



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Report

Agenda Item 22

Meeting: Full Council
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County Councillors' Report

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 would like to propose the following:

- Speedbumps on De Clare Drive on the approach into the Sidings estate
- Mirrors in De Clare Drive on the junction opposite Goetre Fawr
- Wooden bollards on the grass verge in this same area

Meeting with Leader of the Council

I was delighted that the Leader of the Council came to Radyr to discuss issues of importance to the Community Council and myself. There were positive signs on supporting upgrades to Station Road, increasing the frequency of buses coming through the ward, and the park on Drover's Way (which is currently undergoing a tendering process). Cllr Huw Thomas and a senior member of the Council's planning department, who was also present, received a tour of the land off Pant Tawel Lane which the Radyr & Morganstown Local Development Group are concerned could become an area for development under the new LDP. I stressed that the site would be inappropriate for that purpose for reasons such as Plasdwr already being underway and the lack of infrastructure to support it. We look forward to hearing more from the Council leadership on our issues and hope for progress soon.

Clos Parc Radur roadworks

I met with residents in the area concerning the roadworks occurring on Clos Parc Radur. I am concerned about the safe of drivers, especially on the junction with Llantrisant Road. With the winter months around the corner, there will be less visibility on this road that is very busy with both cars and roadworks. Cllr Lloyd Jones and I met with a senior representative of the Plasdwr development to stress the need for better visibility and have asked for information on what they will change to uphold safety. I have also asked that HGVs cease using the junction with Plas y Mynach as a turning point.

Increasing bus services

As promised during my election campaign, getting more buses into the ward is a priority for me. It seems the best way to do this would be to get the 62 bus between the city centre and Rhydlafer to divert its route so it comes into Radyr & Morganstown, doubling the frequency that is currently available and nears restoring the levels of service the ward had before the pandemic. This has been discussed with the Leader of the Council and people at Plasdwr. I have also written to Cardiff Bus to request that they explore making this a reality, especially when this is more cost-effective for them, and am working on securing support from other councillors.

Drovers Way Park

The tendering process for underground works on the park has once again, sadly, proven unsuccessful, with the funds allocated by the Welsh Government proving insufficient to meet the quotes from contractors. What to do next will lie with the Council's political leadership and budgetary team. I have already – and will continue – to press the argument that a commitment has been made to the community and that this must be followed through. We had hoped that if a bid had proven to be successful that the initial works could have been completed before Christmas, but expectations will need to be changed following the tendering exercise. I know how much this will disappoint people, as it has me, but that does not mean we leave the park as it is. We re-gather and try again.

King Charles letterbox

Following the late Queen's death, there will be many changes to items of everyday life like stamps and money. Another change would be all new post-boxes bearing the insignia of the new King – CR for Charles Rex as opposed to Elizabeth Regina. I would like the first King Charles post-box to be adjacent to the park on Drover's Way. This estate does not have a post-box and I believe it would be excellent for the first CR post-box in the ward to be here. Given the works that need completing on the park, the post-box installation – should my request be successful – would need to come after the refurbishment and would be a brilliant addition to the restored play area.

Meeting with Cllr Peter Bradbury, Cabinet Member for Tackling Poverty & Supporting Young People

As the Shadow Cabinet Member for Tackling Poverty and Supporting Young People, I was invited to meet with my counterpart in the Cabinet, Cllr Peter Bradbury for a private scrutiny session. We discussed issues in reference to items in his portfolio, especially surrounding the cost of living and youth services across the city.

I also raised the viability of rolling out youth services in Radyr and Morganstown, supporting the proposals the Community Council put forward in its meeting with Cllr Huw Thomas.

Kerbside garden collections will be collected monthly from October 4th

Cardiff Council have said: "As we move into autumn, kerbside garden waste collections will be collected monthly from October 4th until November 25th giving residents two further green waste collections from their home before the service is suspended during December, January, and February. One-off collections will be arranged over the festive season to remove Christmas trees from residents' homes, with community big sweep events and the leaf fall street cleansing team continuing to operate over the winter months.

