

Windsor Gardens

Gardening

Wild daffodils have arrived. **They need planting out URGENTLY. Action Myles Vatsaloo and Handyman to plant the daffodils out around the edges of the gardens, between the path and the wall adjacent to Cllr McKerlich's residence.**

We have spoken to Graeme and he tells us that all the work needed to be done should be done when the leaves are down and in what he describes as open weather. Unfortunately, he has not been well, and this work is still outstanding.

The extra funding for the extra days needed has been approved by Full Council.

Recommendation Clerk to action David Barnes to remove Sorbus tree.

Tree Work. In the Tree Survey 2017 there were several recommendations for work in Windsor Gardens, including specific work on six trees.

Recommendation Clerk to request quotes for the work needed on the trees.

Christmas trees and lighting along the path in Windsor Gardens

The dry spell has shrivelled all the grass on the cover to the Christmas tree support.

Centregreat have fitted the trench for lighting in the trees around the edge of the path. Remedial work was needed to the path which has now been done,

Chris St Leger has made sure the double power point is in place for the lights on the Christmas tree and the trees by the side of the path in the park. **Thanks Chris.**

We should have spare lights if we order smaller Christmas trees which we have done.

Intention is to light the trees around the edge of the path immediately after Remembrance Day to make it safer for people to walk around the path on winter evenings. These will stay on until the end of January.

Action Clerk to ask Chris St Leger to organise the lights on the trees by the path in November. He has indicated he is willing to do this for us.

Capping stones

It has been pointed out that there are some capping stones missing. We replaced two with flat paving stones, but they look completely out of keeping with the rest of the stone work in the gardens. We removed one of those pavers quickly when we realised it had sharp corners and was at small child's eye height.

The Clerk has researched this for us. We are waiting for a quote for making the smallest capping stone similar to the others before we can go ahead. David Barnes has indicated he can fix the capping stones.

Realistically this should be done by end of January.

One of the builders who has been on site has pointed out that lifting the lowest pillar which currently does not have a capping stone of any kind, would lift the capping stone to a safer height. However, we were informed that the pillar was lowered to allow better visibility for drivers wanting to enter Heol Isaf from Windsor Road. We will not lift that pillar.

Action: The Clerk to authorise the work to go ahead, once the problem with the smallest capping stone is resolved.

Railings

The Clerk has authorised Cardiff Wrought Iron Centre to repair the railings. Job should be completed before the end of November. It has been pointed out that some of the railings are loose because the concrete or cement filling has disappeared. To make the railings secure, the fillings need to be restored.

Action Clerk to check the fillings will be restored.

It has been pointed out that it would be sensible to paint the railings at the same time. This would increase the life time of the railings and improve the look of them.

Action. Clerk to request the Handyman to paint the railings.

Liquidamber Tree.

It has survived and will be pruned by Graeme Moore this winter.

Granny Park

Planter

No change

Bank

There is a bank with a grey wall behind it in the Granny Park.

Recommendation That we plant some azaleas or some other evergreen flowering shrub by the wall which will soften the look of the wall most of the year. **Jim Goodwin** has visited the site and is going to sort some suitable plants out for us.

Action Clerk liaise with Jim so that the shrubs can be purchased and planted in October.

Tree Work. There are two trees that need attention.

Recommendation Clerk to ask David Barnes if he can do the work and if so, to give the Clerk a quote.

The Sidings

Planters

No change

Paving Stones

There has been a post on the forum re paving stones in the Sidings. We have replied pointing out that we do not own or manage this land. It belongs to Taylor-Wimpey.

Our County Councillor has referred the problem to the Taylor Wimpey site manager and it will be sorted. No action needed by the Community Council.

OCR

Planter

Needs planting up.

Action Clerk or Handyman to enjoy doing this.

Pentwyn

Path

We had made a lot of progress on this but have had to stop because once we remove the vegetation and the fence, there will be a drop from the car park to the park. The owner of the park will need to put Heras Fencing his side. We will need to put up Heras Fencing our side. Possible leads to phone re cost of buying Heras Fencing Block N Mesh 0870 950 57 88 and Heras Ready Fence 01795 423261 We have spoken to the owner of the car park.

The Clerk has costed buying Heras Fencing. All the quotes came in between £600 and £700.

We have been advised that the developers might be willing to help us with this.

Action Check the option with the developers and if that doesn't offer a solution, order the Heras Fencing.

We have also discovered that the down pipe from the roof of the shop complex drains straight out on to the car park and not into the drain which does have a hole to carry water away. We have opened the hole and the owner has promised that he will alter the drain pipe, so it drains into the drain. This could significantly reduce the amount of water that comes on to the park.

