



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cynhor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday, January 7 2016 at 7:15pm at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Cllrs St Leger, Evans, S McKerlich, Hallinan, Diment
Jim Goodwin for Friends of Radyr Woods
Cllr David Suthers
Nick Hawkins and David Silver attended for the item on planning

In attendance: Helena Fox

16.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Lloyd Jones and Vaughan, Ray Rivron,

16.2 Declaration of Interest: There were none.

16.3 To sign the minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes for September, October and November 2015 were signed.

16.4 To discuss matters relating to Radyr Woods:

16.4.1 Mr Goodwin had nothing to add for the budget for 2016-17. He is looking into models of generator that will suit both the Wardens and the R&M community.

Cllr Evans joined the meeting.

16.4.2 A trial will be done on replacing wood on the boardwalk to check that the Wardens can manage the work themselves. This experience may be useful for dealing with the flooded path in Pentwyn Park.

Cllr Hallinan joined the meeting.

16.4.3 The Wardens are consulting with Radyr Comprehensive School on possible projects.

16.4.4 The Scheduled Ancient Monument is collecting water in its centre. Cadw will be consulted on how to resolve this and arrange a site meeting.

16.4.5 Mr Goodwin felt that the recent work done by the tree contractors was not done well and the arisings were not left in a tidy way. In future, Mr Goodwin will be involved in specifying tree work done in Radyr Woods.

16.4.6 Woodfield Avenue : A neighbour had contacted the Clerk raising concerns about trees overhanging the garden. The Clerk is arranging for the trees to be checked by Orange Forestry to gain a quote for any necessary work.

16.5 To discuss matters relating to Windsor Gardens: There was nothing to report.

16.6 To discuss matters relating to Pentwyn Park:

16.6.1 There was no update from Cardiff Council's Building Control department.

16.6.2 Cllr Diment will not be participating further in this project.

16.6.3 Cllr St Leger and the Clerk had visited the site and it was clear that there is considerable run-off from the car park into the park. It was recommended to wait until

there is information from Cardiff Council. If the car park repairs are carried out it will give a better idea of how much water needs to be dealt with.

16.6.4 It was suggested that the path might be moved to a drier area or perhaps a boardwalk would allow people to work over the wet areas.

16.7 To discuss matters relating to Danybryn Woods: There was nothing to report.

16.8 To discuss matters relating to Radyr Sidings: There was nothing to report.

16.9 To discuss Christmas tree installation: Cllr St Leger reported that the tree lights were switched off on January 6. The lights on the Morganstown tree had not been working and the lighting strings will be inspected to find any fault.

16.9.1 Cllr Diment raised concerns about the installation of trees this year in bad weather. He also said that this was his last year of helping with the trees. It was agreed that there would be a plan for future tree installation to take account of bad weather.

16.10 To discuss projects for younger and older residents of R&M:

16.10.1 A proposal had been received from the YMCA who have taken over delivery of youth activities in R&M from Cardiff Council. This was referred to the Finance Committee.

16.10.2 Cllrs Hallinan, Evans and Dubberley will meet to discuss the project for older residents.

16.11 To discuss a project with the Ramblers: In Cllr Lloyd Jones absence this was deferred to the next meeting. The committee was very impressed with the report on footpaths and access for the Active Travel Existing Route Map Consultation that was produced by Cllrs Lloyd Jones, Evans and Dubberley.

16.12 To recommend a budget for 2016-17: The meeting went through the draft budget. Having made some amendments the budget was referred to the Finance Committee.

16.13 To review and make recommendations on any planning matters:

16.13.1 15/02157/MJR: Land N/S of Llantrisant Road: Cllr St Leger asked Nick Hawkins for the RMA to address the meeting. Nick Hawkins and David Silver first congratulated Cllr Suthers and the Clerk for all their work on the LDP. In the past, the RMA and R&MCC have worked together so that the RMA could represent the community at Cardiff Planning Committee meetings (R&MCC being unable to speak at them). After a short discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the RMA and R&MCC work together, including writing any joint letters, with the RMA speaking on behalf of the community.

16.14 To consider holding the November meeting before Finance Committee for budget discussion: It was agreed to recommend that the Environment Committee meets before Finance each November as part of the budget discussions.

16.15 To put forward any items for the next meeting:

16.15.1 Project with the Ramblers.

16.15.2 Footpaths and access Report

16.16 Date of next meeting: Thursday, February 4 2016 at 8:00pm.