



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

The Old Church Rooms  
Park Road  
Radyr  
Cardiff CF15 8DF

Minutes of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Thursday, 21 January 2016 at 7:30pm at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Councillors St Leger, Evans, Hallinan, Dubberley, R McKerlich, Diment, S McKerlich, R Vaughan, T Davies, D Suthers, Lloyd Jones

Five residents were present

In attendance: Helena Fox

**16.29 To receive the Chairman's Report:** Cllr Hallinan welcomed everyone to the first Council meeting of the year and wished everyone a very happy, healthy and successful 2016. This year is going to be a demanding one for the Council as more and more is asked of it due to the cuts being made by the City Council and it has considered the largest budget and precept in its history. We still do not know the future of the Library. We have proposals from the YMCA regarding youth provision and at a meeting on January 18 with several Community Councillors and a representative from Age Connect it was agreed that to try and move forward with replacing the Friday lunch club for our more elderly residents. This is exciting news and shows R&MCC's ability to meet local needs. The Chairman was looking forward to the council team working together to make these exciting projects happen.

16.29.1 The Chairman had attended a meeting about a lunch/tea club for older R&M residents, attended by Age Connect and other councillors.

**16.30 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Morgan

**16.31 To make declarations of interest:** There were none.

**16.32 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2015:** The Chairman introduced the minutes of the meeting held on October 15 2015 which were proposed as a true record for signature. There was a long discussion about the accuracy of the minutes with several members asking for amendments.

Cllr Vaughan joined the meeting during the discussion.

Cllr R McKerlich proposed and Cllr Diment seconded that Minutes 14.933.2-4 be deleted from the October 15 2015 Minutes. A vote was held: In favour of amending the Minutes: Cllrs R McKerlich, Suthers, Diment, St Leger, S McKerlich, H Lloyd Jones and Davies. Against amending the Minutes: Cllrs Hallinan, Dubberley and Evans. Abstention: Cllr Vaughan.

The Chairman then amended the Minutes and ink, signed and dated them.

Cllr Lloyd Jones then proposed and Cllr R McKerlich seconded that the amended Minutes be approved. A vote was held: votes in favour of accepting the amended minutes: 5; votes against accepting amended minutes : 4. Abstained: 2

The Chairman then signed the approved Minutes.

### **16.33 Meeting adjourned – Members of the public invited to speak:**

16.33.1 Allan Cook had provided information on three versions of a blue plaque for Roald Dahl to go on Ty Mynydd Lodge. A discussion on choosing a version of the plaque took place. The RMA had suggested that the unveiling of the plaque be done at the R&MCC Civic Reception in May 2016 and fitted on the house later that week.

16.33.2 David Cargill, representing RMA, raised the issue of the new Cardiff Council charge for road closures. His statement is filed with these minutes. This charge affects the Christmas event, Fun Run and Festival Parade and perhaps the Remembrance Day parade. In some local communities the cost is covered by local traders. R&M events are different, involving charities, and should be considered differently by Cardiff. The RMA would like to work with R&MCC to oppose this charge which could damage community events and the spirit in which they are held. Cllr R McKerlich reported that Cardiff believes the charges are legitimate and he noted that costs can be mitigated by placing official notices ourselves and through local people being trained by the police to watch traffic.

16.33.3 It was proposed to write a joint letter to Cardiff between the RMA/R&MCC making the argument that the charge damages communities and charities. Copy the letter to the press.

**16.34 To decide on the plaque design for Roald Dahl:** Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED** to include the version with Norwegian, Welsh and English known as Dahl 2. The Welsh will be worded to avoid a mutation on the house name.

**16.35 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2015:** The Chairman introduced the minutes of the meeting held on November 19 2015 which were proposed as a true record for signature. There was a long discussion about the accuracy of the minutes with several members asking for amendments.

16.35.1 The Chairman suggested that a professionally mediated meeting be arranged. This was declined.

16.35.2 Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr S McKerlich seconded that an Extraordinary Meeting be held on Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup> to debate the Motion: 'To discuss recent statements and memorandum issued by the chair'.

Approval of the November 19 2015 Minutes was deferred to the February meeting against the Clerk's advice.

