



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 1 April 2021 7.00pm

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, Cllr Myles Vatsaloo

In Attendance: Lynne Thomas (Clerk), Julie Hopkins (Assistant Clerk)

- 1 **To receive apologies for absence:** None
- 2 **To make declarations of Interest:** Cllr Allan Cook declared an interest in Penrhys Pilgrimage.
- 3 **To note the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 February 2021:** The Minutes of the 4 February 2021 Environment meeting were approved and signed at the 18 February 2021 Full Council meeting as an accurate record and were duly noted.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **Tree Maintenance:**
 - (i) Ash trees in Dan-y-Bryn Woods: It has been brought to R&MCC's attention that a number of Ash trees bordering a resident's property may be diseased. Significant reduction of foliage and increased dead twigs has been noticed. Environment Committee agreed to wait until the trees are in leaf and review in April/May.
 - (ii) Oak tree in Radyr Woods/Woodfield Avenue: A resident in Woodfield Avenue has asked if the Oak tree that overhangs their garden could be assessed. Cllr Ralph Vaughan visited the resident to look at the Oak tree. Environment Committee agreed to wait until the tree was in leaf and review in April/May. The next tree survey is due in 2022.
- 6 **Station Road Hanging Baskets:** Environment Committee agreed to ask DB Site Solutions if they could check the brackets and water system for safety and also liquid feed the baskets when carrying out grass cutting in Windsor Gardens. It was also agreed the Clerk will write to Cardiff Council to inform them that R&MCC would take over responsibility for the baskets and also write to Dwr Cymru to take over the water contract.
- 7 **Pentwyn Park – holes on grassed area:** A deep hole has appeared in the grassed area near to the Caer Graig entrance which may have been caused by a tree stump rotting away and leaving a cavity. There is a possibility there may be other cavities forming. DB site Solutions have filled in the hole to make it safe and it was agreed to ask Dave Barnes to monitor this when grass cutting.

- 8** **Proposal for Radyr Woods Information Boards:** All 4 boards need replacing due to some degree of vandalism. The boards should be replaced at the same time and be of a uniform fashion. The cost of the boards could be in the region of £2,000 per board. No decision was made on the design or content of the boards and it was agreed that Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones would send the Clerk contact details of the RCT design team so the Clerk could request a quote for their costs.
- 9** **Proposal for Memory Wall in Windsor Gardens:** An email was received from a resident proposing the placing of a Memorial Wall in Windsor Gardens for plaques recognising contributions to the R&M Community. Environment Committee considered this proposal but it was agreed not to progress with it at this time.
- 10** **Pollution/litter in River Taff:** Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones worked with NRA to tackle pollution along the River Taff 2 years ago. It appears that very little has changed in the 2 years since Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones spoke with them. Environment Committee agreed that R&MCC would write to Mark Drakeford, Kevin Brennan and Natural Resources Wales about the River Taff pollution.
- 11** **Other Business:**
- (i) Cllr Vina Patel raised the issue of the parcel of land adjacent to the Radyr Woods container and asked if Council could explore the possibility of R&MCC acquiring the parcel of land from the current owner.
 - (ii) Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones asked if R&MCC could place a Covid Memorial in Dan-y-Bryn Woods. The Memorial could be based on a picture of an Aboriginal tradition or Community art. Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones would send the picture to Members. Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones asked if the Covid Memorial could be based on a Welsh tradition. Cllr Allan Cook will research something for a Welsh tradition.
 - (iii) Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones has been given a drawing of Radyr Hawkweed which she would like to put up in the Old Church Rooms. It was agreed this would be considered at the next Full Council meeting.
 - (iv) Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones confirmed there are 40 Ash trees in Radyr Woods.
- 12** **Items for the next meeting:**
- (i) Land adjacent to Radyr Woods storage container.
 - (ii) Covid Memorial.
- 13** **Date of next meeting:** To be agreed at Annual Council Meeting on 6 May 2021

Meeting Closed at: 8.40pm