The owner has altered the drain pipe and it is now draining into the hole. Difficult to tell as yet because we had such a dry summer, but the path stayed dry in the last lot of rain.

The owner is also in principle willing to help with the fencing but has asked if we could wait until the end of October before he follows through.

While we wait we should ask Welsh Water to quote for repairing the drain that we have discovered has a leaking pipe.

Action Clerk to ask Welsh Water for a quote to repair the drain that has a leaking pipe attached to it.

We have left in Italics the rest of the information in the report because it helps to have everything in one place.

The path becomes a set of quite deep puddles every winter. We have found a drain in the park.

Our situation has changed here as we now know we own the boundary. This means that we can look at different solutions such as building a retaining wall and putting drainage within the wall to bring any excess water into the park away from the path.

We have checked with British Gas and SWALEC and there are no gas pipes or electricity lines in Pentwyn Park.

We have investigated the possibility of draining one puddle to the drain in the park as recommended by the Welsh Water engineer. Arch Utility Services (SW) Ltd, have been to the park. Cameras have been put down the drain in both directions.

There is a break in one of the pipes servicing the drain. This needs to be mended. Arch have quoted for this.

The Clerk is currently seeking more quotes for this job.

It is possible that once the leak in the pipe is mended, the water in the area of the second puddle will be able to drain away naturally.

The area by the drain could have a drainage system installed.

Arch have quoted for this too. If we need to carry out this work, we will need to have two more quotes if possible.

We have decided to wait until the pipe servicing the drain is mended before we take any further decision on draining that area of the park.

We have met Mr McGrath, the owner of the car park. He has been extremely helpful and has cleared the vegetation on his side of the fence.

We have asked for a quote for clearing the vegetation on our side of the fence. This brought up a problem as there is a difference of about three feet from the car park to Pentwyn park there. Hence the discussion re Heras fencing. So, it has to be, put fencing in place, remove vegetation, remove fence.

Once the fence is down, we will be able to ask builders to quote for a wall that will act not only as a boundary but as a drain, leading the water from the car park away from the path in the park.

Mr McGarth is a builder by trade and has offered to draw up a specification of a wall that would sort the problems out. We have accepted his offer and hope it will be in place for the next meeting of the environment committee.

Play Area.

We have however asked the children in Brynderi to suggest some trees that could be planted in the park. Trees should take up some of the water in the park and should also provide a pleasant area for people to enjoy. We could look to having seating areas in the park when the trees have made some growth.

We hoped to meet up with these children at the end of October to hear their ideas. This has not happened. We will try to meet up in November.

Weeping Willow

We are going to plant a Weeping Willow in the park this autumn. Jim Goodwin has met with us to establish a good place to plant the tree. It is hoped we will plant the tree in November and that some of the children from Bryn Deri will be involved.

Action Jim Goodwin and the Clerk.

Dan y Bryn

Making the path mobility scooter friendly.

We will keep this as a regular comment until we can find a solution that would work. No progress this month.

The wood has not been checked this month by the Community Council

Action Chair of Environment to walk through the woods this month

Radyr Woods

Tree Work

Tree work has started in Radyr Woods. A combination of the very cold and long winter going straight into a very warm spring with birds nesting has slowed down the rate at which the tree work can progress. The area near Junction terrace was used for training sessions on use of chain saws. There is still some clearing up to be done there. The contractor is aware of this and intends to see to it.

The tree work by Joe Horvath's has been done.

We are aware that the Tree Survey outlined work that should be done in the first six months and then in the next two years. We have decided to make sure all the work that was to be done in the first six months has been completed and paid for before we move into the next tranche of work.

Jim Goodwin to give us an update.

Signpost

This has come down during the Christmas period. It is being kept safe and will be put back this summer by the Radyr Wardens.

No feedback as yet. Would be glad to see this re-installed during the next working party.

Disabled bench

We have walked the area with Jim Goodwin and have established the best location given it needs wheel chair access.

We have been asked to establish where the British Gas pipeline goes before this bench is installed.

Action Clerk This has been done but the information we received did not help. Jim and Clerk to liaise with British Gas

It will be necessary to improve the path and make a proper standing area.

We have approached Cardiff Conservation Volunteers and they are willing to do this for us. We will need to purchase stone dust. Jim Goodwin has agreed to discuss this with CCV so we can have an estimate on the quantities of materials we will need.

