic calming measures on De Clare Drive, Radyr on the approach into the Sidings estate: Speedbumps on De Clare Drive on the approach into the Sidings estate; Mirrors in De Clare Drive on the junction opposite Goetre Fawr; and Wooden bollards on the grass verge in this same area

Roads on the estate are also narrow with very little room to pass with many cars parking on the road, meaning the likelihood of collisions increases with speeding. The estate is access only to residential properties and these measures would work to enforce speed limits.

(vii) Children and Young People Committee

We scrutinised the Cabinet Member for Children's Services on his department. I remain concerned with the heavy reliance on agency social workers needing to be deployed, the use of unregulated care settings for looked-after children, and failure to meet statutory duties. Officers in the department have an unenviable task, operating in difficult circumstances, but we as council tax payers and residents demand high standards from the local authority's political leadership. I also raised some of these matters in full Council.

(viii) Call for foster parents

In Radyr and Morganstown, the Council has three in-house foster carers but we know that three children and young people have been placed with carers registered with an Independent Fostering Agency. Cardiff's Fostering Team are keen to identify individuals who may be interested in offering a home, care and support to our children and young people when they need it most. In particular we are keen to ensure that our foster carers represent our City as much as possible through

breaking away from the stereotype and having foster carers from different backgrounds regardless of their age, marital status, religion or ethnicity. So, if you are in a position to be a foster parent, please do contact Cardiff's fostering team. Find all the information you need [here](#).

(ix) Coed Caerdydd

Coed Caerdydd is a 10-year programme to increase the number of trees in Cardiff. Below is their tree planting programme for Radyr & Morganstown for the next six months.

- Meadowfield Way green (19 Nov) – community event
- Ysgol Bryn Deri (9 Dec) – school event
- Morganstown Play Park (9 Dec) – community event
- Radyr Medical Centre (TBC March)

(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:

1. Will the Council reaffirm its commitment to undertake the necessary works on Parc Radur following a second failed tendering process?
2. Will the Council seek more funds from the Welsh Government to complete the promised works on Parc Radur?
3. What actions is the Council undertaking to ensure that all children can attend a school close to where they live in the county's boundaries?
4. How is the Council ensuring that developers are communicating appropriately with residents in neighbourhoods adjacent to their sites?
5. What is the Council's assessment of the Welsh Government's Arbed and Nest schemes' effectiveness in meeting its objectives in Cardiff?

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

3. Issues reported by Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones include the following (report dated 26 October 2022)

The greatest strength that we have in Radyr and Morganstown is that we have not lost the village sense of community despite sometimes feeling that we are overwhelmed with new developments. Tonight, the Diwali lamps were out on the walls of Windsor Gardens and on Halloween the community is putting on a family event. In December we will have a Christmas Lighting Event and rumour has it that Santa will do a recce of the area before Christmas Eve to make sure he knows where all the children are.

Tomorrow I will be listening in to a debate on a motion about the Cost-of-Living Crisis. It will mention the Money Advice Team that Cardiff Council runs, web site www.cardiffmoneyadvice.co.uk and phone number [029 2087 1071](tel:02920871071); please use it if you are having difficulties making ends meet. There are more benefits out there than people realise. It is worth asking for advice. It will also talk about the Warm Welcome Spaces grants (the Methodist Church is setting one up and has applied for a grant)

There is also a Wales Illegal Money Lending Unit which can be contacted on <http://www.tradingstandardswales.org.uk/moneylending/> and phoned on [0300 123 3311](tel:03001233311) If you have borrowed money and are realising that your loan was from a loan shark, you can contact this Unit confidentially and they will give you support.

Please do not be afraid or too embarrassed to ask for help. If you need to use a Foodbank and haven't got transport to get to the Foodbanks, let me know.

(i) Surgery in Cicchetti's

Everybody who attended was asking for a better bus service. There were other requests about street lamps not working on Brynderwen by Ffordd Las (reported) and overgrowth (one more lot to be reported) but the common theme was the poor bus service we have in Radyr and Morganstown.

(ii) Petition for a Better Bus Service in Radyr and Morganstown

Mary Pearce will be the Lead Petitioner at the Council Meeting in City Hall tomorrow calling on Cardiff Council to provide a better bus service. The petition asks for several improvements any one of which would be welcome. 536 signatures were valid when verified.

Huge thank you to Mary for going out and collection signatures and to all the people who helped her.

(iii) Redrow at Plasdwr

Temporary Junction Clos Parc Radur and Llantrisant Road.

Have been told that the next phase will finish in January and the junction should be working by March. No one has complained recently so hopefully, the contractors did make it a bit safer.

(iv) Completing the road surface for Lon y Pererinion

I have written to Cardiff Council. I have been told today that there is an issue between Redrow and Bellway which is preventing this being solved. Will have to follow up (again!)

(v) Signage

Have not noticed any improvement

(vi) Section 106

We were advised that Redrow had just released another tranche of Section 106 money. This needs following up.

(vii) 62 Bus

Currently from Section 106 funding, the 62 bus goes to Rhydlafar to service the estate Goitre Fach. Early drawings show the route as also going into Radyr. This would give people at Goitre Fach access to Radyr Railway station, Radyr Comprehensive and other places along the route, including

Pughs in Morganstown and the Ty Nant Court. This seems to be a win-win outcome. We are keen for this bus to loop back into Radyr and Morganstown.

