



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Minutes of a MEETING of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on Thursday 9th January 2020 **7.00pm** at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Cllrs Ralph Vaughan, Huw O Jones, Helen Lloyd Jones

In Attendance: Julie Hopkins, Lynne Thomas

- 32 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllrs Myles Vatsaloo, Kieran Webster
- 33 To make declarations of Interest:** None
- 34 To note the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd October 2019:** The Minutes of the 3rd October 2019 Environment meeting were approved and signed at the 3rd October Full Council meeting as an accurate record and were duly noted.
- 35 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:** The current notice board in Windsor Gardens leaks during wet weather so any notices become very damp. It was agreed to recommend to full council to approve the cost of a new notice board.
Action: Clerks to source the cost of a new notice board similar to the one in Morganstown.
- (ii) **Pentwyn Park:**
Excess Water in the Park: There is an area of grass that is continually wet and R&MCC are unable to find the source. It was agreed that we contact Welsh Water and ask them to investigate this.
Action: Clerks to contact Welsh Water to request they investigate.
- (iii) **Dan-y-Bryn Woods:** R&MCC should start replenishing the wood with young trees and the recommendations is Alders which like damp areas. Subject to completion of any current work, R&MCC will budget for this next year. Environment Committee recommended a budget of up to £100.
- (iv) **Radyr woods:**
Coppicing: The next round of coppicing will be carried out on 26th January 2020 by Cardiff Conservation Volunteers.
Wood Compound: A written request from Radyr Woods Wardens has been received for the construction of a fence around the container, which would enable wood to be stored safely. It was agreed to recommend to full council that the work goes ahead at a cost of £1,200 – £1,300.

- (v) **Stile at Pant Tawel Lane:** Cardiff Council have confirmed that an inspection of the stile and any necessary repairs have been carried out.
- 36 **To review progress on the Pentwyn Park retaining wall project:** R&MCC are awaiting a Risk Assessment Schedule from Keystone Structural Engineering.
- 37 **To receive a report on vehicle access to Radyr Woods at Taff Terrace:** The report was considered and further responses are awaited.
- 38 **To review the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Plan for 2020/21:** Under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6: The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty, all Public Bodies are requested to produce a report on what they have done to comply with the Section 6 Duty. The Report has been published on our Website as required and can be found under ‘Our Work, Notices & Reports’. Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones has agreed to draft the updated Plan for 2020/21.
- 39 **To receive a proposal on biodiversity projects – wildlife hotels and boxes.** Cllr Huw Jones has proposed R&MCC fund the building and installation of bird/bat/bug boxes as a possible project. The two Primary schools in Radyr have confirmed they would like to be involved with this project. The Primary Schools have also confirmed they would like to be involved with the Snowdrop planting again this year.
- 40 **To receive a proposal on recycling bins for Radyr & Morganstown:** The Committee agreed this was a good idea and Cllr Huw Jones will carry out some research on this.
- 41 **Any other business with prior consultation with the Chair:**
- (i) Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones has suggested that R&MCC consider planting their own Christmas Trees. There is a suitable place in the Sidings for a tree.
Action: Clerks to look into the cost of purchasing a tree for the Sidings.
- (ii) Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones has pointed out that there is an old iron gate in Radyr Woods adjacent to the Comprehensive School perimeter, which is in poor condition and should be removed.
Action: Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones to draft a letter to Cardiff Council requesting the gate be removed.
- (iii) Cllr Huw Jones thanked Cllr Rod McKerlich for getting kissing gate replaced in Junction Terrace.
- 42 **To put forward any items for the next meeting:** None
- 43 **Date of next meeting:** The next Environment Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 6th February 2020.

Meeting Closed at 7.45pm