We have a provisional date of December 2nd for upgrading the path

Recommendation We need to approve this expenditure. £150 for the CCV and the cost of the stone dust and possibly the wood needed for the revetments.

Issues

The Community Council has asked the Friends of Radyr Woods (known as the Radyr Woods Wardens) for a Risk Assessment. We have been told that it will be done in time for the January meeting,

Environment Protection Act 1990 has a section re litter, which enables an authority to serve a penalty on an offender. There have been cases of fly tipping of school furniture into Kingfisher Pond. Should these offences reoccur, the Act may be of use.

Boardwalk

The damage to two boards over the winter has been put right. The Community Council has bought some reserve boards from the same supplier while the same colour is available. Have not yet been collected. Ray Rivron has said he will collect them

Coppicing

More coppicing is scheduled and was budgeted for in the woods on November 18th

Action Jim Goodwin to contact Cardiff Conservation Volunteers to indicate which part of the woods most needs attention.

Entrance to Radyr Comprehensive from Radyr Woods

The School has erected a fence inside the existing perimeter of their grounds. There appears to be a gate which could be accessed from a path in the woods, but this is not at present an easy access. We have contacted the school and we hope to meet the Head and the Estate Manager to discuss this.

For road safety we are very keen that as many school pupils as possible enter the school grounds without having to travel by foot, by bike or any other mode of transport along Heol Isaf.

There are several options we could look at. We have contacted Cardiff Conservation Volunteers and they have provisionally booked us in for February 3rd for a session on improving access from the woods into the school grounds.

Ray Rivron has flagged up a better entrance to the school from the woods than the one that was looked at while walking around the perimeter of the school.

Action Chair of Environment to meet Ray Rivron to look at the better entrance option.

Recommendation

That the Community Council asks the Cardiff Conservation Volunteers to work with the Estates Manager of Radyr Comp to make a good entrance from the woods.

Chairman's Oak

The Chair of Radyr and Morganstown Community Council will plant an oak at the start of National Tree Week on 24th November at 11:30am Jim Goodwin will source the oak and liaise with the Clerk re payment for the oak.

Last year we had invited the Brownies to join us for the planting. We have contacted them but not had a reply.

Current thinking is that because it is unlikely that our Chair will be able to walk far enough into Radyr Woods for this year's planting since he will just have had a hip replacement operation, we should just allow the Radyr Woods Wardens to plant an oak on his behalf. Hopefully we can have a photo of the oak in its pot and the Chair before the oak is taken to Radyr Woods. So, a low-key event.

Easter Egg Hunt

There appeared to have been a private Easter Egg Hunt in Radyr Woods. The Community Council may like to consider doing an Easter Egg Hunt for the community. Dan y Bryn should also be considered as a possible location.

Action Angharad Richards.

Grant

The Radyr Woods Wardens will be submitting a grant application for 2018-2019 The application hasn't arrived as yet.

Footpath 49

This footpath gets very muddy near Kingfisher Pond. This does deter school children from using Radyr Woods to get to Radyr Comp.

The Rights of Way Team at Cardiff Council has been informed.

Container for storage of Tools

This should be ordered as soon as possible and erected in the vicinity of the Bronze hearth on the level area, choice of exact location at the Radyr Woods Wardens discretion. This item has been budgeted for.

Action Jim Goodwin and Clerk to order and arrange installation of a storage container

Woodstore

Currently wood is not being stored in the wood. There is a need for a woodstore on site.

Action Ray Rivron to price the cost of a woodstore and to advise the Clerk of the costs.

Christmas Trees and Lighting

The Clerk has ordered a 25 ft Tree for Windsor Gardens and a 25 ft Tree for The Sidings. She has also ordered a 20 ft Tree for the Granny Garden. Haulage has also been arranged. Dave Barnes to be put the lights onto the trees. David has dates in his diary.

The Christmas Tree Lighting event is scheduled to be 7th December.

Recommendation The trees to be erected 4th December. We are using the same haulier as last year to also supply the trees and deliver them.

The Clerk has already instructed the Floodlighting and Electrical Services to liaise with the RMA and to send us the invoice. We pay for the Christmas Lighting in Station Road. We use Floodlighting and Electrical Services.

Feeder Pillar in the Sidings for Christmas lights

We have checked and the pillar has not been reconnected. We have followed through and Gareth Thomas Centregreat had been asked to arrange for it to be reconnected.

We also need to have a key for the feeder pillar labelled and in the Community Council office.