### **16.36 To receive the Clerk's Report**

16.36.1 The new entry signs to R&M are expected to be ready in three weeks. The delay is due to the need for the cast works to be carried out by a specialist manufacturer. Standard signs have said they will try to improve on this date.

16.36.2 The Budget has been prepared and the layout will be re-worked to bring like items together – changes over the years have made things less logical than they could be.

16.36.3 The Clerk has attended OCR project meetings and done the follow up; submitted grant claims; checked payment claims; renegotiated the gas service contract; dealt with general enquiries. The 6<sup>th</sup> certificate is in but awaiting confirmation.

16.36.4 The finance claim has been submitted to the Friends of Radyr Guiding and a cheque received.

16.36.5 Attended the latest WW1 committee meeting; arranged a visit to the National Library in Aberystwyth for members of the project committee; updated the project finance

- 16.36.6 Dealt with a resident's concerns about a tree a Radyr Wood
- 16.36.7 Kept the website up to date over the OCR project and LDP
- 16.36.8 Worked with Cardiff to find a solution to the problems in Pentwyn Park

**16.37 To receive the County Councillor's Report:** The reports for December and January had been circulated in advance and are filed with these Minutes.

**16.38 To receive Councillors' Reports:**

- 16.38.1 Cllr Evans had attended the WW1 committee and a webteam meeting. The Webteam is looking at its own aims and objectives and how to consult the community. Should R&MCC VPQ2 go ahead the webteam would want to be involved. The walking group had met and wished to carry on meeting. Cllr Evans had attended the meeting on the lunch club project for older residents.
- 16.38.2 Cllr Dubberley attended the walking group and the lunch club project.
- 16.38.3 Cllr S McKerlich attended the WW1 committee meeting.
- 16.38.4 Cllr Lloyd Jones attended the walking group.
- 16.38.5 Cllr St Leger worked on the Christmas trees. He notes that the Morganstown tree lights had failed and the tree stump is stuck in the ground and will be made safe until it can be removed.
- 16.38.6 Cllr Vaughan had attended the PACT meeting that raised the issue of the sink hole on LDP Strategic Site C at Ty Gwyn Farm. He had attended a festival meeting. He noted his concerns about road closure costs.
- 16.38.7 Cllr Diment had attended OCR site meetings. He had attended a Twinning event and the Twinning groups asked R&MCC to discuss the name of new first floor room at the OCR and it will be put on the Environment Committee for February 4. Cllr Diment attended the WW1 meeting and an event at the Old Cardiff Library on the history of nurses in WW1. He had been in contact with the contractor re the village entry signs and discussed placement. With Cllr St Leger and local volunteers he had helped put up and take down the three community Christmas trees. Cllr Diment had worked with the RMA on the Station Road Christmas lights and calculated he had contributed some 30 hours. Cllr Diment had written a report critical of the arrangements for installing the Christmas trees. Cllr Diment told the meeting that he had decided to distribute the report, against the Chairman's advice, to all members and a hard copy was available for them to read. Cllr Diment has withdrawn from future Christmas tree projects and from involvement with Pentwyn Park.
- 16.38.8 Cllr Suthers had attended the WW1 committee, the meeting on the lunch club and worked on the LDP.

**16.39 To approve Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held January 7 2015:** Cllr Davies proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on January 7 be accepted and adopted. Seconded by Cllr Hallinan. All agreed

- 16.39.1 Friends of Radyr Guiding: It was **RESOLVED** to grant of £100 towards the cost of ground rent for the Guide Hall.
- 16.39.2 Easement at Radyr Woods : It was **RESOLVED** to pay the legal fees of £1,416 including VAT of Janet L Jordan & Co in full and final settlement.

**16.40 To approve Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held January 7 2015:** Cllr S McKerlich proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on January 7 be accepted and adopted. Seconded by Cllr Diment. All agreed

**16.41 To set a budget for 2016-17:** It was **RESOLVED** to set a budget of £141,527 for 2016-17.

**16.42 To set a precept for 2015-16:** It was **RESOLVED** to set a Precept of £112,500 for 2016-17. This will mean an addition to the Council Tax for residents for one year as follows: £30.78

for Band D; £37.62 for Band E; £44.46 for Band F; £51.30 for Band G; £61.56 for Band H and £71.82 for Band I.

