



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

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 5 April 2018 at **7.00pm** at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Cllrs Helen Lloyd Jones, Ralph Vaughan, Kevin Ullah, Myles Vatsaloo

In Attendance: Julie Hopkins, Jim Goodwin (Radyr Woods Warden)

- 156 To receive apologies for absence:** None
- 157 To make declarations of Interest:** Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones declared an interest in Minute number 159. Cllr Lloyd Jones is Chair of the Penrhys Pilgrimage Group.
- 158 To note and sign the Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 8 March 2018 were noted and signed by Cllr H Lloyd Jones as an accurate record.
- 159 To receive an update:** The Chair's Report was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. **Appendix A** (filed with these Minutes). The Report was received and noted and Cllr H Lloyd Jones gave the Committee a verbal overview. There were several points that required action.

**Pentwyn Park:** The path through Pentwyn Park was discussed. Every Winter the path becomes flooded and there is no dry route through the Park as the ground becomes saturated, therefore a solution is needed to remedy this.

There are two major puddles, one by the end of the wooden fence and the other further on towards the Pentwyn Exit to the park.

If the puddle towards the Pentwyn Exit could be sorted, it would reduce the overall cost of installing a walkway across the problem areas.

Suggestions put forward were to plant a weeping willow which will suck up a lot of the water and putting in a French Drain to a field drain in the park. The suggestion re the French drain was made by the engineer from Welsh Water Our Reference Number 94589492

R&MCC will ask DB Site Solutions to quote for installing a French drain.

**Recommend to Full Council that a weeping willow be planted and a French drain installed, as the first step to getting a solution to the path problem.**

Cllr R Vaughan requested that R&MCC have assurances from Zurich Insurance that we are covered for any liability. The Clerk will contact Zurich Insurance.

In the event the French drain does not work long term R&MCC will look at a flat gabion type solution or a boardwalk solution across both wet patches.

In the meantime, we need to get clearance from British Gas and SWALEC that there are no gas or electricity pipes that could be cut or damaged. We have been advised by Welsh Water that there are no Welsh Water pipes in the park.

The Clerk will write to the shop owners in Caer Graig to flag up the dangerous fence along the path and also try and make contact with the Landlord.

**Radyr Woods – Jim Goodwin (Chair Radyr Woods Wardens RWW) gave an update.** Jim Goodwin met with Ray Rivron (RWW) and explained there is some work needed on the steps and this will be addressed at next working party on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Other issues are litter, some old furniture has been dumped in the Woods and a crate thrown in the pond. The Woods are otherwise in fairly good condition but very wet.

The Coppicing that has been done by Cardiff Conservation Volunteers is the best that has been done for some time.

Tree work has started but seems to have come to a stop at the moment.

The Boardwalk has been damaged, two slats are broken. Ray Rivron (Radyr Woods Warden) will replace or repair.

The next working party will make a start on wheelchair friendly picnic bench. Some trees have been damaged by snow and adverse weather and will need to be dealt with in the near future. The handrail on the steep steps will be repaired.

The Signpost has come down during the Christmas period. .will have more feedback re its condition after the next working party,

We are also awaiting the Risk Assessment from the Friends of Radyr Woods. (known as the Radyr Woods Wardens)

Jim Goodwin left the meeting

- 160 Radon Response:** County Councillor R McKerlich has written to Cardiff Council asking if regular testing for Radon is done in our schools and requesting copies of the results found and methodology use. Please see attached Environment Report (**Appendix A**) for Cardiff Council response.
- 161 Christmas Tree Receiver:** Recommendation to April Full Council meeting to ratify up to £1,000 to make a Receiver for the Christmas Tree in Windsor Gardens.
- 162 War Memorial location of Flag Poles:** Cllr M Vatsaloo has been trying to contact with Mike Clarke in relation to the location of the Flag Pole hole but no reply has been received at the date of this meeting. R&MCC Clerk will endeavour to make contact.
- 163 Any other business with prior consultation with the Chair:** None
- 164 To put forward any items for the next meeting:** None
- 165 Date of next meeting:** The next Environment meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd May 2018 at 7.45pm.

**Meeting Closed**