



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

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday, September 3 2015 at 8:00 pm at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Cllrs St Leger, Evans, S McKerlich, Hallinan  
Jim Goodwin

In attendance: Helena Fox

**14.857 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Diment, Vaughan

**14.858 Declaration of Interest:** There were none.

**14.859 To sign the minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes were signed.

**14.860 To discuss matters relating to Radyr Woods:**

14.860.1 A tree had come down close to the Scheduled Ancient Monument and the Clerk had arranged for it to be cleared at a cost of £105.00. The area continues to look clear of undergrowth.

14.860.2 A resident of Woodfield Avenue had requested that, at their own cost, an ash tree be pruned back. Once the Wardens' and TPO consent had been secured, Orange Forestry undertook the work.

14.860.3 Spraying of Japanese Knot Weed has reduced this considerably and will be sprayed again as the plants start to die-back.

14.860.4 Update on boardwalk repairs: the material has been sourced and work will start in October and over the winter.

14.860.5 Himalayan Balsam has been 'bashed down' to limit re-seeding.

14.860.6 Vandalism was reported on the entrance to the woods from Woodfield Avenue: this will be repaired; to the top of the steep steps, which will be repaired and to a picnic table, which will be removed. It appears that the woods are being used by BMX bikers.

14.860.7 A very large, and much loved, beech tree was felled as part of the recent tree works. A standing trunk is felt to be very unsightly and the Wardens ask that it is felled.

14.860.8 The next Wardens' working party will be in October.

14.860.9 The wild-flower meadow planted as part of the Radyr Sidings 1 development at the end of Junction Terrace is not being maintained and is full of grass and coarse weeds. It was suggested that this be raised with the new Sidings residents' association who, with R&MCC, might want to approach Cardiff Council about the area.

**14.861 To discuss matters relating to Windsor Gardens:**

14.861.1 A quote to cut back the rhododendron for £125.00 was received and the Clerk arranged for the work to be done.

**14.862 To discuss matters relating to Pentwyn Park:**

14.862.1 Cardiff Council is trying to make contact with the owner of the car park

- 14.863 To discuss matters relating to Danybryn Woods:**
- 14.863.1 Spraying of Japanese Knot Weed has reduced the patch considerably and will be sprayed again as the plants start to die-back.
- 14.863.2 The upper path linking with Danybryn Close is being kept open.
- 14.864 To discuss matters relating to Radyr Sidings:** There was nothing new.
- 14.865 To discuss overgrown hedges on De Clare Drive are obstruct pedestrian's view:** Residents had reported that their view of cars driving from De Clare Sidings is blocked by overgrown hedges. Cardiff Council has cut the hedge back and made some improvement. This will need to be done periodically in future.
- 14.866 To discuss maintenance of the verge on Bryn Derwen running up from Heol Isaf:** A resident had noted that recent tree pruning has left an eyesore on Bryn Derwen. The work appeared erratic and quite amateurish. The public bench opposite the entrance to Caer Graig is covered in grass and brambles, and there are cut branches left lying about. This work was done, in part, to allow access to the trees growing under the pylons by Western Power. It was recommended that Cardiff Council be asked to tidy the area, explaining residents' concerns.
- 14.867 To receive an update on the new R&M entry signs:** The Clerk presented two quotes to the meeting. With £2,000 in ear-marked reserves it was recommended that R&MCC either accept the quote from Centregreat for £4,047.00+VAT or not proceed with this project. The quote from Cardiff Council was £4880.00.
- 14.868 To review and make recommendations on any planning matters:**
- 14.868.1 15/02017/MNR: Proposed dwelling 1 on part of land at 11,13,15 Ael-y-Bryn, Radyr: A resident had raised concerns with Cllr R McKerlich and the Clerk. This has been a site with a number of residents' concerns since it first received a planning application in around 2010. It was recommended to ask Cllr R McKerlich for an update and advice on this application.
- 14.869 To put forward any items for the next meeting:** To consider holding committee and main council meetings on the same evening.
- 14.870 Date of next meeting:** Thursday, October 1 2015 at 7:45pm.