"Throughout the winter, residents can continue to bring their garden waste to either recycling centre at Lamby Way or Bessemer Close by booking an appointment online through the following link - www.cardiff.gov.uk/recyclingcentre or via the Cardiff Gov App. The details relating to the next two monthly garden waste in collections are as follows: Week commencing October 3rd and the week commencing 31st October: Radyr & Morganstown"

Secondary school applications for 2023 now open

Applications for secondary school places to start in September 2023 is now open and families are reminded that by providing five school preferences can increase the chance of getting a place at one of their preferred schools. This is one of 7 tips from Cardiff Council's Admissions Team, which aims to help families who are applying for a school place in Cardiff. Simple step-by-step advice and guidance is available online and through an animation aimed at children and families, helping to explain how the admissions process works and the importance of using all five preferences available. It also covers things like: the importance of applying on time, by the published application deadline; the benefits of exploring all the schools in the child's area by visiting their websites and reading their Estyn reports; making sure the application form includes essential information such as if the child has a sibling at the school or any additional learning, medical or social needs. Read more at cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/29934.html

Cuppa with a Copper

Just a reminder that on the 3rd Friday of every month, between 4-5pm you can have a Cuppa with a Copper at Pugh's Garden Village Food Hall in Morganstown.

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. What progress has been made on the restoration of Drover's Way Parc this summer?
2. What scope is there for the Council to support moves for the 62 bus to come via Radyr & Morganstown?

3. What impact will the Welsh Government's nationwide 20mph limit have on the finances of Cardiff Bus, a Cardiff Council asset?
4. What efforts is the Council making to preserve working farmland for that purpose should plots emerge for purchase and no buyer intends on using it for that purpose?
5. Will the Council consider using the grounds at Radyr Comprehensive School as a drop-off/collection point to alleviate congestion on Heol Isaf, and parking on pavements and nearby residential streets?

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

3. Issues reported by Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones are set out below:

This has been an extraordinary month to be a Councillor in Radyr and Morganstown.

There was a real feeling of an end of an era. Queen Elizabeth II had been a constant in our lives. When she spoke to us, as she did during the Pandemic, we listened. She had our respect. The enduring image I will carry is of her sitting on her own during Prince Phillip's funeral, carefully keeping to the same Lockdown rules that we were being asked to follow.

As one of your Councillors, I attended the 96 gun-salute at Cardiff Castle in her honour and I signed the Book of Condolences in City Hall. I also attended the Proclamation for King Charles.

Street Surgeries

Despite the rain on 30th September, I carried out a street surgery in Kings Road, Kings Avenue and part of Station Road. The next surgery will be at Cicchetti's 22nd October 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

Redrow at Plasdwr

Cllr Calum Davies CD and I met with Redrow this month.

HGVs

CD mentioned that a resident in Plas Y Mynach had reported that an HGV vehicle had parked overnight in Plas Y Mynach and that this had concerned the residents. He hoped that no more HGVs would overnight in the area. CD mentioned that the residents have been advising him that HGVs were coming into the established estate to turn. Given that they could turn straight out of the building site to access Llantrisant Road it didn't seem necessary to use the established area as a turning circle. He asked if that could be stopped.

Temporary Junction Clos Parc Radur and Llantrisant Road.

We both pointed out that this temporary junction was dangerous. I have also reported it to the Council and spoken to the relevant officers. Redrow were also going to see if the temporary junction could be made safer. If no improvement obvious soon, I will raise the topic again.

Completing the road surface for Lon y Pererinion

I flagged this up. There are residents who have been living in this street for nearly two years and the street surface has not been made good. Redrow implied this was a decision that the Council needed to make but it is normal practise for a council to adopt a road after the developer has left it in a good condition. Will be following this up.

Signage

I flagged this up as the signage is not good enough on the estate, although there have been some improvements. Will be following this up.

Section 106

We were advised that Redrow had just released another tranche of Section 106 money. Both CD and myself said we want to see the Bus Service in Radyr and Morganstown being improved and wondered if Section 106 funding could be used. Will be following this up

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 offered to check the original documents. We are hopeful that there may be an easy solution.

Rubbish from the site blowing over Heol Isaf

A request was made that the site should make their materials more secure, so they were less likely to blow away. A request was made that following every high wind, a sweep would be made of Heol Isaf to remove any litter blown over from the site. Redrow pointed us to Bellway. Will follow up.

Suggestion of speed cameras at the Heol Isaf -Llantrisant Junction to make it safer

This doesn't come under Redrow's remit. Will follow it up elsewhere.

Christmas

We are hopeful that Redrow will bring some Christmas cheer and that Santa will be able to find his way through the new estate.

The Sidings

Have been told that the TfW work is less noisy following our meeting with them. Have been advised that the problem has not totally gone away and have reported the current problems.

