



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

Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Thursday, 28 January 2016 at 7:30pm at the Old Church Rooms.

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

Three members of the public

In attendance: Helena Fox

**16.57 To receive apologies for absence :** Cllrs F Dubberley and C Morgan

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

**16.59 Meeting adjourned – Members of the public invited to speak:** Nick Hawkins and David Silver of the RMA addressed the meeting.

**16.59.1** David Silver made a request for a grant of up to £1,000 to cover the cost of road closures during the Festival Parade and fete when hundreds of primary school children are involved and this is essential for safety. Park Road is also used for fete stalls. The RMA will do all it can to support R&MCC in opposing these new closure costs. The Festival programme goes to print at the end of February so R&MCC was asked to make a decision at the February 18 meeting. The RMA does not want to have to cancel the event because of the closure costs and is happy to staff road closures themselves and halve the cost. Cardiff may agree to waive the fee for a charity but this cannot be relied upon. This request was referred to the February 4 Finance Committee. The RMA said that they had tried all possible sources of financial support for the Festival and could not think of anyone who could help with road closure.

**16.59.2** Nick Hawkins raised the issue of the site visit for the planning application for 630 houses on the site N/S Llantrisant Road scheduled for February 3 at 10am. Getting the public there to show their displeasure would be very helpful and show how the community feels. There will be a joint statement from the RMA and R&MCC at Cardiff's Planning Committee meeting on February 10. Any action needs to be taken quickly, eg on the R&M website and R&M Hub, to alert the public. This site visit has taken the community by surprise since it was expected to be held in March.

**16.60 To discuss recent statements and memorandum issued by the Chair:** Cllr Hallinan introduced this item by saying she felt the Extraordinary Meeting was wasting public money with the Clerk having spent some 27 hours on this matter to date.

Cllr Diment presented the following Motion: "I move that under Standing Order 1c that we exclude the public from the rest of this meeting. In discussing the memorandum of 2<sup>nd</sup> December it is clear that members will be named and these accusations should be kept confidential. I believe that the reputation of this Council and its members has been sufficiently damaged without any further airing of unsubstantiated allegations."

The Clerk advised members on procedure: that a valid reason was needed for excluding the press and public and members of the press and public could challenge decisions to exclude them. The Clerk also advised members that by referring to the memorandum in the Motion members had themselves made a private document public.

A request was made from the majority of councillors to vote and against the Clerk's advice and the Chairman's advice the following Motion was proposed:

To determine that this agenda item be considered to be of a private nature and should be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 1(2). A vote was held: 8 in favour of excluding the public; 2 against.

As they left, one member of the public asked to address R&MCC and said that a councillor had passed them a handwritten note before the vote to exclude was taken. The note said it would be easier if the members of the public just left.

Cllr Lloyd Jones apologised for passing the note.

The meeting moved into a confidential session.

Cllr Vaughan left the meeting before any decisions were taken.

A second motion was then put to the meeting as follows: -

"I move that under Standing Orders 4f and 4g, Councillors now examine the "Motions Register" to ascertain why four written motions were rejected" Proposed by Councillor M Diment seconded by Councillor R McKerlich. This was voted on and the vote carried.

The Motions Register was not available for examination

Cllr Hallinan left the meeting with the Clerk, who became unwell, before any decisions were taken.

**Cllr Diment, Vice Chairman, took the Chair.**

It was **RESOLVED** that a motion would be given in writing to be included on the agenda of the February meeting stating that in future only confirmed minutes should be uploaded on to the web site. The meeting requested that the Vice Chairman arrange a meeting with the Chairman before February 5.

**16.61 The date of the next Meeting:** February 18 2016 in the Old Church Rooms at 7:30pm.