



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cynghor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 7 April 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Ralph Vaughan, Cllr Huw O Jones, Cllr Vina Patel, Cllr Allan Cook

In Attendance: Julie Hopkins (Assistant Clerk)

- 64 To receive apologies for absence:** Mike Clarke (Chair of Radyr Woods Wardens)
- 65 To make declarations of Interest:** None
- 66 To note the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 February 2022:** The Minutes of the 3 February Environment meeting were approved at the 17th of March full Council meeting as an accurate record and were duly noted.
- 67 Update from the Chair – Environment Report April 2022:** The Chair's Report was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. The Report was received and noted. Cllr R Vaughan asked Members if they had any questions on the Report. There were none.
- 68 Update on Radyr Woods:**
- i) **Disabled Bench:** The Wardens have proposed moving the Bench close to the streams in Orchard Field. The bench would only be accessible for wheelchairs when the ground is hard and dry.
 - ii) **Wood Compound:** The fence around the container has been completed and the timber moved from the Scott land into the new compound.
 - iii) **Ash Die-back:** Cardiff Council Parks Department looked at the trees in October and have confirmed there is no imminent danger of trees falling. Another inspection will be made in April 2022. There is one tree adjacent to a car park and property. Cardiff Council have passed on their findings to the ARB Management Team so that a tree inspector can look and programme future action.
 - iv) **Information Boards:** Cllr Vina Patel will progress this concept.
 - v) **John Scott Memorial Bridge:** A stone has been selected and prepared for the Plaque. The Plaque is on order and a date will be arranged for the Lord Mayor to carry out the unveiling of the new bridge.
- 69 Windsor Gardens Enhancement Proposals:** Radyr & Morganstown Community Council wishes to improve the appearance of Windsor Gardens and the Granny Park in Morganstown and will be going out to tender for a Landscaper. Three local Landscapers were identified to provide costs for drawing up a design.
- 70 Pentwyn Park – Repairs and Maintenance of Fence:** At the February full council meeting members agreed that quotes could be sought for extending the retaining wall to hold back the car park. This will be progressed in May.
- 71 Groundsperson:** Environment Committee members discussed the term "Groundsperson" and whether this was the wrong title for the role. It was agreed to speak to the former Chair of Radyr Woods Wardens who had experience in this field.

72 Tree Surveys: The next round of tree surveys was schedule for 2022 but has been delayed due to Covid restrictions. This will be progressed with the new Council in May/June.

73 Any other business, with prior consultation with the Chair:

- (i)** It has been brought to the attention of R&MCC that there is a large Oak tree in Radyr Woods overhanging a property in Woodfield Avenue. The tree has a TPO on it. Advice has been sought from the Cardiff Council TPO officer.
- (ii)** R&MCC have been contacted recently by residents concerned about tree-felling, which is being carried out as part of TfW work on the Valleys Line. Concerns are that it is currently bird nesting season. R&MCC will write to TfW.

74 Items for next meeting: Jubilee competition for children and planting of trees for the Jubilee canopy project.

75 Date of next meeting: To be confirmed at AGM on 12 May.

Meeting closed at 8pm