



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

**Minutes of an ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7:00pm**

**This meeting was held remotely via Zoom**

Present: Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones (Chair), Cllr Vina Patel, Cllr Allan Cook, Cllr Clive Morgan, Cllr David Suthers, Cllr Ralph Vaughan, Cllr Michelle Lenton-Johnson (joined late)

Interim Clerk: Nadine Dunseath

Assistant Clerk: Julie Hopkins

Also Present: Members of the Public – Neil Sharma-Burford, Kwaku Dua

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **156 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Rod Mckerlich, Cllr Julia Charles, Cllr Tyrone Davies, Cllr Myles Vatsaloo

### **157 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **158 Meeting adjourned: Members of the public invited to speak**

Members of the public confirmed they were there to observe only.

### **159 Chairman's Announcements/Report**

- The Chair requested that confidential agenda item number 21 be brought forward to the start of the meeting. Cllr Vina Patel stated she did not wish to make her statement at the start of the meeting. Council agreed to follow the agenda.
- The Chair reported he had been honoured to represent RMCC at the Remembrance Sunday event which had been well attended.
- Chair with Cllrs Vina Patel, Tyrone Davies, and Rod Mckerlich attended a site meeting at Station Road with Cardiff Council Neighbourhood Regeneration and Highways teams. Chair reported that Cardiff Council were to consider improving the area, along with road safety and improvements to parking. The Neighbourhood Regeneration Team had a budget which could be used towards costs.
- The Chair and Cllr Rod Mckerlich had met with residents from Morganstown and Transport for Wales to discuss the Public Right of Way at Gelynys Farm which is proposed will move to follow the line of the new bridge once installed. Residents have raised concerns over the gradient of the proposed route which could cause mobility issues. Cllr Allan Cook stressed his disappointment having not attended the meeting as he was unaware it was arranged. Chair confirmed it had been arranged by Morganstown residents. Cllr Allan Cook wished it noted that he was against the proposals.

### **160 Christmas Lighting and Events.**

To receive an update from the Chair on Christmas Lighting and Events.

Chair reported the Christmas lights were installed and on. He expressed thanks to Assistant Clerk Julie Hopkins and the Christmas Working Group for their tremendous efforts and work on the project.

Chair confirmed the lights would not be switched off and back on again for the Christmas festival on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, but the lights were to remain on due to the electrician's lack of availability and liability insurance issues.

Chair reported that at Christmas Festival on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December the RMCC would have a stall and would be handing out hot chocolate, sweets, and satsumas to the children.

Cllr Vina Patel requested it was noted that the Community Council consider next year putting up the lights closer to the date of the festival.

### **161 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 October 2021**

The minutes were received and approved. Cllr Clive Morgan proposed, Cllr Vina Patel seconded.

### **162 Matters arising from the Minutes of Council Meeting on 21 October**

- Chair proposed RMCC write to Cardiff Council to seek a meeting to discuss its response to the proposed Local Development Plan (LDP). All agreed
- Cllr Vina Patel confirmed interviews would take place next week for a Co-Ordinator for the Good Neighbours Scheme. Cllr Vina Patel confirmed the bank account was being finalised.
- Chair reported comments were still awaited from Cllr Vina Patel regarding the Community Plan. He proposed the plan was presented in draft format for a new Council to agree and finalise following their appointment at elections in May 2022.
- Chair reported that a letter had been sent to Cardiff Council planning in support of the application at Slice.

### **163 Councillor Vacancy**

(i) Cllr Vina Patel provided an update regarding the Observer Co-option whereby the candidate had withdrawn due to personal reasons but who wished to thank the Council for their friendliness throughout the process.

### **164 Finance**

(i) To receive and approve the RMCC bank statements:

- Unity Trust Acc, \*\*\*\*\*326 Statement No.102
- Unity Trust Acc. \*\*\*\*\*339 Statement No. 85
- Unity Trust Acc. \*\*\*\*\*011 Statement No. 22

Cllr Clive Morgan confirmed the Council had received copies. All approved

(ii) To receive and approve the payment schedule for September and October 2021.  
No observations or comments were made. All approved.

(iii) To receive and approve the management accounts for September and October 2021.  
All approved

### **165 Finance Committee**

(i) To receive and if approved to confirm the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Cllr David Suthers proposed, Cllr Vina Patel seconded. The minutes were approved.

**(ii) Draft RMCC Budget 2022/23**

To receive and consider the draft budget 2022/23

No comments were made to the draft budget. It was noted the budget must be finalised in January 2022 ahead of the precept request to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> January.