**16.43 To receive an update on the OCR project and decide on any financial matters:** Cllrs St Leger and Diment updated the meeting on the project's progress.

16.43.1 The project's final completion date is expected to be in early February. The Chain and Weir Rooms are in use; the new room has been painted and has lights; the new external store room will be handed over tomorrow. The new WCs have been plastered. The window is going in the new first floor room shortly. The external fire doors to the Weir Room and Garth Room are being replaced. The issue of access to the new room for people with mobility difficulties will be raised again as will the start of the beneficial use of the heating system start.

16.43.2 The Clerk reported that it is still looking likely that the project costs for construction will come within the contract total, including extras.

16.43.3 The sixth Certificate payment to the contractors of £21,784.26 has been received but not yet confirmed.

16.43.4 The sixth ALFW claim will be made as soon as possible.

16.43.5 The project team (Mike Diment, Chris St Leger, David Silver and Nick Hawkins) continue to monitor expenditure proactively and carefully, consulting Cllr Hallinan as necessary.

**16.44 To receive an update on VAT registration:** Our accountants were chasing HMRC and expressed concern that HMRC's delay was causing R&MCC to borrow more than needed. It was **RESOLVED** to write to Kevin Brennan, MP.

**16.45 To receive an update on the LDP:** Cllr Suthers reported that the developments are at an important stage. The LDP was found sound by the Inspectors with some 31,000 homes left to build. Cllr Suthers will meet with the three local community council Chairmen to discuss the future of the NWCG secretariat. Cllr Suthers' view was that each community council should now look after their own areas.

**16.46 To receive an update on the Community Infrastructure Levy:** The Clerk had asked Cardiff Council for an update on the CIL consultation that had taken place a year ago and whether it has plans to work with its community councils, as had RCT County Borough Council. To date there has been no response. Cllr John Hughes of St Fagans Community Council is pursuing this via the Standards and Ethics Committee at Cardiff where he sits as representative for all six community councils.

The Chairman noted that the NWCG is concerned that Cardiff is not communicating with its community councils over this very important new funding source for infrastructure. Community Councils are entitled to at least 15% of any CIL raised from development in their area (up to a maximum of c£100/dwelling in their community so about £288,000 for R&M). Other local authorities such as RCT have worked closely with their Town and Community Councils.

Cllr R McKerlich sits on the Task and Finish Group that is looking at CIL. He noted that it is clear that 15% will go to community council; that there are no rules on how CIL is to be spent and community councils will have a very free hand, within their normal rules. Recent evidence from Caerphilly County Borough Council and Bristol City Council suggests that CIL does not raise much money in first couple of years but more comes in later. The land north of Llantrisant Road is subject to a planning application before CIL is adopted and will rely on S106. Later developments will probably fall under CIL unless applications come in before it is adopted. The estimated building rate on LDP sites is 400 dwellings/year so it will take 2+ years to complete the current application site north of Llantrisant Road and thus 5-6 years before any CIL is raised on further development. CIL adoption is expected around November 2016. The LDP is on Cardiff Council's meeting agenda for adoption on 28.1.16. The estimated number of houses to be built in R&M north of the Llantrisant Road is 1,300.

**16.47 To receive an update on the WW1 project:** There is a healthy balance of funds to be spent by October 2016. Ideas are coming together for the closing event that could involve a wide range of activities including a film of the Somme, a concert and meal based on the 1919 R&M peace celebration. All ideas welcomed. The new extension provides space for exhibition cases and could start with WW1 objects.

16.47.1 A visit has been arranged to the National Library Aberystwyth for February 2 to learn how to digitise the R&M Memorial Book and see some of the Library's WW1 collections.

**16.48 To receive an update on Pentwyn Park:** The owner of the car park had been approached to arrange a meeting to discuss ways to reduce run-off from the car park into Pentwyn Park.

**16.49 To receive an update on the Insurance Claim re Windsor Gardens:** The matter has concluded by way of settlement and the trial did not proceed.

