



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Minutes of an ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING held on 16 September 2021 at 7:00pm.

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom

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

Clerk: Lynne Thomas

100 Apologies for absence

Cllr Myles Vatsaloo

101 Declarations of Interest

Cllr R McKerlich declared a personal interest in Minute No.109(i) and No.114 as a neighbour to Windsor Gardens.

Michelle Lenton-Johnson declared as interest in Minute No. No.102 as a candidate for co-option and left the meeting for that item.

102 Casual vacancy for Radyr South ward – Co-option of Council Member

Members received the recommendation of the Co-option Interview Panel. Two candidates had been interviewed.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to co-opt Michelle Lenton-Johnson to fill the vacancy for Community Councillor for Radyr South ward, subject to the receipt of two satisfactory references.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to co-opt Susan Ryall as an observer and Young Persons Champion, subject to the receipt of two satisfactory references. Council further resolved that the Members Payment would be made available for this role.

103 Meeting adjourned: Members of the public invited to speak

No members of the public were present.

104 Chairman's Announcements/Report

- The Chairman reported that Cllr Kieran Webster had resigned and that he had written to thank him for his work.
- Publicity Group will develop a RMCC Facebook page. The website subscription to Weebly will continue but will be reviewed six months before it ends. The accessibility of Minutes and other Council documents on the website will be reviewed.
- The Chairman had attended the Transport for Wales Open Day. The electrification works at Morganstown would begin soon.
- A diversion of the Public Right of Way is required for the new bridge over the railway at Gelynys Farm. The Chair suggested that the Council could make its Smart Survey tool available to local residents to collect opinions about the diversion and steep slope.
- The Chair has asked the Clerk to keep track of work on issues raised with Mark Drakeford AM.

- The Chair proposed that the Leader of Cardiff Council be invited to visit Radyr & Morganstown. Members agreed that an invitation would be sent.
- The Chair attended the Civic Service and Reception. Members recorded their thanks to the Assistant Clerk for organising the event.
- The Chair reported that the RMCC stall at the R&M Festival Fete would include surveys about improvements to the Station Road area and Windsor Gardens.
- The Chair raised concerns about the slowness of decision making and the need for all decisions to be on the agenda for Council meetings.

105 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Full Council on 15 July 2021

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Full Council held on 15 July 2021 were received and approved by Council.

106 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on 15 July 2021

Minute No.84: The Chair reported that the meeting with Cardiff Council (Highways) would take place in the following week

Minute No. 84: The Chair reported on discussions with a local estate agent and the private owner of the Bethel Chapel.

Minute No.88: In response to a question from the Chair, the Clerk confirmed that the grants to the R&M Litter Pickers and the Penrhys Pilgrimage Project had been paid.

Minute No.90: In response to a question from the Chair, the Clerk confirmed that the RMCC response to the LDP consultation had been sent. The Chair requested that a copy of the response be sent to all Members.

Minute No.95: Cllr McKerlich confirmed that the implementation of the HGV Gateway would be discussed at a meeting with Cardiff Council (Highways) in the following week. Concerns about the safety of the right-hand turn into Pugh's Garden Centre were noted.

Minute No.96: Cllr Patel provided an update on progress in establishing the R&M Good Neighbours charity.

107 Community Councillor Vacancy for Morganstown ward – Co-option procedure

The Clerk reported that no request for an election had been received within the statutory period and that the Community Council would now proceed to fill the vacancy by co-option. Members agreed that Cllrs Davies, Patel, Suthers and Vatsaloo will serve on the co-option panel. The Clerk will prepare a short summary of the co-option procedure.

108 Finance

(i) Members received and approved the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 2 September 2021.

(ii) Members received and approved the RMCC accounts & bank reconciliation at 31 August 2021.

(iii) Members noted the following bank statements received:

- Unity Trust Acc. *****326 Statement No. 100 and 101
- Unity Trust Acc. *****339 Statement No. 83 and 84
- Unity Trust Acc. *****011 Statement No. 20 and 21

(iv) Members received and approved the RMCC Payment Schedules for July and August 2021.

(iv) **Grant Application – 1st Radyr Scout Group:** Finance Committee agreed to recommend to Full Council that a grant of £3,000 be awarded to the 1st Radyr Scouts Group to be used specifically for the new playground and driveway as set out in their application and subject to the condition

that the funds will be transferred only when confirmation is received that the remaining funding required for the playground and driveway work has been raised.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to award a grant of £3,000 to the 1st Radyr Scout Group to be used specifically for the new playground and driveway as set out in their application and subject to the condition that the funds will be transferred only when confirmation is received that the remaining funding required for the playground and driveway work has been raised.

