



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

**Minutes of the ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held
on Thursday 20 February 2020 at the Old Church Rooms at 7:00pm.**

Present: Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones (Chair), Cllr Julia Charles, Cllr Allan Cook, Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones, Cllr Rod McKerlich, Cllr Clive Morgan, Cllr Vina Patel, Cllr David Suthers, Cllr Ralph Vaughan, Cllr Kieran Webster.

Clerk: Lynne Thomas

In attendance: Mark Drakeford AM, members of the Friends of Bethel Chapel, C Aitken – Cardiff University student journalist, and two members of the public.

205 Election of new Member – Cllr Allan Cook

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Allan Cook as the new Member for Morganstown Ward.

Cllr Allan Cook signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk/Proper Officer.

206 Apologies for absence

Cllr Tyrone Davies, Cllr Myles Vatsaloo, Michelle Lenton-Johnson

207 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.

(i) Cllr HO Jones declared a personal interest in Minute No. 213(i) as a Governor and parent of a child at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr. Cllr Jones took no part in the discussion and abstained from voting on that item.

(ii) Cllr A Cook declared a personal interest in Minute No. 213(i) as grandparent of a child at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr. Cllr Cook took no part in the discussion and abstained from voting on that item.

208 Meeting adjourned: Members of the public invited to speak

Members of the Friends of Bethel Chapel spoke about the continued deterioration of the Bethel Chapel and Graveyard in Morganstown and asked R&MCC Members and Mark Drakeford AM what they could do to help the residents of Morganstown.

R&MCC Members and the AM noted and discussed the actions that have been taken and the challenges involved in resolving the upkeep of the building and graveyard.

Cllr K Webster will ask permission from the landowner for a site visit to Bethel Chapel and Graveyard for R&MCC Members and staff from the AM's office.

Cllr R McKerlich will visit to see the condition of the wall and will report to Cardiff Council for action if the wall has deteriorated since it was last inspected by Cardiff Council.

209 Mark Drakeford AM – Q&A for R&MCC Members

The Q&A session with Mark Drakeford AM covered the following topics:

- The possibility of establishing a school safety zone for the road near Radyr Comprehensive School and what that might include in addition to planned road safety improvements.
- The timing and funding of road improvement and safety works, including the availability of section 106 money.
- Plans for managing the flow of traffic into Cardiff, including park and ride facilities, more trains, the Metro system and bus provision.
- The implication of 20mph speed limits for air pollution and opportunities for measuring the impact of speed limits on air pollution in Radyr & Morganstown.
- The availability of funding for playground maintenance, including the Drovers Way play area.
- The provision of youth services in Radyr & Morganstown.

210 Chairman's Announcements/Reports

The Chairman reported on:

- Progress with refurbishment of the Drovers Way play area.
- The Plasdŵr drop in session and plans for works by the contractors to remove the roundabout at Heol Isaf.
- A meeting with Ofcom to discuss mobile phone signal strength in Radyr & Morganstown.
- Progress with the consultation on ideas for improvements to the Station Road area.

Members agreed to hold a public meeting for residents to offer their suggestions for improvements to the Station Road area and to discuss the ideas put forward by the Community Council. Planning professionals will also be invited. Cllr K Webster agreed to take the lead on organising the meeting, to be held around the end of April or beginning of May.

211 Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting held on 23 January 2020

The Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting held on 23 January 2020 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman.

212 Finance

(i) Members received and approved the R&MCC accounts and bank reconciliation as at 31 January, signed by the Chairman.

(ii) Members received and approved the payment schedule for January 2020, signed by the Chairman.

(iii) Members received and noted the following bank statements, signed by the Chairman:

- Unity Trust Acc. *****326 Statement No. 77
- Unity Trust Acc. *****339 Statement No. 65
- Unity Trust Acc. *****011 Statement No. 2
- Nat West Account statement for January 2020

(iv) Members received and approved an updated list of variable direct debits for 2019/20.

(v) Members received confirmation from the Chair of Finance Committee that the Precept request for 2020/21 has been submitted and acknowledged by Cardiff Council.

(vi) Members received a request from Morganstown Village Hall for the payment of £1,111.50 from the Community Council grant of £3,500 awarded in January 2019 (Minute Number 158(ii), 17 January 2019). Work to remove asbestos from the roof void has been completed.

RESOLVED: Council agreed payment of £1,111.50 from the grant of £3,500 awarded to Morganstown Village Hall in January 2019.

