



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 7 October 2021 7.30pm

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

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

- 39 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Myles Vatsaloo
- 40 To make declarations of Interest:** None
- 41 To note the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 July 2021:** The Minutes of the 1 July 2021 Environment meeting were approved at the 15 July 2021 Full Council meeting as an accurate record and were duly noted.
- 42 Update from the Chair – Environment Report October 2021:** 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 question on the Report. No questions from Members.
- 43 Draft Environment Budget for 2022/23:** Members received the first step draft Environment Budget. Members were requested to put forward any proposals for new projects. It was suggested that a Groundsperson with knowledge of trees and tree works would be helpful to assist with the management of land owned and managed by R&MCC. The first Draft Budget was accepted. Environment Committee will recommend to Full Council the employment of a Groundsperson.
- 44 Windsor Gardens – Management of Ivy on boundary wall:** The Clerks will ask the R&MCC Handyman to look at this with a view to carrying out the work over the next few months.
- 45 Pentwyn Park – Repairs and maintenance of boundary fence:** The fence requires some minor repair works and painting before the Winter. Environment Committee agreed to ask DB Site Solutions for costs to carry out this work. Cllr R Vaughan and Cllr V Patel will make a site visit beforehand to look at the fence.
Action: Clerks to contact DB Site Solutions.
- 46 Review of Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Plan:** The Plan needs to be reviewed by Members of Environment Committee in time for the AGM in May 2022. Environment Members agreed to review the Plan and make some recommendations or changes for discussion at the February 2022 Environment Committee meeting. If there are no changes to the Plan it will be recommended to Full Council in May.
- 47 Update on Radyr Woods:**
- (i) Radyr Woods Wardens have officially been registered as a litter picking group with Cardiff Council. The Wardens will carry out litter picking on a rota basis.

- (ii) The Wardens met with Cardiff Conservation Volunteers last week regarding the collapsed bridge. The bridge has been removed and the Wardens are now looking to get it replaced as soon as possible. Cardiff Conservation Volunteers will require a maximum of 2 days to repair it. Expenditure for materials has been approved. The Wardens are still hoping to use the old telegraph poles and DB Site Solutions are willing to help with this. Cllr Ralph Vaughan asked if the Wardens could look into the cost of a steel bridge.
Action: Clerks to contact CCV to instruct them to carry out the work.
- (iii) Ash die-back: One tree is now completely bare. The cost of felling this tree will require quotes.
- (iv) The Wardens continue to monitor the steps and have carried out a few working parties in the Woods.
- (v) No work has commenced on the fence around the compound.
- (vi) Once the bridge is completed the Wardens will arrange an official opening.
- (vii) Cllr Vina Patel has met with the designer and supplier for the new information boards in Radyr Woods and will send the wording for the boards to the Chair of Radyr Woods Wardens.

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

- (i) Cllr Allan Cook asked about the removal of the hanging baskets. This has been agreed with DB Site Solutions (Dave Barnes) that he will take them down. The water feeding the baskets will be switched off on 20th October and Dave Barnes will take the baskets down in November. The Clerks will contact R. Ford Ltd regarding the order for 2022 after the budget has been approved.
- (ii) Cllr Allan Cook will carry out some planting in the Windsor Gardens and the Old Church Rooms Community Planters. There is budget of £20 per planter per season.
Action: Clerks to issue authorisation letters to Cllr Allan Cook to purchase plants from Pughs Garden Centre.

49 Items for the next meeting: None

50 Date of next meeting: Thursday 3 February 2022 at 7.00pm.

Meeting Closed at: 8:30pm