Redrow has shown us the original documents route map. It did not give us the help we had hoped for.

(viii) Odour at Clos Parc Radur FIRST PRIORITY

The overnight rain on Saturday 22nd brought the sewage back to Clos Parc Radur where it was happily bubbling through the manholes in several places. I have written to the Chief Executive of Redrow and of Welsh Water. In fairness, Welsh Water went out to investigate the day they received my email. They have promised me a report by 27th October. They have offered a site meeting with Redrow to discuss the problem.

When I wrote in April to the CEO of Redrow about the problem within 24 hours I had a reply saying that the problem was not Redrow's responsibility. We wait to see what the report from Welsh Water will say. Just want the problem solved.

(ix) The Sidings

TfW continue to work on the Metro. The noise levels have become more reasonable.

(x) Morganstown

Radyr Rangers

There is an agreement between Radyr Rangers and TfW towards improving Radyr Rangers facilities on the Mound Field, Morganstown. I met the group from Radyr Rangers again this month. To apply for any grant to improve the pitch or make any improvements generally, the club needs a lease from Cardiff Council. A request has now been made for a lease to be given to the club.

Flooding by Pughs Garden Centre

The drains had been cleaned a fortnight before the flooding on October 22 and 23 rd. The men working to clear the flood told me they had found a defective drain when they came out earlier. I have asked for information about the defective drain, which one it is and what the costs would be to repair it. It certainly won't be put right this winter, but we may be able to have it put right before next winter if the economic situation improves.

Flooding under the Motorway Bridge

This may well be linked to the stream that comes down from close to the Water Tower by the Golf Club and which we know flows under Brynderwen at times. We think it links to the river by going through the field next to the road. Have asked for this to be checked because if the water is backing up in the field there is no way the drains under the bridge can take the water away fast enough.

(xi) Radyr

Radyr Comprehensive

Have been advised that the promised toilets will arrive before the end of October.

Playground Drover's Way SECOND PRIORITY

The work needed to sort the drainage out went to tender on 2nd September. The tenders came back for a price that means an extra £120 K is needed to sort the drainage out. Will continue to lobby for the play area.

Artwork on the Penrhys Pilgrimage Way in Hermit Woods

This is back up. (It had been vandalised) Do go and enjoy the excellent work done by pupils of Radyr Comp.

Radyr Woods Wardens

They held a working party on Saturday 22nd. Their page is on the Community Web Site www.radyr.org with the dates of the next working party. Do join them. Thank you, wardens, for keeping our woods so pleasant.

Planning Application Pentwyn

I attended a site visit re the planning application for 43 Pentwyn.

(xii) Throughout Radyr and Morganstown Buses THIRD PRIORITY

Behind the scenes we are doing everything we can to bring a reliable, regular bus service back. We hope the petition will help focus Cardiff Bus Company's minds.

Pavements

Many of you have reported pavements in poor condition. Apparently, we are down to be looked at in January.

Drains

These are done on a re-active basis because of lack of equipment. Do have a look at your roadside drains and work out which way the water will flow if your drains are full. If the water is likely to flow into your house, then let the council know if you can't unblock them yourselves.

Halloween

The Police are going to do a Halloween Workshop for primary school children in the Hwb in Radyr Library on Saturday 29th October in the morning at 10:30 am

There is a Halloween Oct 31st gathering in Windsor Gardens with a costume parade for primary school children similar to the Jubilee Celebrations, starting at 6:30 and finishing by 9:00 Hope it will be an enjoyable evening. Thank you

to the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council and to the Radyr and Morganstown Association for helping us put on the event. Also thank you to Radyr Comp who are decorating pumpkins for us, to the volunteers who have offered to come along and especially a big thank you to Allan Cook who offered to make it happen on the night!

Recycling and the Pilot scheme.

We are about to have more houses included into the recycling scheme. The Waste Management team have offered to come and talk to groups about the scheme. I have passed contact details to the RMA and will be passing them to the Wis.

They were very impressed with the difference we made to reducing the contamination rates. They want you to know they did take on board your feedback re the design of bags. In the short term, there isn't the money to buy a new design, but they are looking at other options and will trial them as they can afford to buy some.

They are able to buy a purpose-built lorry to collect the rubbish. But again, not enough to roll the scheme out immediately across Cardiff.

They stressed that this is work in progress and they would be really grateful if you could continue to give them feedback and they are trying to work out how they stop the bags floating off down our hills.

Overgrowth

Have reported a lot of overgrowth. The roundabout at Barnfield Drive now looks shaved, but it will grow back. Do report it yourselves as well.

Green Bins

Many of you have pointed out that our last green bin collection before the New Year is way too early for the leaf fall we have. Most of the leaves in our garden are still firmly attached to the trees. I have pointed this out and will be doing so again.

Finally

It was good to read on the Western Mail and Wales On-Line about the population figures and the growth rate in Cardiff being such that there is no need to carry out any more development on green field sites. The article was written by our Radyr and Morganstown Local Development Plan Group and was well set out. The group always welcomes anyone interested in joining them. Contact them using RMLDGroup@radyr.org.uk

(xiii) (Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones has also submitted a photograph of Mary Pearce at City Hall with the Bus petition. (Picture available from the Clerk.)

Financial Implications

4. N/A. This report is for information only. (see reference to room hire.)

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.