



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

Minutes of the ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 18th January 2018, 7.00pm at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Cllrs H Lloyd Jones, H O Jones (Vice Chair), R McKerlich, D Suthers, R Vaughan (Chairman), J Charles, K Ullah, M Vatsaloo and K Webster.

Clerk: C Mortimer.

In Attendance: Mr Mark Drakeford AM

Chairman Cllr Ralph Vaughan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

162 Apologies - were received from Cllr K Webster due to family commitments.

163 Declarations of Interest

Councillors were reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

164 Meeting adjourned: Members of the public invited to speak

165 Chairman's Announcements/Reports

Chair Cllr Ralph Vaughan had attended the North West Cardiff Group (NWCG) and was pleased to report that the proposed letter to Cardiff City Council Chief Executive Mr Paul Orders and the First Minister, Mr Carwyn Jones, had been withdrawn.

166 Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting held on **23/11/2017** were received, approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

167 Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting

Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting held on **08/01/2018** were received, approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

168 Matters Arising (that are not on the minutes)

Planning Application no. 17/03034/ MJR The Sidings, proposed 36 housing development

Cllr Rod McKerlich and Radyr & Morganstown Community Council have responded to the planning application with our objections on the grounds of over development.

Closing date for comments is Friday 26th January 2018.

NWCG – it was agreed that the constitution of this group required revising

169 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on **04/01/2018** was deferred to the next committee meeting.

170 Expenditure

- (i) The purchase of a 2nd bench for Ffordd Las from recycled plastic, cost £429.58
- (ii) Addressing the coppicing and chipping at Pentwyn Park, cost £280
- (iii) Cut back hazel trees at Windsor Gardens, cost £420
- (iv) Removal and disposal of leaning Christmas tree at Windsor Gardens, cost £100 (Saturday)
- (v) Removal and disposal of remaining 2 Christmas trees at The Sidings and Granny Park and the disposal of smaller Christmas trees at Station Road, cost £330

Resolved: Council ratified the approved expenditure (i) – (v):

171 Finance

(i) Payment schedule for November 2017 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(ii) Payment schedule for December 2017 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(iii) Council received, approved the following statements and duly signed as an accurate record.

- Unity Trust Acc. *****326 Statement No's 41,42,43 & 44
(up to and incl. 31st December 2017)
- Unity Trust Acc. *****339 Statement No's 37,38, 39 & 40
(up to and incl. 31st December 2017)
- Nat West Acc. *****723 Statement No's 368, 369, 370,371,372 & 373
(up to and incl. 29th December 2017)

(iv) Balance of accounts & reconciliation as at 30th November 2017 was received, approved and signed as accurate record

(v) Summary of Budget v Actual to 30th November 2017 was received, approved and signed as accurate record

(vi) Balance of accounts & reconciliation as at 31st December 2017 was received, approved and signed as accurate record

(vii) Summary of Budget v Actual, as at 31st December 2017 was received, approved and signed as accurate record

172 Precept and Budget for 2018 – 2019

(i) Cardiff County Council Re: Community Council Precept 2018/19

Correspondence was received and noted.

(ii) Clerk's Report Re: Council Community Tax for R&MCC for 2018/19

Clerk's report was received and considered.

(iii) Proposed Budget for 2018/19

Chair of Finance Cllr Rod McKerlich gave an overview of the financial position of the council and the proposed budget, which had been discussed in detail at the Finance Committee meeting. Earmarked reserves were noted.

Members discussed the feasibility of financially supporting our young children with complex needs at Radyr Comprehensive through the Youth Services and CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services). Addressing and supporting this issue was a duty for Cardiff City Council. Cllr Rod McKerlich however suggested that he would raise the matter directly with the school and Governors in the first instance.

Resolved: Council agreed that band D equivalent dwellings remain at £32.87 per annum thus setting the annual precept at £121,915 for 2018/19 for Radyr & Morganstown Community Council.

(iv) Precept Notice 2018/19

The notice was completed in the presence of the Council confirming the agreed level of precept at £121,915 and duly signed by the presiding Chairman Cllr Ralph Vaughan, Cllr Rod McKerlich, Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones and countersigned by the Clerk.

173 Revision of the Financial Regulations

(i) Resolved: Council agreed to the revised financial regulations which separated the chair of planning and environment into two positions as opposed to one.

174 County Councillor's Report – December 2017 and January 2018

Cllr Rod McKerlich's written reports were received and noted and a verbal overview was received, which in summary included:

- 20mph signage at Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary School – completion next month
- Windsor road – awaiting signage

- Working with Mark Drakeford AM in relation to contentious Springfield Gardens planning application, which is to be determined at Planning Committee on the 7th February and Radyr Sidings on 7th March.
- Street lighting – installation of residential LED lighting across Radyr commencing March 2018
- War Memorial refurbishment – phase 1 has started (as per November 2017 report)

Copies of the full report will be published on our website and Facebook page.

