



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

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 6 July 2017 at 7.45pm at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Cllrs Helen Lloyd Jones, Ralph Vaughan, Rod McKerlich, Huw Jones, David Suthers

In Attendance: Julie Hopkins

- 67 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllrs Clive Morgan, Tyrone Davies
- 68 To make declarations of Interest:** None
- 69 To approve and sign the Minutes of the previous meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2017 were agreed and signed by Cllr H Lloyd Jones at June full Council meeting.
- 70 Councillors Walk (Windsor Gardens, Dan-y-Bryn Woods and Ffordd Las):** Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones circulated a Report for the Environment Committee for review before the walk. A copy of the Report is attached and filed with these Minutes.
- 71 Any other business with prior consultation with the Chair:** None
- 72 To put forward any items for the next meeting:** None
- 73 Date of next meeting:** The next Environment meeting will be held on 7 September 2017 at 7.45pm.

## Report for Environment Committee July 6<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Windsor Gardens

It has been brought to our attention that the shrubbery has not been well maintained for some time. It is recommended that a gardener should be asked to give the shrubbery a thorough tidy-up so that future maintenance could be on a once every six weeks basis from April to leaf fall in the Autumn.

A Radyr Woods Warden planted it. He advised us that we should choose a trained gardener to do the initial work needed

A Gardener has been highly recommended

**Recommendation** That the Gardener is contacted and costs worked out and that this is moved forward as soon as possible. Most spring flowering shrubs ideally need pruning in early summer so the sooner the gardener can come the better.

### **Benches**

Reasonable condition.

### Granny Park

The saplings growing in the park walls have been removed. So has the sycamore that was against the outside wall of the path.

### **Planters**

*No certainty that these will arrive this year but may arrive before end of August.*

The local officer for "Love where you Live" has been to the Granny Park. There is room for one planter.

A Resident who lives close by has agreed to look after the planter. She has filled in all the forms necessary and we can expect a planter to arrive in the foreseeable future. It will need some gravel or some means of drainage at the bottom.

### **Bench**

Materials have been ordered to make the bench one made out of recyclable plastic wood. On the recommendation of Radyr Woods Wardens we have chosen a dark brown colour. The materials should arrive in the next two weeks.

### The Sidings

### **Planters**

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The local officer for "Love where you Live" has been to the Sidings. When the area was measured it was felt wiser to site two planters either side of the path that leads to the play area, very close to where the Christmas Tree is erected.

The officer has contacted Taylor Woodrow and is now waiting for written confirmation that the planters can be sited on the grass.

A Resident who lives close on De Clare Drive has agreed to look after the planters there.

Another Resident of De Clare Drive is the backup contact for the Sidings.

## OCR

### **Planters**

*No certainty that these will arrive this year but may arrive before end of August.*

The local officer for "Love where you Live" has been to the OCR. There is room for one planter on the gravel between the two entrances to the OCR. The officers have indicated they will look after the planter.

The final bit of paperwork has been sent to our Clerk this week and hopefully once returned we can expect progress on this planter too.

We have told a representative of the OCR what is likely to happen.

### Tree Surveys

**Three trees were marked as needing urgent attention in these surveys and all three have had work done on them. One has been felled in Dan y Bryn, one has been felled in Pentwyn. We have been advised that Tree 58 behind Woodfield Avenue has had its crown lowered. This makes it safer. We need to consult with Radyr Woods Wardens to determine whether the tree can be left as it is.**

The deadline for quotes for Pentwyn and Dan y Bryn was June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Detailed check lists of the current position have been drawn up.

It has been suggested that training sessions for tree surgeons could be organised for some of the locations.

We have had permission to carry out the work in Pentwyn and Dan y Bryn from the Tree Protection Officer.

Once we have had the all clear from Natural Resources Wales we can give the go ahead for the work to start on Pentwyn and Dan y Bryn.

We have still to apply in writing to the Tree Protection Officer for permission to work on the trees in Radyr Woods.

We have sent information to Natural Resources Wales re Pentwyn and Dan y Bryn and Radyr Woods.

We have not yet had written confirmation from Natural Resources Wales that we do not need a felling licence for the work in Pentwyn, Dan y Bryn and Radyr Woods, although we have had oral confirmation. We have been promised an e-mail confirming we can proceed by the end of this week.

The Chair of Radyr Woods Wardens has helped us prioritise the work that has to be done in Radyr Woods and our aim is to start requesting quotes for work needed in Radyr Woods by the end of July.

Check lists have been prepared and we are nearly ready to request quotes for Radyr Woods.

Once we have had the all clear from Natural Resources Wales we can give the go ahead for the work to start on Pentwyn and Dan y Bryn.

### Dan y Bryn Benches

The materials have been ordered so that the bench in the Granny Park can be made of recyclable plastic wood and that the benches in Dan y Bryn can be mended with the wood from the Granny Park bench. He expects the material in the next two weeks

### Ffordd Las Benches

We have ordered a bench for Ffordd Las. It should arrive before the end of this month

We have taken the rotten seat part away from the other bench and will look to repair it as soon as possible.

### **Radyr Woods Benches**

We aim to order the bench for disabled people which will go in Radyr Woods this month.

### **Plaque Rhodri Morgan**

Rhodri Morgan was brought up in Radyr. It has been suggested that a plaque be erected on the house or houses where he lived in the community. He lived in two houses, one next to the Methodist Chapel but he spent most of his childhood at 16 Heol Isaf

**Recommendation** that the Community Council discusses this proposal and sounds out the owners of 16 Heol Isaf with respect to having a plaque on the house.

### **Terms of Reference**

A draft set is being produced to be put on the agenda for the September environment committee so it can be discussed by the full council in September

### **Penrhys Pilgrimage**

CEMEX has indicated a willingness to help us improve paths that link Radyr and Pentyrch. This would solve the problem of the poor quality link in Radyr in this pilgrims' route. We hope to move this forward this winter.

### **Ash Path**

We have enough evidence forms to submit to claim this path as a public right of way. Hopefully the paperwork needed will be completed during the summer.