109 Environment

(i) Members received a report on environment matters from Cllr R Vaughan (Chair of Environment Committee):

- Cllrs Vaughan and McKerlich met with a resident to see the damage to pavements at Hazel Tree and Willow Tree Close and also observed dumped foliage at Willow Tree Close.
- Cllr Patel will draft text for the new Radyr Woods Information Boards and will meet with the designer.
- The Clerks are consulting with Cardiff Council on managing Ash Die-back.
- The Handyman will be asked to deal with the ivy along the boundary wall at Windsor Gardens.
- The bridge at the Cooking Mound in Radyr Woods has collapsed and materials for repairs will cost around £900. This will be funded from the budget for Radyr Woods.

(ii) M Lenton-Johnson reported that tree roots on Windsor Crescent are a trip hazard. Cllr McKerlich reported on discussions with Cardiff Council and residents regarding trees on Windsor Crescent.

(iii) Cllr Jones raised the vandalism of trees in Bute Park and proposed that RMCC sponsor a replacement tree as a gift from Radyr & Morganstown. Members agreed that Cllr McKerlich would discuss this with Cardiff Council and that the Clerk and Chair could proceed if the cost does not exceed £1,000, to be funded from the Environment budget.

(iv) Members received a report from the Clerk on Japanese knotweed growing along Ffordd Treforgan and agreed that RMCC would seek to facilitate a meeting between the landowners, Cardiff Council and Natural Resources Wales.

110 Old Church Rooms

Cllr A Cook (Chair of the OCR Management Board) provided an update to Members:

- The Board has not received a third quote for roof repairs. An expert in structural engineering living locally has volunteered to inspect the bell tower at no cost. The Board requested approval from Council to hire a cherry picker for the inspection. Members agreed to proceed subject to confirmation that the expert would be covered for any accident as a volunteer under the Council's insurance policy and agreed to indemnify the expert against any claims. Members further agreed to continue to retain the surveyor for the time being.
- The Old Church Rooms is opening up more now that COVID restrictions have lifted.
- A new cooker has been installed in the main kitchen.
- Park Road Nursery will leave the OCR at the end of summer 2022 and the Board are waiting for further information from the Nursery on the future of the nursery service.

Cllr T Davies and the Assistant Clerk are making progress with the list of enhancements and improvements.

Cllr Vaughan has visited the nursing station on Park Road to discuss the use of the OCR car park and a recent incident that had taken place.

111 Christmas Events Working Group

Cllr J Charles (Chair of the Christmas Events Working Group) provided an update on progress with gathering quotes and preparing recommendations and costings for Christmas activities. In light of delays with receiving quotes from contractors, the Working Group will request an extraordinary meeting of Full Council to agree contracts and spending on 27 September.

112 Remembrance Sunday commemorations 2021

Arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday commemorations are still to be confirmed but the expectation is that some commemoration event will take place.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to sponsor a wreath for the commemorations together with a discretionary donation to the British Legion for a total of £100.

Members further agreed to continue to fund the cost of refreshments at the Radyr Tennis Club following the commemoration service.

113 Radyr & Morganstown Community Plan

Members received an update from the Chair on progress with developing the consultation on a community plan and were invited to send comments on draft consultation documents to the Working Group by 30 September.

114 RMCC Staff: Proposal to appoint a Groundsperson

Members agreed to defer this item to the October Full Council meeting and agreed that it would be an early item on the agenda.

115 Remote attendance at RMCC meetings

Members received a report from the Clerk on provisions for attendance at RMCC meetings to enable people to attend either in person or remotely. Members agreed to continue to meet remotely for the time being and to wait for any further advice and support from One Voice Wales and Welsh Government.

116 County Councillor’s Report

Members received an update from Cllr R McKerlich:

- There are stringent planning permission conditions that must be met by Transport for Wales prior to work commencing at the Mound Field and the bridge at Gelynis Farm.
- Transport for Wales will need to apply for a diversion of the Public Right of Way for the new bridge at Gelynis Farm and this will be an opportunity to raise an objection regarding the gradient of the slope.
- A petition about the safety of the new slip road from Heol Isaf to Llantrisant Road will be presented to Cardiff Council in September.

Cllr McKerlich noted the sterling work done by the Cardiff Rivers Group in clearing litter along the Taff and also the work of the R&M Litter Pickers.

117 Any other business

The Clerk reported that a former Member who had resigned earlier in the year had asked about returning the Members Payment for 2021/22. Members agreed that the former Member should be asked to donate the payment to the R&M Good Neighbours charity should they wish to do so.

Signed

Date