175 Community Councillors Reports

Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones' report was received and noted. Cllr H Jones also gave a verbal overview which in summary included his work with Age Connect and the luncheon club alongside fellow councillor Cllr David Suthers, the OCR and external signage, drafting a new remit for the NWCG, preparing a paper re: Pentrepoeth v Treforgan.

Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones had attended a recent Arup meeting and also prepared a response to Cardiff City Council re: Planning Application 17/03034/MJR The Radyr Sidings

176 Treforgan v Pentrepoeth – this item was deferred from the last meeting

(i) Report by historian Mr Allan Cook was received and noted

(ii) Discussion Paper by Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones was received and noted

Following much discussion, including touching upon going to a poll, the Chair Cllr Ralph Vaughan suggested that Council awaits the paper by Professor Gwynedd Pierce which had been sent to the Welsh Language Commissioner.

177 Mark Drakeford AM

Mr Mark Drakeford AM thanked members for the invitation to attend their meeting. He was interested in the quality of papers received and in the advice received during the meeting in relation to the precept. A few questions were raised by members to which he responded; in summary::

- Welsh Government (WG) were powerless to do anything in relation to Tax breaks for landlords as this is dealt with at Westminster.
- In respect of reviewing Community & Town Councils roles & responsibilities, there was an enormous gap between the largest and smallest councils and some areas with no councils at all. With larger councils having ambition and resources, to the smaller councils having too small a precept to be effective. He also spoke on partnership working, competent councils, elections and apathy resulting in uncontested seats.
- Conducting a proper poll on the Welsh name of Morganstown would be giving the community a democratic voice in the decision making process.
- Money lost to Cardiff through the distribution of funding by WG to LA's in Wales is the fairest of processes based on need. Redistributing monies any other way would result in 4 authorities being better off with 18 being worst off.
- CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) has not been adopted by Cardiff Council due to the County Council receiving more money from big scale developments through Section 106 as opposed to CIL, which is a more effective stream to develop infrastructure.

Chair Cllr Ralph Vaughan thanked Mr Mark Drakeford AM for his attendance and both left the meeting.

Vice Chair Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones chaired the next few items in the Chair's absence.

178 Senior Citizens Luncheon Club Progress

A progress report by Mr Martyn Smidman, Volunteer Manager Age Connects (Cardiff and the Vale) was tabled at the meeting and noted. In summary, luncheon will continue at the Ty Nant for the next couple of months at least until a more private venue is secured thus introducing activities and speakers. More volunteers are required. Age Connects will support this initiative between 12-14 months, until viable.

Resolved: Council agreed that Cllr Myles Vatsaloo and Cllr Kevin Ullah join Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones as volunteers on this project.

179 Representation on outside and other bodies – this item was deferred.

180 Cardiff County Council – Standards & Ethics Committee – Report of the Director of Governance and Legal Services An Monitoring Officer Re: Functions in Respect of Community Councils

This item was received and noted.

Chair Cllr Ralph Vaughan returned to meeting and chaired the remaining items.

- 181 One Voice Wales – Christmas letter from Cllr Mike Cuddy, Chair**
This item was received and noted.
- 182 Welsh Government Independent Review Panel - Review of Community and Town Council Sector in Wales**
Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones agreed to draft a response to the four questions posed by the Welsh Government and would circulate his paper to members for further comments prior to responding to the Welsh Government.
- 183 One Voice Wales – Buckingham Palace Garden Party 15th & 31st May and 5th June 2018**
This invitation was to the current Chair and guest. Deadline for nominations: noon on 19th January 2018. Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones expressed an interest in attending.
- 184 IT Support**
A report 'IT System Recommendations' by Altodigital who undertook a thorough IT audit was received and discussed. Two further companies were invited to quote.
Resolved: Council agreed that the IT installation and an annual maintenance and support contract be awarded Altodigital. It was suggested that the Clerk look at any portable IT devices/equipment that may be required to assist with her remote working.
- 185 Newsletter – Cllr Tyrone Davies** – this item was deferred.
- 186 External Signage**
At the Old Church Rooms Hall Management Committee meeting on Monday 8th January 2018, the clerk suggested external bilingual signage on the building, 'The Old Church Rooms' above the main entrance and 'Radyr & Morganstown Community Council' sign above the other (side) door.
Resolved: Council agreed to fund up to £500 on external signage. It was noted that Cllr H O Jones had been nominated at the OCR meeting to source the signs.
- 187 Any other business/correspondence:** Strictly with prior consultation with Chair
Security – the Clerk had requested a quotation for personal alarm fobs
Trips to Porthcawl for the elderly – to be considered at a future meeting
School Literary Competition - Cllr Myles Vatsaloo had agreed to shadow/support Mrs Sue McKerlich on this project.
- 188 Next Meeting dates were noted:**
Thursday 1st February 2018
 - 7.00pm Finance Committee Meeting
 - 7.45pm Environment Committee Meeting**Thursday 15th February 2018**
 - 7.00pm Ordinary Full Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed: R. S. Vaughan (Chairman) Dated: 15th February 2018