



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cynllor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

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

Present: Cllrs Helen Lloyd Jones, Chris St Leger, Ralph Vaughan, Tyrone Davies

In Attendance: Julie Hopkins

- 19 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr M Deem
- 20 To make declarations of Interest:** None
- 21 To approve and sign the Minutes of the previous meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on March 2 2017 were agreed and signed by Cllr H Lloyd Jones.
- 22 To receive an update on the Tree Survey 2017:** The Tree Survey has been completed and the Invoice paid. Chair of Radyr Woods Wardens has advised that the Survey is very thorough. The advice of Arb Consultancy regarding two trees identified as needing urgent attention had been taken. One tree in Pentwyn Park and one in Dan-y-Bryn Woods have been felled.
R&MCC needs to put out to tender for the next phase of work to be carried out in next 6 months.
The Council intends to follow the recommendations made in the Tree Survey.
The Council will check the land boundaries under its control.
- 23 To discuss matters relating to Radyr Woods:**
- a) Furniture:** To be ordered
 - b) Boardwalk:** Most of the Boardwalk has been removed by the first working party. Cardiff Conservation Volunteers will be replacing it. All materials for the Boardwalk are on order.
 - c) Materials:** As required by Radyr Woods Wardens.
 - d) Time Credits:** This is in abeyance.
 - e) Dates of Working Parties:** Next working party is Saturday 8th April 2017.
 - f) Chairman's Oak:** The Tree survey management plan recommended a programme for planting oaks. It was suggested R&MCC could have a Chair's Oak with one being planted every year.
R&MCC to adopt a policy for a Chairs Oak each year. The first oak to be planted will be for the current Chair of the Community Council, Cllr Tyrone Davies,
- 24 To discuss matters relating to Windsor Gardens:** Nothing to report.
- 25 To discuss matters relating to Pentwyn Park:** The tree identified in the Tree Survey above has been dealt with. Snowdrops have been planted by Bryn Deri Primary School.
- 26 To discuss matters relating to Dan-y-Bryn Woods:** The tree identified in the Tree Survey above has been dealt with. There is a lot more work to be done as soon as possible. (See tree survey) Where ivy is to be removed, it should be severed from the base up to just below the canopy to create a bird habitat.
- 27 To discuss matters relating to Radyr Sidings:** A further copy of the letter the Community Council had sent previously to Cardiff Council voicing the Community

Council's concerns about increased traffic accessing the railway station would be re-sent and copied to Mark Drakeford AM. It was suggested that a copy of the letter be placed on the Facebook page of the RMA.

- 28 **To receive an update on Bethel Chapel:** Cllr R Vaughan has spoken with the developers and building is continuing. The ground has been deconsecrated.
- 29 **To receive an update on Springfield Gardens:** No feedback from Cllr M Deem.
- 30 **To discuss Old Church Rooms Curtilage:** Primroses had been planted in the Old Church Rooms grounds.
- 31 **To receive and update on Benches:** One of the benches belonged to Cardiff Council and the other to the Community Council. Enquiries have been made with respect to the Community Council's bench but have drawn a blank. County Cllr R McKerlich has written to Cardiff Council requesting the benches be replaced.
- 32 **To discuss Footpaths:** Cardiff Council has given the Community Council the links to the details of all paths Cardiff Council maintain. R&MCC need to check against the Cardiff Council details, the paths that are short cuts on the estates in case any have been missed. There is fall-away on Footpath 48 which will be repaired by Cardiff Council this month.
- 33 **To discuss Primary Schools:** All 1200 snowdrops have been planted by the primary schools. Both Radyr Primary and Bryn Deri Primary have been thanked and a certificate signed by the Chair of the Community Council will be sent to the schools. The Primary Schools are happy to plant more snowdrops next year..
- 34 **To discuss Charter for Trees, Woods & People:** Grants can be obtained if the Community Council signs up to the Charter. It was agreed to sign up.
- 35 **To review and make recommendations on any planning matters:** Nothing to report.
- 36 **Councillors Walk:** Saturday 20th May 2017 at 11.00am. The walk will take place on land owned and also land managed by R&MCC.
- 37 **To discuss Terms of Reference:** Each subcommittee should have their own terms of reference. It was felt that this could be dealt with by the new Council in May.
- 38 **Any other business by prior agreement with the Chair:** None.
- 39 **To put forward any items for the next meeting:** None.
- 40 **Date of next meeting:** June 1 2017 at 7.45pm.