



## **Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan**

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Huw Thomas  
Leader of the Council  
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Dear Huw

### **The Clos Parc Radur Playground**

You will be aware that work has been underway for some time now, to renovate the children's playground off Drovers' Way, in Clos Parc Radur.

The current situation is that most of the park equipment has been removed. In each case, the footings had rusted away, due to regular flooding of the play area.

Since we first raised this matter with Cardiff Council, in 2017, we have seen some steady progress as far as restoring the site is concerned.

The community council has earmarked £5,000 towards the cost of new equipment, as have the local residents, via the Parc Radyr Management Committee. In addition to that £10,000, a further £2,600 has been raised thanks to the efforts of a local resident, Jamie Grundy, who launched a crowd-funding campaign to 'fill the remaining quarter;' of the playground.

Cardiff Council has also set aside money for this project - and has secured a grant from the Welsh Government. And our thanks must go to Adrian Jones, in your Parks Department, for his excellent advice and support.

In addition, Redrow Homes and Plasdwr have offered their support.

Thanks to the efforts of all concerned, we are now able to buy all of the new equipment needed for the playground.

However, before it can be installed, work is required to improve drainage at the site - which will cost between £15k and £20k. Everyone involved with the project agrees that the drainage issue must be dealt with before anything new is installed. If this isn't done, the mud and water that flows onto the site will shorten the life of the new equipment - as well as making the playground look unsightly.

At the end of the day, this is a Cardiff Council site. Even so, the local community has been willing to contribute towards the restoration.

All that remains is to find the money to deal with the drainage issue. I understand that Redrow is willing to contribute £5,000 (but I've yet to hear if that will be money, or a contribution in kind). That could leave Cardiff Council having to find between £10k and £15k.

The summer has arrived, but the park remains mainly empty. Understandably, there is some frustration locally. There is a feeling that we are surrounded by roadworks and building development; that our community is being put under pressure - and that more should be done to help our community at this time of great change. This feeling becomes magnified following the local, crowd-funding campaign.

Could I please ask you, therefore, to help ensure that Cardiff Council can provide the funds required to deal with the drainage problem? It is not a huge sum of money - and it would mean a great deal to the residents of Radyr and Morganstown if you could assist.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Huw Jones', with a long, wavy tail extending to the right.

Huw Jones  
Chair  
Radyr and Morganstown Community Council