



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

Minutes of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Thursday, 15 January 2015 at 7:30pm at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Councillors S McKerlich, St Leger, R McKerlich, Diment, Morgan, Evans, Suthers, Marsh, Hallinan

PC Huw Thomas and 8 members of the public

In attendance: Helena Fox

- 14.497 To receive the Chairman's Report :** Cllr R McKerlich had met the relevant Cardiff Cabinet member and other senior officers about Radyr Library. He has met with Steve Morris to try to find a better basis for the RMA's use of Parc Radur during the Festival; unfortunately, the paperwork cannot be reduced. Cllr McKerlich met Cllr Hinchey the Cabinet member responsible for finance. He attended LDP Hearing Sessions 3 and 4 on housing.
- 14.498 To receive apologies for absence :** Cllr Davies
- 14.499 To make declarations of interest :** There were none.
- 14.500 To receive the Minutes of the Meeting held on December 12 2014 :** The Chairman introduced the minutes of the meeting held on December 12 which were proposed as a true record for signature by Cllr Diment seconded by Cllr Evans.
- 14.501 Meeting adjourned – Members of the public invited to speak :**
- 14.501.1** PC Huw Thomas's report is filed with these minutes. Only three crimes have been recorded since December 17 such as burglary from a shed and theft from a motor vehicle. HGVs on Heol Isaf will be tracked by traffic officers, following the vehicles and recorded if they are passing through R&M. There have been fixed penalties for the drivers. PC Thomas advised the Council and residents not to record at the side of the road or follow vehicles themselves because of the potential danger. If residents note the number plate or company name this can be passed to the police. Sidings' residents have raised the issue of speeding, particularly on the railway bridge. There is a community speed camera that shows driver speeds and can be used by police to give evidence for a warning letter to be issued. This camera is not appropriate for prosecutions. The camera will be at the next PACT meeting and residents will be shown how to use it. Training will be provided.
- 14.501.2** Cllr R McKerlich noted that road safety at schools is a continuing problem. PC Thomas said that the schools are managing this as best they can. Sometimes the police attend schools and the problem disappears but only while they are present.
- 14.501.3** Mrs Zoe Pearce had presented a petition of over 1,400 names supporting Radyr Library to Cardiff's Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee
- 14.501.4** Caroline Noall drew the Council's attention to the fact that the library's book issue numbers rose by 20% in the first year post-refurbishment, 30 children attend special sessions, including Welsh, both primary schools bring classes termly, the WIs, local charities and groups use the community and exhibition space. There are links for Danybryn Cheshire Home, knitting and crochet groups and social interactions for charities, adult and children's books groups, nurseries, Beavers, Dads and children's

groups, Creigiau Park School joined the summer reading challenge where a total of 690 children took part and 499 completed: the best figure in Cardiff, where the average is some 200 and the 6<sup>th</sup> in Wales. This all takes part in a part-time library. There are some 100 reading groups throughout Cardiff's libraries. The WI produced a report On Permanent Loan about the volunteer perspective in community libraries. They conclude that, despite the advantages, only some communities have the necessary resources and that this can be a post-code lottery for communities with some losing out. Lisvane's community library is very nice but is not and cannot be as good as a formally run library.

**14.502 To receive the Clerk's Report :**

**14.502.1** Preparing for the LDP Hearings has been a significant amount of work. Hearings will continue until the end of February. Thanks go to Julie Hopkins and Thomas Wood for helping to prepare the papers for the Hearings.

**14.503 To receive the County Councillor's Report:** The report for December and January was circulated in advance and is filed with these Minutes. As Finance Spokesperson for Cardiff Council, Cllr McKerlich asked Cllr Hinchey about the possible closure of seven libraries. If the decision is withdrawn now, which seems possible in light of the protests, it may come back next year. A decision will be made at Cardiff's meeting next week. A community solution for R&M has highlighted the cost and effort for communities and a lesser library service. This would only be pursued if there was no option but closure.

