



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

### **Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 1 October 2020 7.30pm**

**This meeting was held remotely via Zoom in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus)(Meetings)(Wales) Regulations 2020**

**Present:** Cllr Ralph Vaughan Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones, Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones, Cllr Vina Patel, Cllr Allan Cook, Michelle Lenton-Johnson

**In Attendance:** Lynne Thomas (Clerk), Julie Hopkins (Assistant Clerk), Jim Goodwin (Chair of Radyr Woods Wardens)

- 12 Election of Chair of Environment Committee:** Cllr Ralph Vaughan was proposed by Cllr H L Jones and seconded by Cllr Allan Cook. Cllr Ralph Vaughan duly accepted.
- 13 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Kieran Webster
- 14 To make declarations of Interest:** Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones (Penrhys Pilgrimage).
- 15 To note the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 July 2020:** The Minutes of the 2 July 2020 Environment meeting were approved and signed at the 16 July Full Council meeting as an accurate record and were duly noted.
- 16 To receive an update:** The Chair's Report was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. The Report was received and noted. Cllr Ralph Vaughan gave the Committee a verbal overview.

**Radyr woods:** Jim Goodwin, Chair of Radyr Woods Wardens, gave Environment Committee an update:

- The damaged step has been repaired.
- John Scott's house has now been sold so all tools belonging to Radyr Woods Wardens will need to be removed from the shed. As the land adjoining the house will be sold separately there is no immediate urgency for the wood to be moved to a compound.
- Cardiff Conservation Volunteers carried out a further round of coppicing on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Further coppicing is required.
- The bridge near the Cooking Mound needs repairing/replacing in some areas. The Chair of Radyr Woods Wardens suggested it could be made into a Memorial to John Scott as he was keen on building bridges.

Cllr Allan Cook mentioned that some residents had asked about putting memorial plaques on benches in Radyr and Morganstown and suggested we could do that for John Scott.

Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones asked Jim Goodwin about putting Festive lighting in Radyr Woods. Jim Goodwin confirmed there is no electricity anywhere in Radyr Woods.

Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones updated Jim Goodwin on the gate at Woodfield Avenue. R&MCC will replace the gate.

Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones asked about progress on the Compound. Further quotes are required.

Cardiff Conservation Volunteers will be required again this year for Radyr Woods and Dan-y-Bryn Woods.

**Action:** Clerks to contact Cardiff Conservation Volunteers for dates.

**Windsor Gardens:** An email was received from Cardiff Council in response to Cllr Ralph Vaughan's letter to Paul Order that a meeting would be arranged once current Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. R&MCC will re-visit this in Spring 2021.

**17 Pentwyn Park - to discuss the replacement of the fence along the footpath:** The fencing adjacent to the footpath is in poor condition and should be replaced. Invitations to quote will be sought in Spring 2021 for over-cladding the existing fence.

**18 Footpath 38:** Radyr Golf Club have submitted a grant application to R&MCC for funding to divert Footpath 38. Cardiff Council is responsible for Footpath 38 but it is on Radyr Golf Club land. The grant application will be submitted to Full Council in October. R&MCC have submitted a second response to the Cardiff Council PROW Officer.

**19 Tree maintenance works – to discuss priorities for tree maintenance work:** R&MCC need to start looking at a programme of tree works before bird nesting season starts. Quotes are required for this work and it was agreed to move this forward, if possible, by February 2021. Once the works have been carried out R&MCC should engage an expert to check the work.

The tree overhanging the bench at Ffordd Las has been dealt with.

**20 Local Places for Nature Grant Programmes: Keep Wales Tidy Grant:** It was recommended to decline the offer of a Keep Wales Tidy grant

**21 Items for next meeting:** Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones had been informed that Pentwyn Park had been a bog and used as a rubbish dump in WW2. Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones will bring some ideas to the next meeting for planting in Pentwyn Park.

The Clerk reminded Members that the Biodiversity Plan was a 5-year Plan and we should start looking to implement items in the agreed Plan. Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones will check which elements of the Biodiversity Plan R&MCC should tackle first.

**22 Date of next meeting:** The next Environment Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 3 December 2020.

**Meeting Closed at: 8.45pm**