



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

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at **7.00pm** at the Old Church Rooms.

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

In Attendance: Julie Hopkins, Lynne Thomas, Jim Goodwin

- 28 To receive apologies for absence:** None
- 29 To make declarations of Interest:** Cllr H Lloyd Jones (Chair of Environment) declared an interest under Minute number 30 Item: (Penrhys Pilgrimage) in that she is the Chair of the Penrhys Pilgrimage Group.
- 30 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.

### **Windsor Gardens**

**Liquidambar Tree:** This had been vandalised over the Christmas Period. This tree was purchased by Community Councillors from their own pockets to commemorate three long serving Councillors who stepped down in 2017.

**Recommendation** that the Community Council replaces it with a larger, more mature Liquidambar tree and a tree guard is purchased to protect it. Jim Goodwin (Radyr Woods Warden) to look into the cost of a replacement.

The Community Council will consider purchasing three 'Anna's Red' Helleborus to give the borders in Windsor Gardens some winter colour.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to look into the cost of this.

### **Granny Park**

The Azaleas have now been planted in Granny Park by Jim Goodwin. Many thanks to Jim for doing this on behalf of the Community Council.

### **Radyr woods**

**Tree Works:** Jim Goodwin 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. There was a Tree Survey carried out in 2017 and a red, amber and green system was used to assess work needed on the trees. Due to weather conditions and restrictions on tree work during bird nesting season, work is still in-going on some of the trees in the Red Category.

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

**Disabled Bench:** Jim Goodwin will meet with Cardiff Conservation Volunteers to finalise the location of the bench prior to installation. The path will need improving and a hard-standing area created. It was suggested we ask Cemex Quarry to assist with materials.

**Action:** The Radyr Woods Wardens to advise the Community Council on materials needed.

**Coppicing:** The next round of coppicing will be carried out next year.

**Chairman's Oak:** This has now been planted. There is a photograph on the Community Council News Page of the Website.

**Container for Tool Storage:** The Community Council are looking into the purchase of a Container for storing tools and equipment for Radyr Woods. It will be located in the top car park on R&MCC Land.

**Action:** Radyr Woods Wardens to investigate costs associated with installing a container and advise the Community Council.

**Woodstore:** The Community Council are also looking into the cost of a woodstore for Radyr Woods to store excess wood.

**Action:** Radyr Woods Wardens to investigate costs and advise the Community Council

**Easter Egg Hunt:** R&MCC to consider having this in Dan-y-Bryn Woods rather than Radyr Woods.

**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. Work will start on a new drainage system on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**Ffordd Las:** There is an old bench that needs to be removed. There is also a large amount of deadwood in the hedge to be removed. Cllr R Vaughan to speak with Radyr Golf Club to ask if they are happy for R&MCC to remove this.

**Action:** Clerk/Assistant Clerk to ask David Barnes to price for removal of the Bench and Deadwood.

**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 be located near shops and eating places and will contain information about places to stay, eat and drink.

**Willow Tree Close:** R&MCC will consider planting more Snowdrops and will check with the two Primary Schools if they would like to do this again. Snowdrops will be purchased 'in the Green' as per last year.

**Action:** Clerk/Assistant Clerk to check with the Schools, if they are happy to continue with this project.

**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.

**Christmas Trees:** The Christmas Trees were all delivered and erected on 4<sup>th</sup> December as arranged. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather the Station Road Christmas Fayre did not go ahead. The lighting of the Christmas trees did however go ahead as planned. All the Christmas trees were removed on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Many people have said they thought the trees were beautiful this year. Thanks to all involved.

**Community Litter Pick:** Keep Wales Tidy have organised a litter pick for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. R&MCC Councillors were asked if they could attend this. Cllr M Vatsaloo volunteered to attend. Cllr H Lloyd Jones has arranged to meet the organisers later on that day.

- 31 To discuss the Budget for 2019/20:** Copies of the budget were distributed and the Cllr H Lloyd Jones, Chair of Environment, gave a brief overview asking members if they were happy with it. The 2019 Tree works will be taken out of the earmarked reserves if the works straddles two financial years.