**14.504 To receive Councillors' Reports:**

**14.504.1** Cllr S McKerlich attended the Radyr Woods Wardens dinner, litter picking, Christmas Tree lighting event, library consultation on Whitchurch Library, R&MCC Christmas meal and OVW training on community asset transfer.

**14.504.2** Cllr Suthers attended an Amersham liaison meeting and LDP meetings; OVW training on community asset transfer.

**14.504.3** Cllr Diment helped put up and took down the Christmas trees and worked on the lighting event. He attended meetings on the OCR extension and renovations and attended the library protest.

**14.504.4** Cllr St Leger helped put up and took down the Christmas trees and worked on the lighting event. He attended meetings on the OCR extension and renovations.

**14.504.5** Cllr Evans is working on the seniors' tea which is fixed for 20 March. Volunteer drivers wanted.

**14.504.6** Cllr Hallinan attended the Christmas Tree lighting even and R&MCC meal and attended Community Asset training.

**14.504.7** Cllr Marsh attended three LDP meetings including Hearing Session 2. The NWCG group was impressive, including the Clerk. There is a OVW meeting on January 26.

**14.505 To receive Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held January 8 2015:** Cllr St Leger proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on January 8 be accepted and adopted. Seconded by Cllr R McKerlich. All agreed.

**14.505.1 Cardiff in Bloom:** Without a sponsor, Cardiff in Bloom is likely to be cancelled. It was started in 1987 by Mr Jim Goodwin when he worked for Cardiff Council. Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED** that no action be taken to support Cardiff in Bloom, despite valuing the programme in principle.

**14.505.2 Wildflower areas in R&M:** These both reduce grass cutting and support the local bee population. Most local authorities in the UK are moving towards wildflower planting along verges. 2014 sowings in Cardiff were late and the wildflowers did not establish well. It was **RESOLVED** that wildflower areas be nominated at the southern and northern ends of Heol Isaf/Main Road in R&M and any roundabouts, with extra poppy seeds during the WW1 commemoration. A proper management regime is encouraged using indigenous species. Protection will be requested for the primroses on the Llantrisant Road verges.

**14.506 To receive Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held January 8 2015:** Cllr Hallinan proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on January 8 be accepted and adopted. Seconded by Cllr Morgan. All agreed

- 14.507 To decide on R&MCC's role in the future of Radyr Library and Youth Centre:**
- 14.507.1** The Council expressed their strong support for investigating a community-run library should that be necessary. It was acknowledged that the service could not be maintained at the Cardiff-run level. Community consultation will be very important once Cardiff's decision is known. A newsletter setting out proposed plans for community services will be delivered to every home in R&M, with a drop-in session at the library and reply slip to maximise the gathering of people's views.
- 14.507.2** It was **RESOLVED** to investigate the implications of a community-run library in the event that Cardiff does not change its mind and removes the subsidy.
- 14.507.3** Cllr R McKerlich had met with Cardiff officers about the youth club which is based in Radyr Comprehensive School. Very little financial and management information was available from officers. A grant will be available of some £12-18,000/year. The gross costs are some £12/hour or some £19,000/year. Employment and management of part-time staff is a complex issue. The issue for R&MCC is whether it should contribute funds towards the running of the youth centre. The Duke of Edinburgh Award will continue but higher fees will now be charged per stage. Not all the pupils taking part are residents of R&M, which is a factor for R&MCC's funding: some 40% of Radyr Comprehensive School pupils are from R&M. It may be possible to request financial support from neighbouring community councils in the catchment area. It was felt that R&MCC should support this service for young people but that management of it was beyond R&MCC's abilities. A meeting will take place between the LEA officers and Andrew Williams, Head Teacher of RCS.
- 14.507.4** It was proposed and seconded to take no action in support of the youth centre. A vote was held: 6 against, 1 abstention, 2 in favour
- 14.507.5** It was **RESOLVED** to budget for a financial contribution towards the youth club: A vote was held: 7 in favour. 2 against.
- 14.507.6** It was **RESOLVED** to budget for a contribution towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award club. 7 in favour. 2 against.
- 14.508 To set a budget for 2015-16:** It was **RESOLVED** to set a budget of £112,784 for 2015-16.
- 14.509 To set a precept for 2015-16:** Cardiff Council acknowledge that it is extremely difficult for R&MCC to set a precept when Cardiff Council has not yet made decisions that will seriously affect community facilities. Therefore, Cardiff have said that R&MCC may submit one or more indicative precept demands and notify Cardiff of the final precept once decisions are known.
- 14.509.1** It was **RESOLVED** to set the following indicative precepts:
- 14.509.2** £108,000 for 2015-16 if it includes support for Radyr Youth Centre
- 14.509.3** £100,00 for 2015-16 if it does not include support for Radyr Youth Centre
- 14.510 To congratulate Val Allen, BEM:** It was **RESOLVED** to write to Mrs Allen and offer R&MCC's heartiest congratulations on her honour for voluntary service to rider and equine safety.
- 14.511 To discuss R&MCC's casual vacancy:** Cllr David Silver tendered his resignation after more than 11 years service to R&MCC as a member, Chair of Finance and three years as Chair of the Council. He was warmly thanked for all that he had contributed. It was **RESOLVED** to write to David Silver.
- 14.511.1** The Clerk has notified Electoral Services in the required way and the official Notice of Vacancy was on display as of January 15. Electors have until February 2 to request an election.
- 14.512 To discuss the timings of R&MCC meetings:** In the absence of Cllrs Davies and Nicholas this was deferred until February.

