



## Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

### Report

### Agenda Item 6

**Meeting:** Environment Committee  
**Date:** 6 April 2023  
**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:

|     | <b>Issue</b>                     | <b>Progress</b>  | <b>Recommendation</b>                                     | <b>Action By</b>      | <b>Date action required</b> |
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| 2.1 | Benches at Radyr Woods           | The benches have been installed at Radyr Woods.  | That the position is noted.                               | Environment Committee | 6 April 2023                |
| 2.2 | Benches at Windsor Gardens       | The Council has agreed to replace benches at Windsor Gardens. Discussions are taking place with the supplier around options to install the benches.<br><br>Discussions are also taking place with the Council's grounds maintenance contractor about removal of the existing benches.<br><br>Further details will be reported. | That members consider options to install the new benches. | Environment Committee | 2023/24                     |
| 2.3 | Information Boards (Radyr Woods) | Feedback on design has been sent to Councillor Patel.  | That details are reported to Members                      | Councillor V Patel    | ongoing                     |
| 2.4 | Windsor Gardens Enhancement      | The Council wishes to improve the appearance of Windsor Gardens and the  | That Quotations are invited.                              | Clerk/Assistant Clerk | 2023/24                     |

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|      |   | Granny Park in Morganstown.<br>Quotations will be invited to take forward any proposals.<br><br>The provision of new bins is being examined.  |   |                       |              |
| 2.5  | Pentwyn Park Fencing (adjacent to footpath)                   | Quotes to be invited.   | Quotations s to be invited                                      | Clerk/assistant       | 2023/24      |
| 2.4  | Tree Surveys  | See separate confidential report.   |   |                       |              |
| 2.4  | Bethel Chapel   | A meeting has been held with Cardiff Council Officials re potential options.  | Clerk to keep Members advised of progress                       | Clerk                 | ongoing      |
| 2.6  | Hanging Baskets   | Costs have been obtained for supply.<br><br>Costs have been obtained to install, remove and dispose.  | Chairman to advise re progress                                  | Chairman              | ongoing      |
| 2.7  | Section 119a Diversion of Radyr No.1 Footpath at Gelynis Farm | The chairman of the committee participated in a meeting re the diversion on 27 March 2023   | Report of chairman attached.                                    | Chairman              | 6 April 2023 |
| 2.8  | Flag Policy   | St David's Cross and Welsh Flag were flown on St David's Day.   | Policy to be drafted.<br><br>Appendix attached for information. | Clerk and Members     | 2023/24      |
| 2.9  | River Taff pollution  | Following recent incidents of pollution, Members may wish to approach appropriate bodies, such as Natural Resources Wales and Welsh Water to ask that, for example, a working group is established to monitor and prevent pollution.  | That Members consider a way forward.                            | Environment Committee | 6 April 2023 |
| 2.10 | Defibrillator   | County Cllr Calum Davies has proposed the installation of a defibrillator in a part of the ward that is not currently close to an existing defib site, and close to neighbourhoods with an older population and, therefore, more likely to be in need of one. In accordance with this, Cllr Davies proposes the Girl Guides venue on Bryn Derwen. If this | That Members consider a way forward.                            | Environment Committee | 6 April 2023 |

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|  |  | <p>proves impossible, then an alternative appropriate location in north Radyr should be considered.</p> <p>Cllr Davies would meet the set-up costs of the defib and cabinet and requests that the Community Council meets the running costs. This would be £295 to replace the battery every five years and £70 for the pads every five years or after every use. Cllr Davies would liaise between the Council and the defib supplier to install.</p> |  |  |  |
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## 2.8 Work Programme Update

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| <b>Environment Committee:</b>   |                                   |
| Tree Surveys. Commission/carry out and react to surveys of trees on Council land. | Reports to Environment Committee. |
| Windsor Gardens enhancement.  | Report to Environment Committee.  |
| Council's vision for Station Road.  | Report to Environment Committee   |
| Flags Policy  | Report to Environment Committee.  |

### Financial Implications

- Financial implications have been approved and included within approved budgets. Some further approvals may be required.

### Links to Corporate Objectives

- The Annual Report confirms the Council's objective to contribute to a Healthier and Resilient Community

### Staffing Implications

- n/a

### **Risk Management Implications**

6. This report crosses several areas of Council activity. Overall risk is managed via 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 145  
General Power of Competence.

### **Recommendation**

8. It is **recommended** that:

(1) the report is noted.

(2) Members consider any issues arising.