**166 Environment**

(i) To receive an update on environment work from the Chair of the Environment Committee. Cllr Ralph Vaughan provided a report on the following:

- Cardiff Council have inspected trees suffering from ash dieback which they classified as level 1. They will inspect again in 6 months to establish if any treatment is required.
- Work has started on the memorial bridge in Radyr Woods.
- Pentwyn Park fence required a few repairs and painting to maintain till Spring.
- It was proposed to arrange a meeting to discuss the Windsor Gardens survey and some improvements could be made to benches, bins and planting of more flowers.

**167 Taffs Well Quarry**

(i) To receive a report from Cllr Allan Cook.

Cllr Allan Cook reported that Cardiff Council have received an application from the Quarry Management Team where it is proposed to make the quarry larger and to close some footpaths. Cllr Allan Cook attended a meeting at Pentyrch Community Council where it was proposed a meeting should be arranged with the Quarry Management Team, Pentyrch Community Council and RMCC. The Quarry Management Team had suggested some dates. Chair commented that Cllr Allan Cook was currently the only Council representative on the Quarry Liaison Committee and proposed a second member volunteer. Cllr Vina Patel volunteered to be a second representative on the committee. Cllr Allan Cook confirmed he would liaise with Cllr Vina Patel over dates to attend the meeting.

**168 Old Church Rooms**

(i) To receive the minutes of the OCR Management Board meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The minutes were received.

(ii) To receive a report from the Chair of the OCR Management Board  
Cllr Allan Cook provided an update.

- Cllr Allan Cook advised that two different groups had requested the morning slot at the OCR. For fairness the OCR had agreed the current nursery group could sell their business and a new group would continue.
- OCR Management Board are considering developments such as a new meeting room, new storage and a lift and are proposing appointing an architect to advise.
- Repairs to the roof are still awaited, thanks were expressed to assistant Clerk Julie Hopkins in her help with questions over liability insurance to appoint a surveyor with a cherry picker.

(iii) To consider and approve a change in the cleaning charges to the OCR.

Cllr Allan Cook advised that as the breakfast and after school clubs had grown in popularity it was causing problems for the cleaner. OCR Management Board proposed allowing the cleaner

an extra 30 mins to clean during term time taking hours to 3.5hrs, which would drop to 2.5hrs in school holidays. This change would see an increase of £100. All agreed.

#### **169 Morganstown Village Hall**

(i) To receive a report from the Chair of the Finance Committee.

*Cllr Michelle Lenton-Johnson joined the meeting at 7.39pm.*

Cllr Clive Morgan reported that Cllr David Suthers would be speaking on this item.

Cllr David Suthers commented that he would like to see money allocated in the 2022/23 budget to be spent on Morganstown Village Hall and proposed an enquiry was made as to what was needed. Cllr Allan Cook reported that he had been in contact with the Village Hall Committee who had stated they were grateful but there was nothing in particular they wanted to progress at this time.

Cllr Vina Patel suggested support could be given in developing their committee.

Chair noted that Cllr Ralph Vaughan was the only RMCC representative on the Morganstown Village Hall Committee. Cllr Allan Cook volunteered to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> representative. All agreed.

#### **170 Cardiff Council Active Travel Network Map Consultation**

(i) To consider any comments to be made to the consultation

Chair invited Councillors to look at the Map and identify the important areas to ensure they have been considered.

Cllr Ralph Vaughan commented that a cycle route was proposed along Heol Isaf which could cause traffic and parking problems due to the road being narrow.

Cllr Allan Cook commented that it had been proposed previously that a cycle track could go from upper Morganstown behind the school to Radyr Farm Lane and this suggestion didn't appear on the Active Travel Network Map.

Chair thanked Councillors for their suggestions and requested comments were sent to the Clerk's Office to be collated into a response to Cardiff Council.

#### **171 County Councillor's Report**

No report was received

#### **172 Community Councillor Reports**

No reports were provided

#### **173 Any other business/correspondence**

Strictly with prior consultation with the Chair.

(i) Cllr Allan Cook raised an item in his capacity as Deputy Chair of the WW1 Committee regarding a light to be placed at Christchurch. The Heritage Lottery Fund had agreed that the light could be donated to other community groups in Radyr and Morganstown. All agreed to donate the light to Christchurch for their bell tower on condition that they would lend it to other groups, as appropriate. Assistant Clerk Julie Hopkins confirmed she would write to confirm RMCC had agreed.

#### **174 Exclusion of Press and Public**

To consider the exclusion of press and public for items 175 and 176 by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

**Council resolved to request public left the meeting.**

Members of the public left the meeting.

**175 Staffing Matters**

To receive a report from Vice – Chair following the exit interview from former Clerk.  
\*Confidential minute\*

**176 Vice-Chair Statement**

To receive statement from Vice-Chair regarding social media posting  
\*Confidential minute\*

**177 Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 6 January 2022 at 7:00pm: Finance Committee  
Thursday 20 January 2022 at 7:00pm: Full Council