**32 Any other business with prior consultation with the Chair:**

Cllr K Ullah asked whether Community Councillors would be covered by Public Liability Insurance if they are carrying out jobs on behalf of the Community Council. Councillors were asked to let the Clerk know if they are carrying out jobs on behalf of the Council so that R&MCC make sure they are covered by insurance.

Cllr K Ullah asked about the water leak on the Llantrisant Road near the garage and roundabout. Cllr H Lloyd Jones explained it was not in Radyr & Morganstown territory. R&MCC will speak with the Developers in relation to this.

Cllr K Ullah raised an issue with the damaged fence along Heol Isaf close to the spot of possible subsidence in that it was unsafe. Cllr R Vaughan explained that this is the responsibility of Cardiff Council. Cllr H Lloyd Jones confirmed that R&MCC have flagged this up to Cardiff Council. R&MCC will ask Cardiff Council to replace the damaged fence.

**Action:** Clerk to write to Cardiff Council regarding the fence.

- 33 To put forward any items for the next meeting:** Follow up on the item of the dangerous fence along Heol Isaf.

Welsh Government Refill Cardiff water scheme. To discuss possible locations in Radyr & Morganstown.

- 34 Date of next meeting:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.00pm.

**Meeting Closed.**

**Environment Report – January 9<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
**Windsor Gardens**

**Gardening**

The wild Tenby Daffodils have now been planted. This work was carried out by Cllr Myles Vatsaloo and R&MCC Handyman Karl Craddock. Many thanks to both.

The Sorbus tree has been removed but the stump needs removing too.

Graeme Moore has also carried out the agreed work in Windsor Gardens. Graeme has cleared all bramble seedlings and removed any excess ivy from the boundary wall. He has also pruned the Rhododendron at the roadside, Pyracanthas, Hebe and Buddleia in the South West corner.

**Flowers**

Consider planting some 'Anna's Red' Helleborus in the borders to give winter colour.



**Recommendation** Clerk to price the Helleborus.

**Tree Work.** In the Tree Survey 2017 there were several recommendations for work in Windsor Gardens, including specific work on six trees.

**Recommendation** Clerk to request quotes for the work needed on the trees. This is in progress and letters requesting quotes will hopefully be sent out by the end of the week.

**Lighting along the path in Windsor Gardens**

Some of the trees around the edge of the path were lit up immediately after Remembrance Day to make it safer for people to walk around the path on winter evenings. The lights will remain until the end of January.

### **Capping stones**

The Assistant Clerk has researched this for us and following receipt of three quotes, the new capping stones have been ordered and will be delivered on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019. David Barnes will remove the old capping stones and fix the new stones in place. This should be completed by end of January 2019.

One of the builders who has been on site has pointed out that lifting the lowest pillar which currently does not have a capping stone of any kind, would lift the capping stone to a safer height. However, we were informed that the pillar was lowered to allow better visibility for drivers wanting to enter Heol Isaf from Windsor Road. We will not lift that pillar.

### **Railings**

The railings have now been repaired by Cardiff Wrought Iron Centre. It was pointed out that some of the railings were loose because the concrete or cement filling had disappeared. This has also been restored. The railings will be re-painted by Karl Craddock, R&MCC Handyman in March.

### **Liquidambar Tree.**

Sadly, especially after the work many people put in during the summer to stop the Liquidambar dying in the drought, it was vandalised over the Christmas Holiday. This tree was bought by Community Councillors out of their own pockets to commemorate three Community Councillors who stepped down in 2017.

**Recommendation** That the Council replaces the tree with a more mature Liquidambar and a tree guard is bought to protect it.

## **Granny Park**

### **Planter**

There are Christmas Roses flowering in the planter. Thank you to Ann Jones for looking after the planter.



## **Bank**

There is a bank with a grey wall behind it in the Granny Park.

**Recommendation** That we plant some azaleas or some other evergreen flowering shrub by the wall which will soften the look of the wall most of the year. **Jim Goodwin** has visited the site and is going to sort some suitable plants out for us.

The Azaleas have now been purchased. Jim Goodwin has now planted them.

## **Tree Work. There are two trees that need attention.**

One of the trees has branches very close to power lines to the adjacent house.

**Recommendation:** The Clerk to ask Western Power to look at that tree before the Council takes any decision on any tree work that needs to be done.