## Discussion with Objectors of Radyr No.1 Diversion Application

I enclose a reply from Jenn Griffiths the Footpaths Officer for Cardiff CC. A confusion arose as Jenn was talking in % i.e 8%, whereas we were quoted an incline of one in twelve and a half. Basically the same thing. Jenn says that this is acceptable. I'd be grateful if you would pass this information to members of the Environment Committee. Nether Helen, Calum or the Community Council withdrew their objections. A further meeting, possibly onsite, is planned.

Councillor Allan Cook  
Chairman  
Environment Committee

**From:** "Griffiths, Jennifer" <[Jennifer.Griffiths@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:Jennifer.Griffiths@cardiff.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Discussion with Objectors of Radyr No.1 Diversion Application  
**Date:** 30 March 2023 at 14:35:48 BST  
**To:**

Dear Councillors and Community Council Officers,

Thank you for agreeing to meet with TfW and RHCole Consultant regarding the diversion of Radyr No.1 Public Footpath at Gelynis Farm. I hope you all agree it was a very useful discussion to understand why the level crossing is necessary and will no longer be safe to use in its current layout.

A question was raised about the gradient of the new bridge and I would like to confirm that it is 8%. During the Planning Application process, a report concluded responses to the various objections received, one of which was specifically about mobility access due the steep gradient. This was responded to by the Cardiff Council Operational Manager for Transportation (See Page 14 onwards in the attached document – **available from the Clerk.**). They make it clear that the gradient is within the approved Welsh Government Active Travel Design Guidance as being acceptable. Since the gradient of the new bridge is within the recommended guidance, an equalities assessment was not completed as part of the planning application process.

Richard Cole has also confirmed, a level survey has been completed at the new bridge. This has confirmed that the new bridge gradient complies fully with the design as part of the planning consent.

The question was raised about the desire for a halt to be provided in the future. As Richard explained, this would have to be considered by Welsh Government as a future scheme if they wished to put funding towards providing a halt.

Separate to this Legal Order, I will arrange a meeting to discuss improvements to access to the recreation ground as part of the completion of the scheme as requested. This will be between PROW Officers, Parks Officers, Ward Cllrs, Community Council Officers and TfW.

Richard – Please could you provide me with the points of contact to arrange a meeting on site.

I trust the above information confirms the issues of the gradient and the provision of a halt. If you require any further clarifications on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us. **Based on the information above, we would greatly appreciate if you could confirm by the 5<sup>th</sup> April if you withdraw your objection or not.**

Kind regards  
Jenn Griffiths

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## Use of Flagpoles in the Community

The Clerk contacted Cardiff Council about the potential use of flagpoles in the Community.

Advice from Cardiff Council states that flag staffs would usually be considered with regard to the advertisement regulations (The Town and Country Planning Control of Advertisement Regulations 1992 (as amended)).

[The Town and Country Planning \(Control of Advertisements\) Regulations 1992 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](http://legislation.gov.uk)

Flag advertisements are likely to require 'express advertisement consent' unless they are considered to fall outside of the Regulations (i.e. National Flags on a single vertical flagstaff) or benefit from 'deemed consent' (a general consent/permission see below).

### **Relevant extracts from the guidance: (see attached regs and guidance for full information)**

Fall outside of regulations (i.e no consent required).

A national flag of any country. Any national flag may be flown on a single vertical flagstaff, so long as it does not have anything added to the design of the flag or any advertising material added to the flagstaff.

Can be displayed by virtue of 'deemed consent' (i.e. no express permission needs to be applied for).

Class 7: flag advertisements Class 7 permits some flag advertisements. (This deemed consent has no effect upon any display of the national flag of any country)

Class 7(A) permits an advertisement to be displayed as a flag, on one flagstaff, fixed upright on the roof of a building. There is no height limit for this consent, but the flag itself may only have on it the name, emblem, device or trademark of the company or person occupying the building or refer to a specific event of a limited duration taking place in the building. So flags are not permitted to advertise products unless they have the planning authority's specific consent.

Class 7(B) permits the display of advertising flags at housebuilding sites and where new houses remain available for sale, except in a National Park, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Conservation Area, the Broads or Area of Special Control of Advertisements.

The rules for class 7(B) are:

- each flag must be on a single vertical flagstaff,
- a site where 10 houses or less are built may have one flag, 11 to 100 houses may have two flags, and over 100 houses may have three flags;
- the flagstaffs must not exceed 4.6 metres high;
- the flags must not exceed 2 square metres in area;
- the flags and flagstaffs must be removed at the end of one year after construction of the last house is completed.