



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cynor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 4 February 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 Kieran Webster.

In Attendance: Lynne Thomas (Clerk), Julie Hopkins (Assistant Clerk), Jim Goodwin (Chair of Radyr Woods Wardens), Student Journalist, the Cardiffian.

- 33 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Myles Vatsaloo
- 34 To make declarations of Interest:** Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones (Penrhys Pilgrimage), Cllr Allan Cook (Penrhys Pilgrimage and Radyr Parish Music Group).
- 35 To note the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 December 2020:** The Minutes of the 3 December 2020 Environment meeting were approved and signed at the 21 January 2021 Full Council meeting as an accurate record and were duly noted.
- 36 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.
- 37 Grass cutting at Dan-y-Bryn Woods:** R&MCC have received confirmation in writing from Cardiff Council that they maintain the grassed area each side of the footpath leading from Dan-y-Avenue into Dan-y-Bryn Woods and also the grassed verge at Dan-y-Bryn Close adjacent to Dan-y-Bryn Woods.
- R&MCC have noted that a fence has been erected adjacent to Dan-y-Bryn Woods which has been shored up on land that is managed by the Community Council. Environment Committee agreed that the Clerk will write to the homeowner.
- 38 Station Road Hanging Baskets:** The RMA have asked if R&MCC could take over the responsibility for the hanging baskets. R&MCC will need to confirm with Cardiff Council who owns the brackets and who currently provides insurance for them. Environment Committee agreed that the Clerk will write to Cardiff Council to establish who owns the brackets with a view to requesting the ownership be transferred over to R&MCC.
- 39 Windsor Gardens ideas for improvements:** Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones had prepared a paper outlining ideas to improve Windsor Gardens. Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones proposed that R&MCC purchase more Hellebores. Environment Committee agreed to wait until a meeting with Cardiff Council has been arranged once the current lockdown restrictions are lifted and we have an overall scheme.

40 Update on Ash Dieback: It was brought to the attention of R&MCC that there are two trees in Radyr Woods that have Ash Dieback. Advice from the Chair of Radyr Woods Wardens is that both trees should be felled. During the process of obtaining quotes, further advice was received from one of the contractors that the trees should first be inspected again in the late Spring/Early Summer to confirm active evidence of Ash Dieback. The Chair of Radyr Woods Wardens disagreed with this advice. Environment Committee agreed to fell the trees.

41 Grants for projects in Pentwyn Park: Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones agreed to look into funding for projects to improve Pentwyn Park, to be discussed at the next Environment Meeting in April.

42 Other Business

- (i) **Snowdrops:** Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones suggested R&MCC doubling the quantity of Snowdrops for next year so that two classes from each Primary school can do planting. Members requested that the snowdrops be planted in several locations in the community.
- (ii) **Damaged Information Board at Woodfield Avenue:** Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones suggested R&MCC replace the notice board and make it a Penrhys Pilgrimage which would include the Radyr Woods map. Cllr Vina Patel agreed to propose a motion to Full Council
- (iii) **Broken Gates at Drovers Way park:** Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones requested the gates at Drovers Way park be replaced. The park is owned and managed by Cardiff Council
- (iv) **Tfw:** Cllr Allan Cook mentioned that R&MCC had been promised a copy of the Tfw report on Ecology. The Clerk will write to Tfw asking if it would be possible for Radyr & Morganstown Community Council to receive copies of all the Environmental/Ecological Impact Assessments carried out by Transport for Wales in relation to the proposed bridge and construction compounds in Morganstown.
- (v) **Memorial Plaque for Jeff Davies:** Cllr Allan Cook said he was being pressed to put a Memorial Plaque on one of the benches in Windsor Gardens. The Radyr Parish Music Group would like permission from R&MCC to install the plaque. The Clerks will check ownership of the benches in Windsor Gardens and whether the plaque would need to be bilingual
- (vi) **War Memorial:** Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones asked if R&MCC could floodlight the War Memorial. Electricity would need to be installed and R&MCC do not own the land.
- (vii) **Update on Radyr Woods:** The Chair of Radyr gave a brief update on Radyr Woods
 - i. No work has been carried out by the Wardens for 18 months and the Woods are in good condition.
 - ii. The fallen tree has been cleared from the footpath.
 - iii. There is no urgency to erect the compound or remove the wood from the Scott family's land.
 - iv. R&MCC confirmed Jim Goodwin could let the Scott family know the Memorial to John Scott can go ahead. R&MCC will be funding the work on the bridge. The Wardens will fund the Plaque.

43 Items for the next meeting: Grants for projects in Pentwyn Park.

44 Date of next meeting: The next Environment Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 1 April 2021 at 7.00pm

Meeting Closed at: 8.20pm