Action Clerk to check whereabouts of key for The Sidings feeder pillar. We know that Chris St Leger has a key. We can't check the boxes of Christmas lights which may well hold the key because we can't access them from behind Santa's sleigh! We will have to ask Santa to move his sleigh. **Action** Rudolph Vaughan

Footpath 48

We will leave this item on because we will need to check the situation this winter.

This is in danger of erosion from all the water pouring across it from the flushes on the school grounds. We have informed Cardiff Council's Lead on PROW and had a positive response.

Ffordd Las

We hope that Graeme Moore will make a positive difference to this area this autumn. See letter above and recommendation.

He intends to throw the arisings against the hedge which is shared with the Golf Club to improve the hedge.

He recommends we let the Golf Club know that is what we will be doing and to suggest they do the same from their side.

Action Ralph Vaughan has contacted the Golf Club. Chair of Environment needs to chat to Head Groundsman there.

Plaque Rhodri Morgan

Rhodri Morgan lived in 32 Heol Isaf, the house next to the Methodist Chapel. The owners have been approached and are willing to have a plaque on their house. He also lived in Tyla Teg 16 Heol Isaf. We have been to Tyla Teg but so far have not managed to meet the owners.

The next step is to have a bi-lingual plaque designed and price it. Allan Cook has sent us the details of the firm that made the plaque for Roald Dahl, see below

Action Clerk to liaise with Allan re the wording and then to contact the firm to move progress.

On Wed, Sep 19, 2018 at 12:39 PM Ted McAvoy wrote

Thanks for your email. The cost would be around £320.00 ex VAT plus £17.00 ex VAT for packing and delivery.

They take 4-6 weeks to produce so, when you're ready with the text, I'd be happy to do a drawing for approval.

Regards

Ted McAvoy

Subject: Allan Cook [Leander Architectural] Website enquiry

*From: Allan Cook Company: Radyr and Morganstown Community Council
Message Body: You made us a blue plaque to celebrate Roald Dahl for his centenary. We are planning a similar plaque to celebrate Rhodri Morgan. Can you give me the details and price for such a plaque and the time parameters. We need it for late April 2019.*

No further work has been done on this.

When we know a timescale for this, we should look to have a plaque revealing event with various dignitaries including Julie Morgan present. Could we aim for this to be immediately after or immediately before the Civic Service 2019?

Action Clerk to give a provisional diary date to Julie Morgan, Mark Drakeford, Kevin Brennan, the First Minister and the List AMs for our area. Use the date for the Civic Service 2019. May 5th? Check with RMA

Terms of Reference

Having terms of reference will be helpful. We are attaching a draft set of terms for consideration written by Myles Vatsaloo.

Penrhys Pilgrimage

We have been sent the proposed route for the Penrhys Pilgrimage through Radyr and have been asked to comment on it. The Chair and the Chair of the Environment have walked the route. It starts at the Danescourt end of Radyr Woods and leaves Radyr for Pentyrch at Pant Tawel lane. Apart from wishing to avoid Golf Club Lane, the route should work well. We have sent our modifications to the Penrhys Pilgrimage Working Party.

We have also been asked for a grant to support the way marking of the route along the Radyr stretch and to support the production of two information boards this year. The Chair of the Environment committee is also the Chair of the Penrhys Pilgrimage Project and so at her suggestion, this is referred to the Chair of Finance.

Action Chair of Finance

The Mound

We will keep this on the report, so we remember to keep checking the mound area.

This is on Cardiff Council's land. However, the grass has to be hand raked after it is cut, and we were asked if we could find volunteers to help.

The grass in the field has been cut this year. We have reminded Cardiff Council about the growth of the young trees on the mound.

Bench by Woodfield Avenue and Heol Isaf

Left on until we are sure we are no longer being invoiced. The invoice used to arrive in January.

We have had to pay a peppercorn rent to the Plymouth estate for the bench for many years. However, in investigating the trees (See above) it turned out that the Plymouth estate does not own this land any longer. We have flagged this up and we have been advised that we will not need to pay in the future.

Willow Tree Close

Nothing to report.

Rail fares

Suggest we keep this on but no change from last report.

Rail fares requesting that Taffs Well should be in the same zone as Radyr to make it less attractive for commuters from outside Radyr and Morganstown to use Radyr Station. We prepared a letter re our concerns which the full council endorsed and then sent. We then realised there is going to be a new train operator, so we sent a very similar letter to the new operator. We have had a reply from Transport for Wales which advised us that they need to look at costings before a final decision can be made.

Heol Isaf

Possible subsidence. We prepared a letter re our concerns which the full council endorsed and then sent to Cardiff Council. Acknowledgement of our letter which says, "The matter will be investigated, and a full response sent in due course".