**16.50 To discuss the report submitted on the Active Travel Route Map Consultation:** The report was circulated in advance. Particular attention had been paid to routes between schools. There is scope for improvements including signage to advertise paths; resurfacing and maintenance; linking with other bodies, eg Cardiff Council, Sustrans, schools, neighbouring communities and probation groups. There could be a rolling programme in monitoring these routes. The report was praised and it was suggested that there is a meeting with Mike Axon of Vectos and Redrow may be interested in being involved. It was **RESOLVED** that this work continue. In the past R&MCC walked around the land it owns and manages and it was agreed to hold a local walk when the weather improves.

**16.51 To approve a response to the consultation on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill:** The documents for this consultation have been on the R&MCC website for some weeks. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk prepare a draft and circulate it for comment. The deadline for submission is February 15.

**16.52 To discuss a community celebration of HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday:** There are national plans to celebrate HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by lighting beacons on April 21 2016. R&MCC has budgeted £500. It was suggested that the Guides and Scouts and YMCA be approached.

Cllr S McKerlich left the meeting .

**16.53 To decide on any Planning Matters**

16.53.1 15/02960/MNR: 30 Springfield Gardens: 100 local residents had objected to this application and it was **RESOLVED** that R&MCC writes supporting the residents.

**16.54 To be advised of any correspondence**

- One Voice Wales: Area meeting for 25.1.16
- RMA: thank you letter for the grant of £1000 for Festival 2016
- Janet L Jordan & Co

**16.55 To sign cheques and approve payments for December 2015 and January 2016**

Date	Voucher	Cheque	SPEND FOR DECEMBER 2015	
	2077	DD	Gas	
	2078	DD	Electricity	
	2079	DD	BT: Phone	105.74
03.12.15	2080	EB	W&T Building Group: Certificate 4	34,435.98
17.12.15	2081-	EB	Staff	2,135.23

	2084			
17.12.15	2085	EB	Visa Properties Ltd	50.00
17.12.15	2086	EB	Dark Green Media	46.00
17.12.15	2087	EB	DB Site Solutions	430.00
17.12.15	2088	EB	SLCC	187.00
17.12.15	2089	EB	Lloyds Commercial Services	497.62
17.12.15	2090	EB	Cardiff Council	668.80
17.12.15	2091	300169	Royal British Legion: Wreaths	38.00
17.12.15	2092	300170	Radyr PCC	25.00
17.12.15	2093	300171	Inland Revenue: Post Office Ltd	531.60
30.12.15	2094	EB	W&T Building Group: Certificate 5	55,662.78 ZZZ
			<b>TOTAL SPEND FOR DECEMBER 2015</b>	<b>94,813.75</b>

Date	Voucher	Cheque	SPEND FOR JANUARY 2016	
21.1.16	2095	300172	Gas	235.97
21.1.16	2096	DD	Electricity	
21.1.16	2097	DD	BT: Phone	105.57
21.1.16	2098- 2101	EB	Staff	2,118.45
21.1.16	2102	EB	Dark Green Media	92.00
21.1.16	2103	EB	CCC	668.80
21.1.16	2104	EB	CCC: Waste	23.66
21.1.16	2105	EB	Lloyds Commercial Finance	497.62
21.1.16	2106	300173	Radyr Tennis Club	158.00
21.1.16	2107	300174	James & Powell	720.00
21.1.16	2108	300175	British Gas Services	641.60
21.1.16	2109	300176	JHL Humphreys	516.00
21.1.16	2110	300177	Litemania	959.88
21.1.16	2111	300178	Oriel Design	2,520.00
21.1.16	2112	300179	Inland Revenue: Post Office Ltd	534.60
21.1.16	2113	300180	Treescene	204.00
21.1.16	2114	300181	Cooke & Arkwright	0.05
21.1.16	2115	300182	Janet L Jordan & Co	1416.00
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			<b>TOTAL SPEND FOR JANUARY 2016</b>	<b>11,412.20</b>

**16.56 The date of the next meeting:** January 28 (Extraordinary Meeting) and then February 18 2016