213 Financial Assistance Applications

(i) Members received correspondence from Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr inviting the Community Council to become one of the sponsors of a stage musical production of “Billy Elliott” in the Welsh Language.

RESOLVED: Council voted in favour of awarding £450 to Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr as sponsorship of the stage musical production of “Billy Elliott” in the Welsh Language. Cllr HO Jones and Cllr A Cook declared a personal interest and abstained from voting.

(ii) Members discussed a proposal made by Cllr K Webster for R&MCC to contribute items to help the flood clean-up being organised in the neighbouring communities of Nantgarw and Taffs Well by the Taffs Well RFC and Village Hall.

Members received advice from the Clerk taken from the Statutory Guidance on the Power to Promote or Improve Economic, Social or Environmental Well-Being under the Local Government Act 2000 (April 2013): Section 2(5) of the Act allows a local authority to use the power in relation to, or for the benefit of, any person or area situated outside its area if it considers that doing so is likely to promote or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of its area and/or any persons within it.

RESOLVED: Council voted in favour of using the power to promote well-being to spend £300 on items to contribute to the flood clean-up in Nantgarw and Taffs Well organised through Taffs Well RFC and Village Hall. Receipts must be obtained for all spending for audit purposes.

214 One Voice Wales membership renewal for 2020/21

Members received correspondence from the Chief Executive of One Voice Wales on the renewal of membership for 2020/21.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to renew its membership of One Voice Wales in 2020/21 at a cost of £943.

215 Management of the Old Church Rooms

Members received and noted correspondence from the Radyr & Morganstown Association (RMA) on the withdrawal of the RMA from the Hall Management Agreement for the Old Church Rooms. Cllr HO Jones provided an update to Members on interim arrangements for the management of the Old Church Rooms.

Cllr A Cook agreed to clarify the position with regard to the involvement of the RMA at the next meeting of the Association.

Council agreed that Cllrs HO Jones, K Webster and R Vaughan will continue to manage the OCR on an interim basis and develop proposals for future management arrangements for Council to consider in due course. Cllr A Cook will join the group.

216 Environment Committee

(i) The Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 6 February 2020 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman.

(ii) Members received and noted an update on environment projects from Cllr R Vaughan.

217 Planning Applications

- (i) No responses to planning applications were reported by the Planning Committee.
- (ii) Planning Application 20/00187/MJR – Land at De Braose Close, Danescourt: Council agreed to submit an objection to this application on the grounds of the loss of woodland and natural environment and increase in traffic congestion. Cllr H Lloyd Jones and Cllr R McKerlich will draft the objection.
- (iii) Members agreed to invite the Leader of Cardiff Council to an Ordinary Meeting of Full Council for a Q&A session on issues affecting Radyr & Morganstown.

218 County Councillor's Report

Members received and noted the County Councillor's report for February.

Cllr R McKerlich reported on the confusion over the boundary shown in the proposed Traffic Regulation Order dealing with weight restrictions in Radyr & Morganstown. Cllr McKerlich has objected to the TRO on the grounds that the change in the boundary could give HGVs access to the CEMEX quarry through the villages. This objection will be taken on board.

219 Community Councillors' Reports

Members received written reports from Cllr K Webster and Cllr H Lloyd Jones

220 R&MCC Over 50s Lunch Club

(i) Members received a note from the Clerk setting out a request from the Lunch Club coordinator for new volunteer drivers to have DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) checks.

Council agreed that the first step should be to develop an R&MCC Policy on the Protection of Vulnerable Adults. Cllr V Patel will draft a policy for Council to consider.

(ii) Members received a note from the Clerk setting out a request from the Lunch Club coordinator for Council to purchase a second wheelchair to assist elderly attendees at a cost of £275.

RESOLVED: Council agreed that the Artificial Limb and Appliance Centre should first be approached for assistance. If no wheelchair is available through the Centre, then Council agreed to purchase a second wheelchair for the Lunch Club at a cost of £275.

221 Any other business/correspondence

(i) R&MCC representatives on the North West Cardiff Group are Cllr J Charles and Cllr K Webster.

(ii) Council agreed to form a working group to review R&MCC Christmas events. Members of the working group will be Cllr J Charles, Cllr A Cook and Cllr H Lloyd Jones.

222 Next meeting dates:

Thursday 5 March 2020: Finance Committee

Thursday 19 March 2020: Ordinary Full Council Meeting

Signed

Date