We will continue to leave this on the agenda until we have had a response that reassures the community council.

Recommendation

We ask Cardiff Council for an update. We ask how they are monitoring this. We ask what measures are in place to reduce the impact from traffic on the side of the road by the steep drop. **Action** The Road Safety Working Party could send the letter to Caro Wilde.

Naming Pathways and Back Lanes

A call has been made from Cardiff Council. for any small connecting paths or backlanes to be given names. If anybody has a lane they would like to name, please let us know. Squirrel Lane has been suggested for the lane between Ash Tree Close and Walnut Tree Close.

Action The Full Council approved this name. The Clerk will contact Cardiff Council Love where you live team to start the official process of naming the path.

Himalayan Balsam

Leaving on so we remember next July

We had been asked to consider having a Himalayan Balsam bashing session in July. Just pulling the plant up and leaving it, if done before it has gone to seed is enough to control its progress.

Feedback. There didn't seem to be as much Himalayan Balsam around in the community this year.

Ragwort

Leave on so we monitor next year too.

There was a lot of Ragwort in Morganstown and this is dangerous to horses. If anybody sees this weed, if you can wear gloves and then pull it up, it comes up quite easily. Do not leave it to die in situ. There are special bags that Cardiff Council supplies if asked, to put these plants in.

Pleased to report that the worst patch of Ragwort at the top of Morganstown has been cut down before it could seed.

Footpath Committee

There are 50 paths in the community. The Community Council could consider setting up a footpath committee consisting of walkers who would be willing to keep an eye on a few designated paths which would enable the Community Council to pass information on quickly if any path has a problem. Several dogwalkers have indicated they would be willing to help. **No progress as yet**

Outdoor Fitness Equipment

It has been suggested that fitting some outdoor fitness equipment in the community might be appreciated. The feasibility of doing this should be investigated. **No progress as yet**

Dog poo

Since we discussed it last month it has become a topic on the Community Forum

This was a problem that was flagged up on the RMA Facebook site. The Community Council put out posters asking people to deal with dog poo properly. Cardiff Council Enforcement Officers have patrolled the area which was causing greatest concern.

Apparently after having seen an improvement, there has now been a deterioration in our community's dog poo picking up standards.

Action Clerk Send out the dog poo Fairy poster to be put on the community council's Facebook page, the RMA 's Facebook page, Bryn Deri and Radyr primaries Facebook page, Twitter feed and their PTA pages. Also on the website www.raydr.org.uk.

Ffordd Treforgan

This is a long, steep hill to walk. The Community Council might like to consider placing some benches along the side of this road.

A bench has been budgeted for.

Footpath 25 and 24

There are some viewing points along these footpaths where benches would be worth siting.

Recommendation: A bench has been budgeted for.

Action Kieran Webster to determine the locations and to prioritise them.

Trees by Heol Isaf and Woodfield Avenue

We will keep this on the report and keep an eye on the condition of the holm oak.

These are not on Community Council land. It has been pointed out that one tree, a holm oak does not look healthy and this information has been passed to Cardiff Council by the County Councillor.

Neighbourhood Deep Clean

No change We will keep this on the report so we know who to contact.

We have been scheduled for a neighbourhood deep clean this week by Cardiff Council. The areas chosen were Heol Isaf and The Green according to the maps we received this week. We are pleased Radyr and Morganstown are on the schedule. The decision for which streets to chose came from LEAMS Data. Next year, we hope to engage with this scheme better.

Morganstown Village Hall

Feeder pillar

Centregreat have been asked by Cardiff Council for details about a feeder pillar by Morganstown Village Hall. This is not one the Community Council is familiar with. We will try to trace its ownership.

Mr Bateman who is on the Morganstown Village Hall Committee has been kind enough to check for us and reports that there is no obvious feeder pillar at the Village Hall. There is some over grown land behind the garages close to the Hall but it is unlikely the pillar is there.

Action The Clerk to report back to Centregreat that we are unaware of a feeder pillar at Morganstown Village Hall. Still to do?

Japanese Knotweed by Station

This is not on Community Council managed land. It is contained within the area it is in at present. We could point it out to the company that is now dealing with the railway, as it may be a problem for them. **Action** Clerk to send email to Hugh J Evans simply advising him of the Japanese Knotweed.

Japanese Knotweed on land managed by Community Council

There are two areas of growth, one in Dan y Bryn and one in Radyr Woods. Both areas have been sprayed this Autumn. We have been following a systematic course of trying to eradicate the Knotweed for several years. Both areas have shrunk in size.