We have had one request for traffic calming measures

Morganstown

Bethel Chapel

This was discussed in a meeting with the Leader of Cardiff Council and Radyr and Morganstown Community Council. The owner has been approached and it is possible that the problem may be solved by the owner.

Save Cwm Farm

The sale of the land is on hold while waiting for Probate to be sorted. There is a project Coed Caerdydd which is involved with planting more trees in Cardiff. Need to meet with Coed Caerdydd,

Skate Park

There were bottles and a lot of glass on the skate park last weekend. Local residents have cleared the majority of it up. Thank you all so much.

Radyr Rangers

There is an agreement between Radyr Rangers and TfW towards improving Radyr Rangers facilities on the Mound Field, Morganstown. I met a group from Radyr Rangers this month to discuss their vision for the club. As always, it is a bit more complicated than it should be. However, the club runs about ten different teams, including girls' teams and the Club deserves our support. Will be meeting them again in October to discuss the next step.

Springfield Gardens

There is talk of another planning application. Both Cllr Davies and I visited the proposed site and know already that we will both be objecting to the application if it materialises.

Radyr

Radyr Comprehensive FIRST PRIORITY

The school was asked to accept more pupils. We are not surprised. It is a very good school. However, although portacabin classrooms arrived, no extra toilets arrived.

This is being sorted urgently.

Playground Drover's Way SECOND PRIORITY

The work needed to sort the drainage out went to tender on 2nd September. The deadline has now passed for tenders to be returned. We have not yet heard whether the process was successful.

The Play area between Radyr Woods and Fisher Hill Way

This was vandalised. Local dads removed most of the damage and children are able to play there. Thanks dads.

Artwork on the Penrhys Pilgrimage Way in Hermit Woods

This has been vandalised twice. It has been restored and will be back up soon. Thanks to those who helped.

Aryan's Tree in Windsor Gardens

A copy of the tree that Aryan's friends created for his family has been put in Windsor Gardens for everyone to see. It will be returned to Radyr Comprehensive in October.

Willow Tree Close

Both Councillors have asked if the hedge (now a row of hazel trees and hawthorns) can be given a crown lift.

Throughout Radyr and Morganstown

Buses FOURTH PRIORITY

No major change as yet but have had a provisional offer that all the buses into Radyr should go as far as Ffordd y Berllan. This would be an improvement to the current situation. Have been advised that Radyr and Morganstown WI is organising a petition, if people wish to sign or help, they can email Mary Pearce (details from Clerk) and she will get back to them.

Behind the scenes we are doing everything we can to bring a reliable, regular bus service back.

Pavements

Many of you have reported pavements in poor condition. Apparently, we are down to be looked at in January. There is already a list, Park Road the top side, Woodfield Avenue, Willow Tree Close and Hazel Tree Close. If there are any more let us know.

If they are all much of a muchness, then the obvious thing to do is work on a first come, first served basis. However, if there are some really bad pavements, they could jump the queue!

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. Look out for posters and social media posts for more details.

There are plans afoot for a Halloween gathering in Windsor Gardens with a costume parade for primary school children much like what the village did for the Jubilee Celebrations. Details not yet finalised.

Recycling and the Pilot scheme.

Thank you to everybody who took part in this scheme. I was on the Scrutiny Committee for Environment when the officers discussed the outcomes of this pilot.

The contamination rate of the materials being recycled was down to 6% which is very positive. Thank you very, very much. The Council really wants to move away from green bags as they count as single use plastic, and 24 million bags are used in Cardiff a year. So, if we can use a scheme with re-usable containers that would be much better for Planet Earth.

The council had picked up on nearly every point I had been told about when I was canvassing. And they will be looking to sort those problems out and for those of you who noticed that at first the Council wasn't using a lorry where the rubbish could be kept separated, that was not what the Council had intended. There had been a lorry breakdown issue! Thank you for continuing to separate the rubbish when you must have been wondering why you were bothering.

The Council will also be looking to bringing in a phased recycling process and they are still working on how flats and houses in multiple occupation can join in.

Finally.

The Leader of Cardiff Council, Cllr Huw Thomas visited the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council this month. He was pleased that we all shared so many similar aspirations. It was a very useful meeting, and we were thrilled he had come to Radyr and Morganstown.

He was shown how close Heol Isaf is to the edge between Maes yr Awel and Min y Coed. This bit of Heol Isaf concerns me greatly.

He also met a representative from the RMLDG and walked along Pant Tawel and into the fields in Goitre Fawr to see why we are so desperate to hold onto this remaining slice of green land.

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.