**Recommendation** Clerk to ask David Barnes if he can do the work on the other tree and if so, to give the Clerk a quote.

## **The Sidings**

### **Planters**

No change

## **OCR**

### **Planter**

The Planter at Old Church Rooms has now been planted up for the Spring. This work was very kindly carried out by Mrs Sue McKerlich and Mr Allan Cooke. Many thanks to both of them.

## **Pentwyn**

### **Path**

We have made a lot of progress on this with all vegetation and the old fence now removed. The Heras Fencing was purchased and has been erected by David Barnes and the site is now safe and secure.

We have also discovered that the down pipe from the roof of the shop complex drains straight out on to the car park and not into the drain which does have a hole to carry water away. We have opened the hole and the owner has promised that he will alter the drain pipe, so it drains into the drain. This could significantly reduce the amount of water that comes on to the park.

One of the tenants has altered the drain pipe and it is now draining into the hole. Difficult to tell as yet because we had such a dry summer, but the path stayed dry in the last lot of rain.

The owner is also in principle willing to help with the fencing but has asked if we could wait until the end of October before he follows through.

Welsh Water came and looked at the drain on 29<sup>th</sup> November. The engineer said that the drain should have the leak repaired and that Welsh Water would do this.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to check with Welsh Water that this has been carried out.

**David Barnes is going to install a drainage system Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. The job may run into Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Although we will get quotes for boundary walls, we will wait an entire year before we commission a boundary as we need to make sure we have successfully eliminated the puddles.**

We have left in Italics the rest of the information in the report with updates because it helps to have everything in one place.

*The path becomes a set of quite deep puddles every winter. We have found a drain in the park.*

*Our situation has changed here as we now know we own the boundary. This means that we can look at different solutions such as building a retaining wall and putting drainage within the wall to bring any excess water into the park away from the path.*

*We have checked with British Gas and SWALEC and there are no gas pipes or electricity lines in Pentwyn Park.*

*We have investigated the possibility of draining one puddle to the drain in the park as recommended by the Welsh Water engineer. Arch Utility Services (SW) Ltd, have been to the park. Cameras have been put down the drain in both directions.*

***There is a break in one of the pipes servicing the drain. This needs to be mended. Arch have quoted for this.***

*The Clerk is currently seeking more quotes for this job.*

*It is possible that once the leak in the pipe is mended, the water in the area of the second puddle will be able to drain away naturally.*

Welsh Water December 6<sup>th</sup> said that Welsh Water would repair the leak

***The area by the drain could have a drainage system installed.***

*Arch have quoted for this too. If we need to carry out this work, we will need to have two more quotes if possible.*

*We had decided to wait until the pipe servicing the drain is mended before we take any further decision on draining that area of the park.*

However Welsh Water's December 6<sup>th</sup> visit showed that the drain we had hoped to use was not low enough and we would have to use a soakaway drainage system.

*We have met Mr McGrath, the owner of the car park. He has been extremely helpful and has cleared the vegetation on his side of the fence.*

*We have asked for a quote for clearing the vegetation on our side of the fence. This brought up a problem as there is a difference of about three feet from the car park to Pentwyn park there. Hence the discussion re Heras fencing. So, it has to be, put fencing in place, remove vegetation, remove fence. The fencing is in place and the vegetation is removed.*

*Once the fence is down, we will be able to ask builders to quote for a wall that will act not only as a boundary but as a drain, leading the water from the car park away from the path in the park.*

*Mr McGarth is a builder by trade and has offered to draw up a specification of a wall that would sort the problems out. We have accepted his offer and hope it will be in place for the next meeting of the environment committee. We have not heard from Mr McGarth recently.*

We have decided to put a drainage system in using French drains and a soakaway. We had to be more than 3 metres from Welsh Water drains. We knew from Arch that there was a manhole close to the drain in the park but couldn't find it. Welsh Water found it December 6<sup>th</sup> in the garden next to the carpark. We now know where we can put drainage pipes safely.

**N.B Soakaways need replacing roughly every 20-30 years.**

### **Weeping Willow**

We have planted a Weeping Willow in the park. Jim Goodwin helped the children from the Eco committee at Bryn Deri school to plant the tree.



