



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Thursday 1 October 2020 at 7:00pm.

**This meeting was held remotely via Zoom in accordance with the Local Authorities
(Coronavirus)(Meetings)(Wales) Regulations 2020**

Present: Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones (Chair), Cllr Julia Charles, Cllr Allan Cook, Cllr Tyrone Davies, Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones, Cllr Clive Morgan, Cllr Rod McKerlich, Cllr Vina Patel, Cllr David Suthers, Cllr Ralph Vaughan, Michelle Lenton-Johnson.

Clerks: Lynne Thomas (Clerk), Julie Hopkins (Assistant Clerk)

70 Apologies for absence

Cllr Kieran Webster

71 Declarations of Interest:

Councillors are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

No declarations were made.

72 Report and Recommendations from the Christmas Events Working Group

Cllr J Charles (Chair of the Christmas Events Working Group) presented a report and recommendations from the Working Group on plans for Christmas 2020 in the context of Coronavirus. Uncertainty arising from the rapidly changing measures and restrictions put in place by Welsh Government, coupled with concerns for public safety, meant that most of the traditional Christmas events in Radyr & Morganstown could not go ahead. In response, the Working Group will concentrate on providing a lighting display aiming to bring some cheer to residents after a particularly difficult year.

(i) **Contract for Christmas trees and lighting:** Members received two alternative sets of quotes for the traditional installation of lights on Station Road and the supply, installation, decoration and removal of Christmas trees in Windsor Gardens, Granny Park, and the Sidings. The equivalent costs in 2019 were reported as a comparison. Cllr Charles reported that it had been difficult to identify suitable alternative contractors and obtain a third quote as required by the RMCC financial regulations and further delay in appointing contractors would risk losing the preferred supplier and dates.

The Working Group requested Council to consider suspending Financial Regulation 11(g) - which requires three quote to be obtained before a contract for works of £3,000 or more is awarded - and to appoint the recommended contractor. The reasons for the suspension and assessment of risks were notified to Council in advance in the report of the Working Group.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to suspend Financial Regulation 11(g) and to appoint Centregreat Ltd at a cost of £3,503 plus VAT to include the installation of lights on Station Road and the supply, installation, decoration and removal of Christmas trees in Windsor Gardens, Granny Park and the Sidings.

(ii) **Budget for additional Christmas lighting:** The Working Group recommended an increase in the budget for Christmas trees and lighting from £4,000 to £9,000 to fund increased Christmas lighting around Radyr & Morganstown and to bring some cheer to residents in the absence of other Christmas events.

RESOLVED: Council voted by show of hands in favour of an increase in the budget for Christmas trees and lighting to £9,000 to fund the installation of additional Christmas lighting and to bring some cheer to residents in the absence of other Christmas events. The Christmas Event Working Group will bring plans and costs to Full Council for approval.

Signed

Date