



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

Minutes of a MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday, November 3 2016 at 7:45pm at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Cllrs H Lloyd Jones ( Chair ), C St Leger, M Diment, D Suthers.  
Jim Goodwin Chair Wardens of Radyr Woods  
Phillip Marsh, Student Journalist Cardiff University

In Attendance: Julie Hopkins

**16.486 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllrs T Davies, M Deem, R Vaughan

**16.487 To make declarations of Interest:** There were none.

**16.488 To sign the minutes of the previous meeting:** These had been signed.

**16.489 To discuss matters relating to Radyr Woods:**

**16.489.1** Boardwalk: Nothing to report at present.

Recommendation: that £3,000 be set aside again this year towards cost of restoring it.

**16.489.2** Furniture: Many of the benches are in a poor state due to vandalism. The next Radyr Woods working party intends to focus on repairing the furniture in the wood. Although vandalism makes for a reluctance to replace the furniture, it was decided that a programme of replacing one item of furniture a year could be the way forward. Recommendation: budget for one picnic table suitable for wheelchair users

**16.489.3** Time Credits: Jim Goodwin had attended a meeting and been given all the information. He will pass this on at the next meeting in December with the wardens. A Voucher is given for every hour of voluntary work done which can be exchanged for various venues and activities in Wales. Phillip Marsh was asked to write an article for R&MCC website about this.

**16.489.4** The overall costs for Radyr Wood were itemised.

Recommendation: that the budgeted costs for Radyr Woods are accepted.

Congratulations to the Radyr Woods Wardens for winning "It's Your Neighbourhood Award" from the RHS this year. The Environment wanted to express their thanks to Jim Goodwin and all the wardens who make the woods so special.

It was suggested we nominate other pieces of land forward for this award next year, for example Station Road with its hanging baskets.

**16.490 To discuss tree surveys:**

The individual costs of carrying out tree surveys for land managed by Radyr and Morganstown Community Council were itemised.

Recommendation: that the budgeted costs for the Tree Surveys are accepted.

**16.491 To discuss matters relating to:**

- 16.491.1 Windsor Gardens: Benches and bins have been checked and are all fine.
- 16.491.2 Granny Park: A plaque to commemorate Anthony Rosser has been approved. His family have indicated interest in funding plastic replacement. The wood from bench could be used for repair of Dan-y-Bryn Woods benches.
- 16.491.3 Willow Tree Close: Nothing to report
- 16.491.4 Pentwyn Park: Nothing to report
- 16.491.5 Danybryn Woods: Benches although solid beginning to show signs of age, replace wood with slats from Granny Park.
- 16.491.6 Ffordd Las: One bench has been made safe by removing slats. David Barnes will repair this, estimated cost £200. The other bench will need replacing, approximate cost £400.
- 16.491.7 War Memorial: The committee expressed its thanks to David Barnes, who keeps the War Memorial immaculate free of charge.
- 16.491.8 OCR curtilage: It was recommended that R&MCC manage the curtilage for the OCR. The manner of payment is under discussion with the OCR Management Committee at present.
- 16.491.9 Signage of Footpaths: It was recommended that signage of footpaths should be improved on a rolling program.
- 16.491.10 Hanging baskets in Station Road: It was recommended that R&MCC continue to support this project.
- 16.491.11 Contingency: There were several items that may need attention so it was recommended to have some contingency resources available.

Recommendation: that the budgeted costs for Matter Relating to, under a title of General be accepted.

**16.492 To discuss arrangements for Christmas trees and Station Road lights:**

In future the cost of the lights, as well as the trees will come under the Environment budget. Both trees and lights have been ordered and arrangements are in place.

Recommendation: that the budgeted costs for Christmas be accepted.

**16.493 To review and make recommendations on any planning matters:** Objection letter has been sent re18 Dan-y-Bryn Avenue as requested by the Community Council.

**16.494 Grass cutting costs:**

These were itemised.

Recommendation: that the budgeted costs for Grass Cutting be accepted.

**16.495 To put forward any items for the next meeting:**

**16.495.1** To review ownership and management terms for land by R&MCC

**16.495.2** Pilgrim's Way name change and current position

**16.496 Date of next meeting:** January 5 2017 at 7pm.