Grow willow tree, grow, grow, grow

Grow tall, grow strong,

Grow well, live long

**Dan y Bryn**

**Making the path mobility scooter friendly.**

*We will keep this as a regular comment until we can find a solution that would work. No progress this month.*

## Radyr Woods

### Tree Work

Tree work has started in Radyr Woods. A combination of the very cold and long winter going straight into a very warm spring with birds nesting has slowed down the rate at which the tree work can progress. The area near Junction terrace was used for training sessions on use of chain saws. There is still some clearing up to be done there. The contractor is aware of this and intends to see to it.

The tree work by Joe Horvath's has been done.

We are aware that the Tree Survey outlined work that should be done in the first six months and then in the next two years. We have decided to make sure all the work that was to be done in the first six months has been completed and paid for before we move into the next tranche of work.

Jim Goodwin and the Chair of the Environment Committee have been through every tree on the Tree Survey and Jim Goodwin just wants to check on the status quo of some of the trees before we draw up the next tranche of work to go to tender. Jim Goodwin will be meeting with Orange Forestry in the next few days.

### Signpost

This has come down during the Christmas period. It is being kept safe and will be put back this summer by the Radyr Wardens.

*No feedback as yet. Would be glad to see this re-installed during the next working party.*

### Disabled bench

We have walked the area with Jim Goodwin and have established the best location given it needs wheel chair access.

We have been asked to establish where the British Gas pipeline goes before this bench is installed. The Assistant Clerk mapped the area via Cadent website and there were no Gas pipes evident according to their report. A further check was required which covers a wider area.

Ray Rivron (Radyr Woods Warden) submitted a "residents level request" to Wales & West Utilities in October mapping a wider area and a response was received back enclosing an extract from their mains records of the area covered by our proposals together with a list of General Conditions for guidance. Please see Extract below.

**"You will note the presence of our intermediate/high pressure gas main(s) in proximity to your site. No excavations are to take place above or within 10m of the confirmed position of these mains without prior consultation with Wales & West Utilities".**

Jim Goodwin will meet with Ian Giblet of Cardiff Conservation Volunteers to discuss the location of the disabled bench prior to installation.

**It will be necessary to improve the path and make a proper standing area.**

We have approached Cardiff Conservation Volunteers and they are willing to do this for us. We will need to purchase stone dust. Jim Goodwin has agreed to discuss this with CCV so we can have an estimate on the quantities of materials we will need. CCV are able to do the work in January.

**Recommendation** We need to approve this expenditure. £150 for the CCV and the cost of the stone dust and possibly the wood needed for the revetments.

### **Furniture**

Most of the furniture in Radyr Woods is in poor condition. We should look at a rolling program to improve them.

### **Issues**

The Community Council has asked the Friends of Radyr Woods (known as the Radyr Woods Wardens) for a Risk Assessment. We have been told that it will be done in time for the January meeting.

Environment Protection Act 1990 has a section re litter, which enables an authority to serve a penalty on an offender. There have been cases of fly tipping of school furniture into Kingfisher Pond. Should these offences reoccur, the Act may be of use.

### **Boardwalk**

The damage to two boards over the winter has been put right. The Community Council has bought some reserve boards from the same supplier (Fletcher Contracting) while the same colour is available. Have not yet been collected. Ray Rivron has said he will collect them.

There are currently no boards in stock with Fletchers suppliers. Craig Fletcher will contact R&MCC as and when the boards become available.

### **Coppicing**

More coppicing was done before Christmas by CCV, we had positive feedback from Jim Goodwin.

### **Entrance to Radyr Comprehensive from Radyr Woods**

The School has erected a fence inside the existing perimeter of their grounds. There appears to be a gate which could be accessed from a path in the woods, but this is not at present an easy access. We have contacted the school and we hope to meet the Head and the Estate Manager to discuss this.

For road safety we are very keen that as many school pupils as possible enter the school grounds without having to travel by foot, by bike or any other mode of transport along Heol Isaf.

There are several options we could look at. We have contacted Cardiff Conservation Volunteers and they have provisionally booked us in for February 3<sup>rd</sup> for a session on improving access from the woods into the school grounds.

Ray Rivron has flagged up a better entrance to the school from the woods than the one that was looked at while walking around the perimeter of the school.

