



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cynghor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 3 February 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Ralph Vaughan, Cllr Huw O Jones, Cllr Vina Patel

In Attendance: Julie Hopkins (Assistant Clerk)

- 51 To receive apologies for absence:** None
- 52 To make declarations of Interest:** None
- 53 To note the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 October 2021:** The Minutes of the 7 October 2021 Environment meeting were approved as an accurate record and were duly noted.
- 54 Update from the Chair – Environment Report February 2022:** The Chair's Report was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. The Report was received and noted. Cllr R Vaughan asked Members if they had any questions on the Report. No questions were received.
- 55 Update on Radyr Woods:**
- i) **Disabled Bench:** The Wardens have proposed moving the Bench close to the streams in Orchard Field. Members asked about the accessibility of the bench in this location. Cllr R Vaughan will discuss the accessibility with the Chair of the Wardens.
 - ii) **Wood Compound:** Materials have been purchased for the fence but current Covid restrictions have prevented any further work.
 - iii) **Ash Die-back:** Cardiff Council Parks Department looked at the trees in October and have confirmed there is no imminent danger of trees falling. Another inspection will be made in 6 months. There is one tree adjacent to a car park and property. Cardiff Council have passed on their findings to the ARB Management Team so that a tree inspector can look and programme future action.
 - iv) **Information Boards:** No progress at present due to Covid restrictions.
 - v) **Collapsed Bridge at Cooking Mound:** Cardiff Conservation Volunteers assisted the Wardens with the repairs and cleared the streams. The Radyr Woods Wardens will ask the Lord Mayor to dedicate the Bridge to John Scott with a Plaque.
- 56 Windsor Gardens – Management of Ivy on boundary wall:** The ivy along the boundary wall with the adjacent property is being dealt with by the R&MCC Handyman. As there is a substantial amount of ivy, this is being removed in stages.
- Windsor Gardens Enhancement Proposals:** A survey was carried at the Festival Fete on 19th September 2021 to gauge what residents would like to see in Windsor Gardens. Residents would like to see some new benches, bins, more flowers and plants and better lighting.
- 57 Pentwyn Park – Repairs and Maintenance of Fence:** DB Site Solutions have looked at the fence and the advice received is that the metal bars should be removed. The fencing requires painting but this is best left until later in the year. The lower part of the fence

should be removed and the new retaining wall extended around the corner to hold back the car park.

Environment members agreed to recommend to Full Council that quotes are sought for extending the retaining wall to hold back the car park.

58 Review of Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Plan: The Plan was discussed and reviewed by Members of Environment Committee. No changes to the Plan were made and it will be recommended to the Full Council AGM in May with a recommendation for the Plan to be incorporated into the Community Plan.

59 Hanging Baskets: The costs for the 15 hanging baskets for Station Road will be £435 plus VAT. Environment Members will recommend the purchase of the baskets to Full Council.

The costs for DB Site Solutions for checking the brackets, installation and Removal of the hanging baskets will approximately £235.

60 Purchase of Snowdrops: R&MCC was asked if Snowdrops would be purchased this year for the Primary Schools to plant. The cost for these would be £100 for 1,000 bulbs. Members agreed to the costs and will recommend the purchase of Snowdrops to Full Council.

61 Any other business, with prior consultation with the Chair:

i) **Blue Plaque for Rhodri Morgan:** Cllr R Vaughan has written twice to the owners of the house where Rhodri Morgan lived but no reply has been received. Cllr R Vaughan will write to the owners of the other house regarding the Blue Plaque.

ii) **Dan-y-Bryn Woods:** A resident of Dan-y-Bryn Avenue wrote to R&MCC regarding the overgrown footpath in the Woods and would be happy to volunteer to carry out some low maintenance of the path. Cllr R Vaughan will contact the resident to discuss this.

62 Items for the next meeting: None

63 Date of next meeting: Thursday 7th April 2022

Meeting closed at 8pm