



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cynghor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday, July 7 2016 at 8.00pm at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Cllrs St Leger, S McKerlich, R Vaughan, H Lloyd Jones, T Davies

In Attendance: Julie Hopkins

16.293 To elect a Committee Chairman: Cllr C St Leger proposed Cllr Lloyd Jones as Chairman, seconded by Cllr R Vaughan.

16.294 Apologies for Absence: None

16.295 To make Declarations of Interest: There were none.

16.296 To discuss matters relating to Radyr Woods:

16.296.1 5 Woodfield Avenue: The quote for £250 + VAT from Orange Forestry for clearing the deadwood was agreed by Finance Committee.

16.296.2 Boardwalk update and Kingfisher Pond: Cllr Lloyd Jones reported that Ray Rivron is looking into prices for getting the Boardwalk job done and will have estimates by September. There is £3,000 in budget for this. The figures Ray Rivron is quoting are a lot higher, nearer £10,000. R&MCC should put aside another tranche. The work will be undertaken next summer. It was decided to defer a decision on the Boardwalk.

Cardiff City Council had erected a new fence at Kingfisher pond.

16.296.3 Treescene: Cllr St Leger had looked into the details of the treeworks done by Treescene. He had drafted a letter to Treescene expressing dissatisfaction of the work done. All trees worked on are numbered. Radyr Wood wardens are not impressed with the work done. He is waiting for Jim Goodwin, Chair of Radyr Wood Wardens to get back to him. In future it was decided that independent tree specialists were needed to do the survey and different contractors should undertake any work recommended by the survey.

16.296.4 Taff Terrace: Cllr Lloyd Jones reported that issues have been raised by a resident, Justin Sainsbury, regarding trees growing into the fence opposite his house. Jim Goodwin says that they should not fell one trunk but to try and separate the tree from fence with minimum disturbance to the rest of the tree. Wardens will clear shrubbery over the railings. Part of this land belongs to Mike Clarke. Wardens will speak to Mr Clarke. Cllr Lloyd Jones has responded to Justin Sainsbury and it is possible he may get involved with the Radyr Woods Wardens in the future.

16.297 To discuss matters relating to Windsor Gardens: Check in the Autumn for any new Ash trees. Nothing else to report.

16.298 To discuss matters relating to Pentwyn Park: Flooding problems and solutions. There was nothing new to report.

- 16.299 To discuss matters relating to Dan-y-bryn Woods:** A resident had reported an overgrown footpath. Cllr Lloyd Jones has been to look and reported that the path is overgrown but not badly. There are Oak and Sycamore saplings which could do with removing. Cllr Lloyd Jones will contact a previously established but currently defunct Friends of Dan-y-Bryn Woods to see if there is support for reactivating the group.
- 16.300 To discuss matters relating to Radyr Sidings:** Deferred to next meeting.
- 16.301 To discuss replacement Morganstown notice board:** Finance committee have agreed a sum up to £700 for a new board. Installation costs were still being sought.
- 16.302 To receive an update on project with the Ramblers:** Cllr Lloyd Jones said there was nothing further to report on this.
- 16.303 To receive an update on the footpaths/access project:** Cllr Lloyd Jones had been working to collect evidence that the footpath between Taff Terrace and Woodfield Avenue has been used for over 20 years, and there was enough evidence for a footpath. The riding community were gathering evidence to demonstrate that the path had always been used as a bridle way. Should be able to move forward with this by September. Regarding the two other rights of way, there was no feedback on progress. The first path is the Ash path along the railway from Radyr Station which goes around 40 acres of field on the other side of the cricket field to the railway bridge that has a footpath. The second path is across 40 acres field by the cricket club.
- 16.304 To discuss litter picking issues/volunteers:** Cllr Vaughan reported that the path between Ash Tree Close and Walnut Tree Close was being used as dumping ground for rubbish. Cllr Vaughan and Cllr Lloyd Jones would check to find out who owns this path.
- 16.305 To discuss transport around Radyr Comprehensive School:** Cllr Vaughan raised the issue as there had been impossible for buses to pass earlier on that afternoon and he was concerned that emergency vehicles would not be able to get through. Cllr Lloyd Jones reported that at certain times of the day there are cars parked either side of road obstructing pavements. Cardiff Council say it is up to school to sort this problem. PCSO's are monitoring this once a month. It was suggested that a solution could be to try and move to double yellow lines on one side. It was decided to send a formal request to Cardiff Council. Cllr Lloyd Jones will draft a letter. Cllr Vaughan and Cllr R McKerlich to check who this should be sent to at Cardiff Council.
- 16.306 To review and make recommendations on any planning matters:**
- 16.306.1 Station Road:** Planning application for a possible Co-op in the old NatWest Bank building. There are issues regarding loading and unloading. Car parking is also an issue and the effect of parking in the Village. The air conditioning units could also be a noise factor. It was decided that R&MCC should send a letter. Cllr Lloyd Jones will draft a letter.
- 16.306.2 Car Park at Radyr Station:** Cllr S McKerlich attended the car park meeting today. The plan is turn most of original car park into disabled parking, a drop off and pick up zone and a cycle area. The roundabout needs a controlled crossing. Possible suggestion of double yellows up Kings Road. There will be no charge for car parking. Possibly a one way system could work. Network Rail have said there is no money available for safety measures. The new car park will consist of 187 spaces.

It was suggested that some car park spaces should be limited to 4 hours and that there should be family places close to the station.

Cllr Davies discussed the possibility of some sympathetic landscaping opposite the houses at Radyr Sidings. Cllr Lloyd Jones will draft a letter to Network Rail requesting a sympathetic landscape for this.

The recommendation was made to send a letter to Cardiff Council pointing out the dangers around Kings Road and possible options for access including a roundabout.

It was suggested to possibly meet with Highways to discuss the transport issues with respect to the developments at the Railway Station.

16.307 To put forward any items for the next meeting: Christmas trees.

16.308 Date of next meeting: Thursday September 1 2016