**Action** Chair of Environment to meet Ray Rivron to look at the better entrance option.

**Recommendation** That the Community Council asks the Cardiff Conservation Volunteers to work with the Estates Manager of Radyr Comp to make a good entrance from the woods.

#### **Chairman's Oak**

The Chair of Radyr and Morganstown Community Council wanted to plant (but his recent hip replacement prevented him), an Oak at the start of National Tree Week on 24<sup>th</sup> November at 11:30am. There is a photograph on the Community Council News Page of the Website, of the Oak in its pot and the Chair before the oak was taken to Radyr Woods for planting.

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

There appeared to have been a private Easter Egg Hunt in Radyr Woods. The Community Council may like to consider doing an Easter Egg Hunt for the community. Dan y Bryn should also be considered as a possible location.

**Action** Angharad Richards.

#### **Grant**

The Radyr Woods Wardens submitted their grant application for 2018-2019 and have been awarded the sum of £200 by the Community Council.

#### **Footpath 49**

This footpath gets very muddy near Kingfisher Pond. This does deter school children from using Radyr Woods to get to Radyr Comp.

The Rights of Way Team at Cardiff Council has been informed.

#### **Container for storage of Tools**

This should be ordered as soon as possible and the Radyr Woods Warden. The Container is to be located in the top car park on R&MCC land. This item has been budgeted for. We have received three quotes from the Radyr Woods Wardens regarding the container and should be able to progress with it this month.

We also have to bear the installation costs and the ground works necessary. Prices being established.

**Action** Jim Goodwin and Clerk to order and arrange installation of a storage container.

#### **Woodstore**

Currently wood is not being stored in the wood. There is a need for a woodstore on site.

**Action** Ray Rivron to price the cost of a woodstore and to advise the Clerk of the costs.

### **Christmas Trees and Lighting**

The Christmas Trees were all delivered and erected on 4<sup>th</sup> December as arranged. Unfortunately, due to the adverse weather conditions at the time, the Station Road Christmas Fayre did not go ahead. The Lighting of the three Christmas Trees did however go ahead on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

All the Christmas trees looked good and the Community Council will use the same method for resourcing them next year. The Christmas Trees in Station Road and the three main Christmas trees have all now been removed.

#### **Footpath 48**

We will leave this item on because we will need to check the situation this winter.

This is in danger of erosion from all the water pouring across it from the flushes on the school grounds. We have informed Cardiff Council's Lead on PROW and had a positive response.

#### **Ffordd Las**

Graeme Moore carried out the agreed work in November at Ffordd Las. The brambles in the Rose bed, shrub border and hedgerow have all been cleared. Graeme has also removed all Ash, Chestnut and Norway Maple saplings in the vicinity of the Telecom control box.

The clean out has given us a bare area into which we should plant some shrubs. Currently considering options.

There is a bench that needs to be removed. **Action** Clerk to organise this.

There is a lot of deadwood that has been threaded through the hedge which looks awful. We would recommend that with the Golf Club's blessing we arrange for the deadwood to be removed.

**Action** Chair of Community Council to liaise with Golf Club and then Clerk to follow through as required.

#### **Plaque Rhodri Morgan**

Rhodri Morgan lived in 32 Heol Isaf, the house next to the Methodist Chapel. The owners have been approached and are willing to have a plaque on their house. He also lived in Tyla Teg 16 Heol Isaf. We have been to Tyla Teg but so far have not managed to meet the owners.

The next step is to have a bi-lingual plaque designed and price it. Allan Cook has sent us the details of the firm that made the plaque for Roald Dahl, see below

Allan Cook has said he will draft the wording for the plaque.

**Action** Clerk to liaise with Allan Cooke re the wording and then to contact the firm to move progress.

*On Wed, Sep 19, 2018 at 12:39 PM Ted McAvoy wrote*

*Thanks for your email. The cost would be around £320.00 ex VAT plus £17.00 ex VAT for packing and delivery.*

*They take 4-6 weeks to produce so, when you're ready with the text, I'd be happy to do a drawing for approval.*

*Regards*

*Ted McAvoy*

*Subject: Allan Cook [Leander Architectural] Website enquiry*

When we know a timescale for this, we should look to have a plaque revealing event with various dignitaries including Julie Morgan present. Could we aim for this to be immediately after or immediately before the Civic Service 2019?

