



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngr Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Minutes of a MEETING of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on Thursday 3rd October 2019 at **7.00pm** at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Cllrs Ralph Vaughan, Huw O Jones, Kieran Webster, Myles Vatsaloo, H Lloyd Jones

In Attendance: Julie Hopkins, Lynne Thomas, Jim Goodwin, Denise Wilson (Resident)

23 To receive apologies for absence: None

24 To make declarations of Interest: None

25 To note the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th September 2019: The Minutes of the 12th September 2019 Environment meeting were approved and signed at the 19th September Full Council meeting as an accurate record and were duly noted.

26 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. Cllr Ralph Vaughan gave the Committee a verbal overview.

(i) Windsor Gardens:

A Community Planter from Cardiff Council will be installed in early October. Cllr Myles Vatsaloo has agreed to look after this.

(ii) Radyr woods:

Tree work: Jim Goodwin (Radyr Woods Warden) will be meeting with the Contractor in the next two weeks to discuss the tree works. He will then report back to the Clerks.

Coppicing: This work will need to be undertaken during the Autumn/Winter. R&MCC has provisional booked dates in October and January with Cardiff Conservation Volunteers to carry out this work. The Clerks will liaise with the Radyr Woods Wardens to ascertain what coppicing work is required.

Wood Compound: Currently wood is not being stored in the woods. R&MCC have obtained a quote for installing Pro-Mesh fencing around the container in Radyr Woods so that wood can be stored safely outside. The Clerks have written to the Radyr Woods Wardens asking them to provide a request in writing setting out the case for constructing the compound.

Woodfield Avenue: A decision was made at Full Council to provide a contribution of £20 per season for this year in line with the funding provided for community planters elsewhere in Radyr and Morganstown, for the upkeep of the roundabout in Woodfield Avenue.

Chairman's Oak: An Oak tree will be planted in Radyr Woods for the Current Chair, Cllr Huw O Jones during National Tree Week (23rd November - 1st December). Environment Committee have recommended up to £50 spend for this.

- (iii) **Pentwyn Park:** The revised Specification for the retaining wall has now been received and agreed. R&MCC have taken advice from a Building Surveyor regarding potential Party Wall issues. A meeting was held on 2nd October to discuss the way forward.
 - (iv) **Penrhys Pilgrimage:** A Suggestion was made to put a gate entrance in the area of Danescourt at Footpath 48.
 - (v) **Ffordd Treforgan - Bench:** Cllr K Webster has identified a location for a bench along Ffordd Treforgan near the Allotments and will provide the Clerks with a photograph. R&MCC will need to establish ownership of the land. R&MCC will write to Cooke & Arkwright to establish current ownership.
- 27 Removal of Disabled Bench in Radyr Woods:** Due to the increased amount of antisocial behaviour and noise around the bench, R&MCC have taken the decision to remove the bench. The bench will be moved as soon it has been agreed where to move it to. R&MCC will ask Cardiff Conservation Volunteers if they would be willing to remove the bench.
- 28 R&MCC response to Cardiff Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020-2030:** Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones draft response to PROW was accepted and approved and will be sent to Cardiff Council. As there is not enough time for the response to be discussed at the next Full Council meeting it will be sent to all Members for comments. The deadline for responses to Cardiff Council is 14th October. Thanks to Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones for preparing the response.
- 29 Any other business with prior consultation with the Chair:**
- (i) It has been brought to the attention of the Community Council that the "climb-over" stile in Pant Tawel Lane and 250m from the junction of Bryn Derwen is in urgent need of repair. A recommendation was made that R&MCC purchase a kissing gate and ask Cardiff Council PROW team to install it. Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones will send the Clerks some costs for purchasing the gate. It will need to be approved by Full Council before going ahead with this. Cllr Ralph Vaughan will contact the resident who made the complaint.
 - (ii) Community and Town Councils are now required under the Environment Wales Act 2016 Section 6, to prepare and publish a plan setting out what it proposes to do to comply with the duty to Maintain and Enhance Biodiversity within current work areas. Guidance will be issued shortly and R&MCC will need to produce a Plan.
 - (iii) Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones brought up the possibility of setting up a TerraCycle collection point in Station Road. This is for the recycling of crisp packets and wrappers that cannot be recycled via the normal recycling methods. There is currently a small box in Radyr Library. Cllr Myles Vatsaloo agreed to take this forward.
 - (iv) Cllr Ralph Vaughan will be attending an Air Pollution Conference run by Cardiff University and will report back to Council.
- 30 To put forward any items for the next meeting:** None
- 31 Date of next meeting:** The next Environment Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

Meeting Closed at 8.00pm