



# **Radyr & Morganstown Community Council**

## **Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan**

**Report**

**Agenda Item 19**

**Meeting:** Full Council  
**Date:** 19 January 2023  
**Report Author:** County Councillors Calum Davies and Helen Lloyd Jones

### **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: (report dated 22 December 2022.)

#### **Drover's Way Park**

It is great news that the park on Drover's Way will finally get refurbished. After budgetary issues, pressure for the park to be restored has succeeded in making the Council find the funds. The Council envisages work on the underlying drainage works starting around Christmas and taking three months to complete. Contractors will then install the park – funds for which should already be ringfenced for this purpose – and I will also ask that lighting on the path to Plymouth Drive is put in place. I will also be asking Royal Mail to bring the ward's first King Charles post box to the park.

#### **Gelynys Railway Bridge**

As many residents may know, the railway crossing at Gelynys Farm is to be removed as part of the South Wales Metro and electrification works by Transport for Wales, and replaced with a bridge. I have told the Council that permission to build the bridge (and, thus, replace the existing right of way) must be contingent on it being suitable for those with disabilities and mobility issues. Therefore, the bridge should be constructed in a manner that someone can independently use a wheelchair to cross it. The bridge must be compliant with equalities legislation. I also believe a halt near

the site would be extremely beneficial for the area and would bear relatively little cost to construct.

### **Neighbourhood Renewal Scheme Programme**

As a councillor, I have a chance to bid for funds for projects that help regenerate parts of the ward (in accordance with strict criteria). I have decided to use my bid to help refurbish the facilities for Radyr Rangers at Mound Field. Ideally, this would mean bringing an all-weather pitch to Mound Field, addressing current drainage issues, and building a new clubhouse with community facilities. At least getting parts of this project financed would be positive. I look forward to updating residents on the bid's progress. Separately to the bid, I have provided my support for upgrading of the all-weather pitch at Radyr Comprehensive School which is in dire need of restitution.

### **Local Development**

I was pleased to attend the latest meeting of the RMA where the Radyr & Morganstown Local Development Group gave a presentation on potential development in Cardiff West. As promised during my election campaign, I will be supporting efforts – and making my own representations – to object to building in the ward's last patch of green as well as in the rail station car park. Keep an eye out for the Cardiff Council's consultation on the replacement Local Development Plan in early 2023 and use the RMLDG's talking points as inspiration if you are so minded.

### **Full Council**

I seconded a debate congratulating the Welsh national football team on their qualification for the World Cup. The Conservatives wanted to celebrate the opportunity by waiving pitch and changing room fees for adults (children are already exempt) for one year but this was sadly rejected by the Labour Party. I also raised the issue of getting a lease secured for Radyr Rangers and questioned how the Labour Government's nationwide default 20mph speed limits will affect the finances of Cardiff Bus, a council asset. Whilst the response to the former was encouraging, it was not for the latter.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

It was an honour earlier this month to be part of the procession on Remembrance Sunday in Radyr, lay a wreath to the glorious dead, and give a reading in Christ Church. It is essential we do not forget the sacrifice so many made. They gave their today for our tomorrow.

### **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:

- (i) Can the Cabinet member update the Council on progress being made on Drover's Way Park?
- (ii) Will the Cabinet consider physically investigating sites when councillors have called for traffic calming measures before refusal?

- (iii) Why won't the Cabinet consider allowing residents to show proof of address to use city centre car parks at the regular commercial rate on days when event premiums are in place?
- (iv) What is the Cabinet's position on granting Radyr Rangers a lease on Mound Field, Morganstown so it can apply for funding streams to upgrade facilities?
- (v) Will the Cabinet set a target to end the use of unregulated care settings for looked-after children of any age?

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 10 December 2022)

Thank you to all of you who played your part in making Remembrance Sunday so special. And a very big thank you to Ian Ogden. He has organised our Remembrance Sundays for several years and he had told the community that 2022 would be the last he would organise. He will be missed.

### **Redrow at Plasdŵr**

#### **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.

#### **Completing the road surface for Lon y Pererinion**

I have been told that there is an issue between Redrow and Bellway which is preventing this being solved. Have spoken to Bellway and Redrow. Apparently Redrow needs to put the next layer of the road in and then Bellway will do the final layer. When? Will raise it again at our December's meeting with Redrow.

#### **Signage**

Have not noticed any improvement

#### **Section 106**

We were advised that Redrow had just released another tranche of Section 106 money.

#### **Odour at Clos Parc Radur FIRST PRIORITY**

The good news is that the manholes and drains no longer seem to bubble sewage when it rains. The bad news is that the occasional very unpleasant odours persist and there are other drainage issues appearing. Will continue to flag these issues up.

**Christmas Tree** Redrow intend to put up a Christmas tree on the Heol Isaf, Llantrisant Road junction

**Bollard removed for Santa** Redrow intend to remove a bollard for Santa's sleigh!

## **Mobile Library**

Provided we can work out where the mobile library can park, the mobile library will start visiting Parc Plymouth in February. The library carries books in many languages including Chinese!

## **The Sidings**

We now have a new contact for TfW who has visited some of our residents, who have experienced significant disruption with the installation of the Metro.