**Action** Clerk to give a provisional diary date to Julie Morgan, Mark Drakeford, Kevin Brennan, the First Minister and the List AMs for our area. Use the date for the Civic Service 2019. May 5<sup>th</sup>? Check with RMA.

#### **Terms of Reference**

Having terms of reference will be helpful. There are difficulties at present arising from the poor attendance at the Environment meetings.

**Action** Myles Vatsaloo.

#### **Penrhys Pilgrimage**

The Grant Application was received from the Penrhys Pilgrimage Project for £2,725. Cardiff Council are also supporting this. R&MCC has agreed to support the Grant up to maximum of £3,000, to be spent in Radyr & Morganstown. The Grant monies will be subject to receiving details of the content of the Boards and Way Markers, the bilingual translation and where they will be situated.

We are in the process of making sure we have the right quantities before we order the Way Markers. The Community Council grant monies will be spent on the design of the Information Boards and then the making and installing of them in Radyr and Morganstown.

We have made a start on the Art work for the design which will then go to the IT designer. Allan Cook will provide the information and the signposts will be location near shops and eating places.

Information will be available about places to stay, eat and drink in Radyr & Morganstown on the Village website.



**The Mound**

*We will keep this on the report, so we remember to keep checking the mound area.*

*This is on Cardiff Council's land. However, the grass has to be hand raked after it is cut, and we were asked if we could find volunteers to help.*

*The grass in the field has been cut this year. We have reminded Cardiff Council about the growth of the young trees on the mound.*

### **Bench by Woodfield Avenue and Heol Isaf**

*Left on until we are sure we are no longer being invoiced. The invoice used to arrive in January. This item will be removed at the end of January 2019 if no invoice is received.*

*We have had to pay a peppercorn rent to the Plymouth estate for the bench for many years. However, in investigating the trees (See above) it turned out that the Plymouth estate does not own this land any longer. We have flagged this up and we have been advised that we will not need to pay in the future.*

### **Willow Tree Close**

The first snowdrops are out that the children planted



### **Rail fares**

***Suggest we keep this on but no change from last report.***

*Rail fares requesting that Taffs Well should be in the same zone as Radyr to make it less attractive for commuters from outside Radyr and Morganstown to use Radyr Station. We prepared a letter re our concerns which the full council endorsed and then sent. We then realised there is going to be a new train operator, so we sent a very similar letter to the new operator. We have had a reply from Transport for Wales which advised us that they need to look at costings before a final decision can be made.*

The Chair of R&MCC wrote to Mark Drakeford AM on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to inform him that we would strongly support the request made by Cardiff Council to Keolis Amey, to ensure ticket prices from Radyr and Taffs Well should be the same. A reply was received from Mark Drakeford's office on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 enclosing a copy of a letter he had sent to James Price, CEO of Transport for Wales, regarding R&MCC's request. Mark Drakeford's letter asked that Transport for Wales ensure R&MCC's request is investigated and its merits properly considered.

## **Heol Isaf**

**Possible subsidence.** We prepared a letter regarding our concerns which the Full Council endorsed and then sent to Cardiff Council. We received acknowledgement of our letter which says, "The matter will be investigated, and a full response sent in due course".

A further response was received from Cardiff Council dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 confirming that topographical surveys had been carried out in November 2017 and August 2018 with the results showing no evidence of subsidence. Cardiff Council Survey Team will continue to carry out annual surveys.

We will continue to leave this on the Agenda until we have had a response that reassures the Community Council.

### **Recommendation**

We ask Cardiff Council for an update. We ask how they are monitoring this. We ask what measures are in place to reduce the impact from traffic on the side of the road by the steep drop.

**Action** The Road Safety Working Party could send the letter to Caro Wilde.

## **Naming Pathways and Back Lanes**

A call has been made from Cardiff Council for any small connecting paths or back lanes to be given names. If anybody has a lane they would like to name, please let us know. Squirrel Lane has been suggested for the lane between Ash Tree Close and Walnut Tree Close.

