



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

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 7th March 2019 at 7.45pm at the Old Church Rooms.

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

In Attendance: Julie Hopkins, Lynne Thomas, Jim Goodwin

42 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Kevin Ullah

43 To make declarations of Interest: Cllr H Lloyd Jones (Chair of Environment) declared an interest under Minute number 45 Item: (Penrhys Pilgrimage) in that she is the Chair of the Penrhys Pilgrimage Group.

44 To note the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th February 2019: The Minutes of the 7th February 2019 Environment meeting were approved and signed at the February 21st Full Council meeting as an accurate record and were duly noted.

45 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.

(i) Windsor Gardens:

Liquidambar Tree: The Liquidambar will be replaced with a more mature tree and protected with a tree guard. The cost of the replacement Liquidambar will be approximately £100 and the tree guard £125 plus VAT. The tree guard will be ordered week commencing 11th March 2019. The replacement Liquidambar tree will be purchased once the tree guard arrives.

A suggestion was made to move the Bench adjacent to the neighbouring property to the top end of Windsor Gardens and install the WW1 Nurse and Tommy Soldier Silhouettes in its place. They were deemed to be a distraction for drivers turning out of Windsor Road onto Heol Isaf.

Action: Clerk to speak with the R&MCC Handyman as to the logistics and cost of moving the bench and silhouettes.

(ii) Granny Park:

There are two trees which need attention. One of the trees has branches that are very close to power lines to the adjacent house. Western Power tree cutting team met with the Chair of Environment on Monday 4th March. Western Power will only be "under pruning" two trees on our survey to prevent the branches coming into contact with any power lines.

(iii) Radyr woods:

The Ash tree at the rear of the bottom pond could cause an issue if it is felled. The tree would fall across the pond and demolish the boards. The safest way is to drop the Ash tree into the lake. Jim Goodwin (Radyr Woods Warden) will discuss this with Orange Forestry.

Tree Works: R&MCC will not be requesting quotes for any tree works at present as the weather has prevented the Radyr Woods Wardens checking the trees. Jim Goodwin (Radyr Woods Warden) will be meeting with Orange Forestry to check that all Red Tree Work has been carried out before the next tranche of work goes out to tender.

Signpost: This is still in safe storage and will be installed during the Summer.

Disabled Bench: The concrete plinth for the bench was installed by Cardiff Conservation Volunteers on Sunday 3rd March 2019 and the bench will hopefully be installed on the weekend 9th/10th March weather permitting.

Container for Tool Storage: The storage container has been purchased and will be delivered once the installation of the hardstanding has been carried out on Wednesday 6th March. Delivery of the container will be arranged for Tuesday 19th March. Once the container is in place, a fence will be erected around the compound for security purposes. Radyr Woods Wardens to discuss with Dave Barnes (DB Site Solutions) the type of fence required.

Woodstore: The woodstore for Radyr Woods to store excess wood will be located inside the container compound.

Boardwalk: The spare Boards are now in stock with Fletchers and Ray Rivron (Radyr Woods Warden) will collect them in the next couple of weeks

(iv) Pentwyn Park:

A lot of progress has been made in Pentwyn Park with regards to the path flooding during heavy rainfall. The old fence and all vegetation have now been removed and the Heras security fencing has been installed. The new drainage system has been installed and so far, the signs are that this has worked.

Preliminary sketches have been drawn up for a new retaining wall and R&MCC are in the process of obtaining quotes for this. R&MCC will seek agreement with the car park owner. Once the retaining wall is built, we will keep the Heras fencing up for a period of time and budget for railings to go on top of wall in the next financial year.

Welsh Water made a further site visit to Pentwyn Park on Tuesday 5th March and have informed R&MCC that the blockage has been cleared and there is no further work to be carried out. Welsh Water will continue to monitor this approximately every 6 months.

(v) Dan-y-Bryn: Malcolm Frazer (Arb Consultancy) has made a site visit to Dan-y-Bryn Woods to check that all tree work has been carried out.

All the work highlighted in red is complete with the exception of the following:-

- a. T36 Fraxinus, removal of ivy and adj Sycamore growing from base.
- b. T40 Quercus, removal of ivy and of deadwood.
- c. T41 Quercus, partially completed only removal of ivy and deadwood to complete.
- d. T58 Quercus. partially completed only removal of ivy to complete.

- e. T66 Acer, still to be felled.
- f.T69 Prunus avium, of the two trees one has been completed the adj tree still requires removal of deadwood and ivy.

All the work highlighted in brown is still to be completed with the exception of the following which has been completed: -

- a.T10 Quercus, ivy removed.
- b.T19 Quercus, ivy removed.
- c.T24 Beech, ivy removed, although still requires regular monitoring to assess condition.
- d.T50 Quercus, ivy removed.

The report also flagged up the issue of Sudden Ash dieback. It warned the Council that if the disease takes hold in Radyr, many ash trees would have to be removed.

It also advocated a replacement policy.

- (vi) **Ffordd Las:** Dave Barnes (DB Site Solutions) has removed the old bench free of charge. Many thanks to Dave Barnes for doing this.

The Chair of environment suggested we pull out the Senecio and ask the two Primary Schools if they would like to plant some wildflowers.

Terms of Reference: Cllr Myles Vatsaloo has drafted a Terms of Reference and this will be discussed with the Clerk and Assistant Clerk before the next meeting.

Penrhys Pilgrimage: R&MCC have agreed to support the Penrhys Pilgrimage Project grant up to a maximum of £3,000 which is to be spent in Radyr & Morganstown. This is subject to receiving details of the bilingual Information Boards and Way Markers and will be spent on the design, manufacture and installation of the Boards. The Boards will contain information about amenities in the village. The design for the information boards will start soon.

Some of the snowdrops being planted by the primary schools will be planted at Ffordd Las which is on the Penrhys Pilgrimage Walk.

Willow Tree Close: Snowdrops have been purchased and given to both Primary schools for planting sometime this week.

R&MCC Benches: All benches in Radyr & Morganstown that are owned by R&MCC should be added to the Asset Register and checked for safety every 6 months.

Action: Clerk/Assistant Clerk to draw up a list of R&MCC owned benches.

Grass Cutting: Dave Barnes has suggested an extra grass cut in March.

Community Litter Pick: Keep Wales Tidy have organised another litter pick for Tuesday 12th March meeting at Radyr Library at 9.45am. R&MCC Councillors were asked if they could attend this.

Heol Isaf – Damaged Fence: Cllr Ralph Vaughan met with an Area Inspector from Cardiff Council on 6th March to look at the damaged fence along Heol Isaf. Cardiff Council have confirmed that they are not responsible for this as the land is privately owned.

Footpath Friends: There are 50 paths in the community and R&MCC could consider setting up a footpath committee consisting of walkers who would be willing to keep an eye on a few designated paths which would enable the Community Council to pass information on quickly if any path has a problem. This is under consideration at present.

46 Any other business with prior consultation with the Chair: None

47 To put forward any items for the next meeting: None

48 Date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd May 2019 at **7.00pm**.

Meeting Closed.