



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 3 June 2021 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Ralph Vaughan, Cllr Allan Cook, Cllr Vina Patel, Cllr Myles Vatsaloo

In Attendance: Lynne Thomas (Clerk), Julie Hopkins (Assistant Clerk), Mike Clarke (Chair of Radyr Woods Wardens)

- 14 Election of Chair of Environment Committee:** Cllr R Vaughan was duly appointed Chair of Environment Committee.
- 15 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr H O Jones
- 16 To make declarations of Interest:** None
- 17 To note the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 April 2021:** The Minutes of the 1 April 2021 Environment meeting were approved at the 15 April 2021 Full Council meeting as an accurate record and were duly noted.
- 18 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.

Windsor Gardens: R&MCC met with a member of Cardiff Parks Department to discuss improvements for Windsor Gardens. It was recommended that R&MCC ask a Landscaper to assist in developing a plan. Cllr A Cook suggested looking for someone local to R&M.

Hanging baskets: The Clerk has written to Cardiff Council confirming R&MCC has taken over responsibility for the baskets. DB Site Solutions will check the brackets and watering system for safety and install/remove the baskets. Cllr A Cook will feed the baskets with the help of volunteers.

Radyr Woods

- (i) **Compound:** The Radyr Woods Wardens will organise this themselves using fence panel and posts.
- (ii) **Information Boards:** A quote was received from RCT for design costs. The Radyr Woods Wardens may wish to be involved with suggestions for the style of the boards and what goes on them. It was suggested having one design for all 4 boards. Cllr V Patel and the Clerk will discuss with the Wardens and bring a proposal to the next Environment Committee meeting.
- (iii) **John Scott Memorial:** The bridge close to the cooking mound is to be replaced/repaired. The Wardens will meet with Cardiff Conservation Volunteers who will be asked to assist with this. The Lord Mayor will be asked to officiate for the Memorial by the RWW. **Action: Assistant Clerk to contact CCV.**
- (iv) **Furniture in Radyr Woods:** The Radyr Woods Wardens would like to use the Disabled bench, which is currently stored in the container, somewhere in the Woods. The Wardens will suggest some locations.

- 19 Tree Maintenance:** Environment Committee to recommend to Full Council employing a tree surgeon to look at the following trees and make some recommendations.

Dan y Bryn Woods: A resident has reported that a number of large Ash trees have been dying back and may be diseased. Two other residents whose properties border the Woods have also reported 2 Oak trees which appear to be diseased. The residents have been monitoring the trees and significant reduction in foliage has been noticed.

Radyr Woods: Ash die-back: The Clerk and Chair of Environment met with Malcolm Frazer to check the trees again. Mr Frazer has confirmed that the Ash tree closest to No 20 Junction Terrace is mostly dead and should be removed. The second Ash tree should be inspected and regularly monitored over the summer and pruning of the heavy lower branches has been recommended. There are several other Ash trees that may need some work in the near future and a plan for the financial implications will be needed.

Pentwyn Park: A resident adjacent to Pentwyn Park has asked R&MCC if the overhanging branches in Pentwyn Park can be cut back from their roof.

Ffordd Las: There is an Ash tree in Ffordd Las which has not been looking very healthy and a branch has had to be removed.

- 20 Action on Pollution/litter in River Taff:** Cllr H O Jones has drafted a letter to Mark Drakeford regarding river pollution. Environment Committee recommended to submit the draft to Full Council. Cllr R Vaughan sent a personal letter to Cardiff Council.

- 21 Proposal for land adjacent to Radyr Woods storage container:** Cllr V Patel asked what was happening with this land and whether R&MCC could look into acquiring the land. Cllr R Vaughan will look into this further.

- 22 Proposal for COVID-19 Memorial:** Environment Committee decided to defer this until the Covid pandemic is over.

- 23 Action on Japanese Knotweed:** R&MCC received an email via Cllr R McKerlich regarding large amounts of Japanese Knotweed along Ffordd Treforgan. The parcel of land identified is under private ownership. Cllr R Vaughan will look into identifying the owner.

- 24 Any other business, with prior consultation with the Chair:**

- (i) No mow May/supporting Hedgehog Habitats. Cllr V Patel has looked into this and asked if R&MCC would be prepared to support/promote Hedgehog Habitats. Cllr V Patel will do some further research and bring to the next Environment Meeting.
- (ii) Biodiversity Plan: Cllr R Vaughan will look at this.

- 25 Items for the next meeting:** Support/promote Hedgehog Habitats.

- 26 Date of next meeting:** Thursday 1 July 2021 at 7.00pm.

Meeting Closed at: 8.40pm