The suggested name of "Squirrel Lane" was approved and agreed at the November Full Council meeting. The Assistant Clerk sent our request via email on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to Hayley Farr at Cardiff Council's "Love Where you Live" team asking for the sign to be bilingual. No reply has been received as yet.

## **Himalayan Balsam**

### ***Leaving on so we remember next July***

*We had been asked to consider having a Himalayan Balsam bashing session in July. Just pulling the plant up and leaving it, if done before it has gone to seed is enough to control its progress.*

*Feedback. There didn't seem to be as much Himalayan Balsam around in the community this year.*

## **Ragwort**

### ***Leave on so we monitor next year too.***

*There was a lot of Ragwort in Morganstown and this is dangerous to horses. If anybody sees this weed, if you can wear gloves and then pull it up, it comes up quite easily. Do not leave it to die in situ. There are special bags that Cardiff Council supplies if asked, to put these plants in.*

*Pleased to report that the worst patch of Ragwort at the top of Morganstown has been cut down before it could seed.*

### **Footpath Committee**

There are 50 paths in the community. The Community Council 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. Several dogwalkers have indicated they would be willing to help. **No progress as yet**

### **Outdoor Fitness Equipment**

It has been suggested that fitting some outdoor fitness equipment in the community might be appreciated. The feasibility of doing this should be investigated. **No progress as yet**

### **Dog poo**

**Since we discussed it last month it has become a topic on the Community Forum**

This was a problem that was flagged up on the RMA Facebook site. The Community Council put out posters asking people to deal with dog poo properly. Cardiff Council Enforcement Officers have patrolled the area which was causing greatest concern.

Apparently after having seen an improvement, there has now been a deterioration in our community's dog poo picking up standards.

**Action** Clerk Send out the dog poo Fairy poster to be put on the community council's Facebook page, the RMA 's Facebook page, Bryn Deri and Radyr primaries Facebook page, Twitter feed and their PTA pages. Also on the website [www.raydr.org.uk](http://www.raydr.org.uk). **No progress as yet.**

### **Ffordd Treforgan**

This is a long, steep hill to walk. The Community Council might like to consider placing some benches along the side of this road.

**A bench has been budgeted for.**

### **Footpath 25 and 24**

There are some viewing points along these footpaths where benches would be worth siting.

**Recommendation:** A bench has been budgeted for.

**Action** Kieran Webster to determine the locations and to prioritise them.

### **Trees by Heol Isaf and Woodfield Avenue**

*We will keep this on the report and keep an eye on the condition of the holm oak.*

These are not on Community Council land. It has been pointed out that one tree, a holm oak does not look healthy and this information has been passed to Cardiff Council by the County Councillor.

## **Neighbourhood Deep Clean**

*No change We will keep this on the report so we know who to contact.*

We have been scheduled for a neighbourhood deep clean this week by Cardiff Council. The areas chosen were Heol Isaf and The Green according to the maps we received this week. We are pleased Radyr and Morganstown are on the schedule. The decision for which streets to choose came from LEAMS Data. Next year, we hope to engage with this scheme better.

## **Morganstown Village Hall**

### **Feeder pillar**

The Assistant Clerk sent an email to Gareth Thomas at Centregreat on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 informing them that we do not know of any feeder pillar at Morganstown Village Hall.

### **Japanese Knotweed on land managed by Community Council**

There are two areas of growth, one in Dan y Bryn and one in Radyr Woods. Both areas have been sprayed this Autumn. We have been following a systematic course of trying to eradicate the Knotweed for several years. Both areas have shrunk in size.

### **Litter picking**

An initiative is being set up by Cardiff Council, the first meeting will be in Radyr Library on Tuesday 15 January 10 am to 11.30 am. The Community Council welcomes this.

**Action** Can anybody go along?

### **Footpath over the Motorway**

The Community Council has passed on to the County Councillor concerns that the fencing on the footpath appeared to have been tampered with. Cardiff Council have reported it to the organisation that deals with these issues.

### **The drain between Walnut Tree Close and Ash Tree Close**

This is getting congested again. When it is clear, and the water flows easily the grass between the two Closes is dry enough to play on. We have asked the County Councillor if he can request that the drain is cleared again. (Takes about two years to clog up after it has been cleaned)