- 14.512.1 To receive an update on the LDP work for the NW Cardiff Group:** Cllr Suthers reported that the LDP Hearings started on January 13 and run until February 27 and all LDP efforts are focused on this. Cllr R McKerlich and the Clerk will represent R&MCC and the NWCG separately or together as the Inspector allows.
- 14.512.2** Community representatives face an uphill struggle against professional representatives of developers and landowners. Welsh Government is pushing for more houses than the 41,100 to some 45,000. This means that developers and WG are pushing now to develop the land allocated for flexibility. NWCG and R&MCC are resisting that.
- 14.512.3 To receive a Village Plan 2 update:** It was **RESOLVED** to make the questionnaire template available to Cllr Hallinan. The questionnaire element is estimated to cost £2,500 and would involve the least amount of work. The responses would provide evidence for CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) and S106 negotiations on community gain.
- 14.513 To receive an update on the OCR renovation project:** Cllr Diment reported:
- 14.513.1** The planning application is with Cardiff Council.
- 14.513.2** Indicative costs have been sought for a new kitchen and new lighting system. Cllr Hallinan will give her professional view on the kitchen plans.
- 14.514 To receive an update on the WW1 project:** Cllr Diment reported that the project team will next meet on January 29.

Cllr Suthers left the meeting.

- 14.515 To decide on any Planning Matters :**
- 14.515.1** 9 The Green : It was **RESOLVED** to observe that there are highway implications for the loss of garage.
- 14.515.2** The draft response to the Site C application is underway and a template will be released to the public as soon as possible.
- 14.515.3** The application for North and South Llantrisant Road is not going before the Planning Committee in the next couple of months at least.
- 14.516 To be advised of any correspondence :** There was none.
- 14.517 To sign cheques and approve payments for January 2015:** The following payments had been approved:

Voucher no.	Cheque no.	Payee	Amount : £
1844	DD	Gas	
1845	DD	Electricity	
1846	DD	Phone	
1847-1850	EB	Staff	2187.53
1851	EB	Lloyds Commercial Finance	657.82
1852	EB	Dark Green Media	46.00
1853	EB	CCC	23.66
1854	EB	CCC	650.77
1855	300031	Radyr Golf Club	258.94
1856	300032	DB Site Solutions	275.00
1857	300033	British Gas	832.01
1858	300034	OVW	60.00
1859	300035	JHL Humphreys	516.00
1860	300036	Radyr PCC	200.00

1861	300037	James & Powell	720.00
1862	300038	Inland Revenue	513.68
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,941.41</b>

**14.518**      **Date of next Meeting will be Thursday February 19 2015**