## **Morganstown,**

### **Radyr Rangers (RR)**

This has been the main focus of my work during November. There is a funding opportunity deadline in mid-December which if we are lucky could significantly help our youngsters have decent facilities for playing football. A full-sized football pitch they could use somewhere in Radyr and Morganstown would be a step in the right direction. Both Cllr Davies and I attended a Drop in Session re Neighbourhood Renewal Funding to gain advice. We are working together to help the RR. In the meantime, the club are working on preparing other bids and Cardiff Council has spoken to the FAW and reassured the FAW about the Council's desire to support RR in their bid for a lease. Because of this FAW are willing to accept bids from RR. The Sport Leisure and Development Officer has met me on site to discuss options and has also been in contact with RR. RR are also being pro-active.

### **Flooding by Pugh's Garden Centre**

The relevant officer from Cardiff Council met me at Pugh's and ways forward are being considered. It would be good if we could sort out the defective drain in summer 2023.

### **Flooding under the Motorway Bridge**

Not forgotten. Hopefully we will get the Council to look beyond the bridge to see if the stream is blocked. Again a summer project.

## **Radyr**

### **Radyr Comprehensive**

The school is still struggling without the toilets promised. The last meeting sounded more positive. The All-Weather Pitch (where they used to play football) has been declared unsafe and will need either a short-term fix or ideally a proper long-term fix. Have been looking for possible ways of funding this.

### **Playground Drovers' Way**

This is **GOOD NEWS**. The funding has been found for the Drainage work needed on the park by Drovers' Way. A contractor has been chosen. We anticipate that work will start in January. (It's really December's news but we have seen the designs for the playground and they are super) Have removed it from my priority list because it is happening.

## **Artwork on the Penrhys Pilgrimage Way in Hermit Woods**

This has been vandalised again and will be taken down as soon as possible. Pity. The students' work was brilliant.

## **Planning Application Pentwyn**

Despite objecting to this application, it was passed.

## **Throughout Radyr and Morganstown**

### **Buses SECOND PRIORITY**

Have been looking to see if there were any funds we could draw down to improve the bus service. Have flagged up the need.

### **Pavements**

Many of you have reported pavements in poor condition. Apparently, we are down to be looked at in January. If there are any that you consider very bad, please let me know.

### **Drains**

Do have a look at your drains. It's worth clearing them of leaves. If you can see that the drain is blocked (and many are) can you let me know please? I need street name and exact location. If you could download Google Street and move the little man to the exact location of the drain, take a screen dump, and then send the details that would be very helpful.

### **Halloween**

The Police Halloween workshop worked well, and the children enjoyed. Many thanks to Jen Alcock and her colleagues from the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

The Halloween event in Windsor Gardens was rained off but we did have many positives. Radyr Comprehensive had decorated the pumpkins imaginatively and they were fun to look at. Radyr and Morganstown Association had put everything in place so we could have music and a BBQ and Radyr and Morganstown Community Council had been willing to fund the costs.

The few teenagers we did see around were delighted to have some of the breadrolls that we knew we couldn't keep and asked us could we try again next year. Something to look forward to in 2023

### **Recycling and the Pilot scheme.**

We are about to have more houses included into the recycling scheme. Happy to have feedback from you. Have been told that if you follow the instructions carefully and don't put the Tetrapacks in the recycling bags but in the black bin, the black bin fills up very quickly.

### **Overgrowth**

The Council has been working on cutting back the overgrowth.

## **Green Bins**

Can never remember such a mild autumn and so few leaves falling in October. We have a need for garden waste collection in our ward. Some local authorities ask you to pay if you want your garden waste collected. Others ask you to contact them when you need your garden waste collected so the pick up lorries don't make wasted journeys. What are your thoughts?

## **Steps above Radyr Weir**

These enable paddle boarders to get onto the Taff. They aren't in our ward, but they are used by many of you. I was invited to attend a meeting with the Whitchurch councillors and interested parties and hopefully they will find a way to repair or replace the steps. Or even better make a disabled friendly entry to the river.

## **Lights in Drovers Way towards Plymouth Drive**

We are aware that the path is dark. Have met with Centregreat and asked for an estimate re the cost of installing lights. The suggestion was to have almost bollard like installations that cast light down on to the path.

## **Women's Aid event at Radyr Hub**

The star of the event was Marcelle Davies who had made a phenomenal number of orange flowers that we could wear to raise awareness of the problems of domestic abuse. Giselle Warren spoke of her experiences at Women's Aid Cardiff. Thank you to everyone who had helped put the event together.

## **Friday with Friends Good Neighbours at New School Rooms Christ Church Heol Isaf 2-4pm**

The word is clearly getting out. There is a very warm welcome to anyone who would just like to come in and have a chat and a cup of tea (or coffee) and even a biscuit or sometimes cake! Louise is running it for the Good Neighbours. She always makes me feel so welcome, I'm sure she extends the same welcome to everybody. So do pop along. Everybody is welcome.

## **Interview for S4C and possibly BBC Wales**

I was interviewed in the field beside Pant Tawel near the old Goetre Fawr farm about the replacement local development plan. I explained that anyone can recommend that a piece of land could be used for development. In the case of the land, we are so keen to protect it wasn't the council that suggested it as a candidate site. I want to hold on to what little green space we have. It is so important for our health and well-being to have green spaces that we can access.

Beti George, Huw Onllwyn Jones and Allan Cook were all interviewed.

## **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.