



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

Minutes of the ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the Old Church Rooms at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Ralph Vaughan (Chair), Helen Lloyd Jones, Huw Jones, Rod McKerlich, Kieran Webster, Kevin Ullah

Cardiff Council Minutes Clerk: A Redmond.

In Attendance: Katie Powis (Plasdwr/Redrow), Ffion Lewis (Student Journalist), Lynne Thomas (New Senior Clerk) and Postgraduate Architecture Students from Cardiff University.

*Cllr Ralph Vaughan welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Senior Clerk, Ms Lynne Thomas.*

**131 Apologies:** Cllrs Clive Morgan, Angharad Thomas-Richards, Julia Charles, David Suthers, Myles Vatsaloo, Tyrone Davies.

**132 To agree remuneration for the Minutes Clerk:**

**RESOLVED:** To agree the remuneration for the temporary Minutes Clerk as £88.40.

**133 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillors are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

Councillor Rod McKerlich declared a personal interest as Vice President of Radyr Cricket Club under Minute 138(ii)1.

Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones declared a prejudicial interest as Chair of Penrhys Pilgrimage and would leave the room for discussion of the item under Minute number 138(ii)2.

**134 Meeting adjourned: Members of the public invited to speak:**

Katie Powis, Community Liaison Manager, Plasdwr/Redrow was in attendance.

R&MCC Members were updated on various issues. With regard to drainage from Radyr Farm Road, Members were advised that Councillor McKerlich had been involved in an email conversation concerning this issue. Redrow's contractor had conducted a survey and there was no blockage. The issue was in Dwr Cymru's part of the drain and they were on site investigating. Members were provided with the background of the issue and were updated on the sewage leak on Radyr Farm Road and Heol Isaf and subsequent clearing up. Concern was raised over the whether the sewerage system was able to cope particularly with new houses feeding into it. Councillor R McKerlich had been in touch with various senior officers in the Cardiff

Council. The Chief Executive had agreed to contact Dwr Cymru. It was important to repair the leak/blockage, clean the area and diagnose the cause to see if the drain is fit for capacity. It was noted that although Redrow have been the target for complaints, it was more likely that there is a fault in the sewerage system. Katie Powis advised that they were keeping the Council and residents up to date. There should have been an assessment regarding the capacity of the system previously. Members considered that there should be a direct contact in Dwr Cymru in case of emergencies.

Council thanked Katie Powis for the early release of the £300k s106 monies.

Members asked when work would start on new traffic lights at the bottom of Heol Isaf and were advised it would be Mid 2019.

Members asked if the footpath would also be a cycle path and were advised it was just a footpath.

Members asked when the cycle path from Clos Parc Radur to Danescourt would be open and were advised it would be before May 2019. A more specific time would be brought back to a future meeting.

In relation to the Drovers Way playground Members were thankful for Redrow's help and understood there was an issue with the drainage that Redrow are investigating. Members considered that completion by May in time for the Radyr & Morganstown Festival would be good.

Members were advised that the Retail Centre was being worked on at the moment. Ideas were being drawn up and there would be a submission for detailed planning early next year.

In relation to the school, Members were advised that consultation would start in January. Councillor R McKerlich raised concerns that consultation had not started yet as it would take 3/4 months, any objections would then cause delays; planning process would then take 5/6 months, then a tender process for the building of the school would start. This would be very tight timescales for a September 2020 intake as the online application system would need to start in November 2019. Councillor R McKerlich advised that he had submitted a written question to Cardiff Council on this.

Members asked who decides whether the school is Welsh Medium. They were advised that this would be a Local Authority decision but it is understood that it would be English Medium, non faith school.

Members were updated on the proposed Medical Centre and advised that Redrow had met with the Local Health Board and North Cardiff Cluster Practice Managers who were looking at capacity. There would be a 3/5/10 year plan taking into account the LDP and this would be submitted to the Local Health Board. There were no timescales as yet, the lead would be taken from the Local Health Board on what services would be needed locally taking into account numbers.

Members were keen that the street names for the new development would reflect Welsh names.

Members discussed the character of the architecture and were assured that the development would follow the Plasdwr design codes for the areas in the development.

### **135 Chairman's Announcements/Reports:**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their good wishes following his operation.

The Chairman had sent an email to Councillor David Suthers and Joyce congratulating them on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

With regards to the Word War 1 event, this had gone extremely well and the Chairman had written to all involved to thank them. The Commemorative dinner had also gone very well.

The Chairman had written to Cardiff Council with regards to the B4262 road and had received an acknowledgement reply. This wasn't the first letter that had been sent so the issue needed to be monitored. Cllr H O Jones suggested that the new Clerk introduce a bring forward system, such as when a letter is sent it is flagged to check if a response is received.

The Chairman had written to Mark Drakeford AM with regards to the north of Ty Nant Road and the considerable noise nuisance from the M4 to residents since the trees had been cut back. A quick reply had been received stating that the Welsh Government are looking into the noise coming off the Motorway and what can be done.

The Chairman had submitted a short report to the Chain.

**136 Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting:**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting held on **18/10/2018** were received, approved and signed by the Chairman.

**137 Matters Arising**

None.

**138 Finance**

(i) To receive, and if approved, to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on **01/11/2018**

(ii) To receive and approve recommendations from Finance Committee Meeting:  
**Council is requested to approve items 1 and 2**

1. **Radyr Cricket Club Grant:** A Youth Fund Grant Application for £1,000 has been received from Radyr Cricket Club. The Grant monies requested are to fund indoor junior winter nets at Radyr Comprehensive and Sophia Gardens for U9 – U15's and to provide ongoing training for junior members through the closed season Finance Committee agreed to support and recommend this Grant of £1,000 to November Full Council meeting.

**RESOLVED: to agree to support the Grant.**

2. **Penrhys Pilgrimage Grant:** A Grant Application has been received from the Penrhys Pilgrimage Project for £2,725. The Grant monies requested would be to purchase Way markers and Information Boards to improve, for the benefit of the public, the route of the old Penrhys Pilgrimage from Llandaff to Penrhys and to encourage use of the path by waymarking.

Cardiff Council are supporting this and are drawing up a project paper. R&MCC agreed to support this grant up to a maximum of £3,000 which is to be spent in Radyr & Morganstown, subject to receiving details of the content of the Boards and Way markers, the bilingual translation and where they will be situated, prior to any spend. Recommend to November Full Council meeting to approve this Grant subject to those conditions.

**RESOLVED: to agree subject to receiving details of the content of the Boards and Way Markers and where they will be situated prior to the monies being spent.**

(ii) R&MCC Members received and approved the balance of accounts & reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

(ii) R&MCC Members received and noted the Budget v Spend up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018

(iii) R&MCC Members received and noted the banks statements/Transactions.

- Unity Trust Acc. \*\*\*\*\*326 Statement No. 57
- Unity Trust Acc. \*\*\*\*\*339 Statement No. 50
- Nat West Acc. \*\*\*\*\* 723 Statement No 390-391

R&MCC Members were updated with regards to £53k provided to the Environment Committee. There was a budget of £35k and the rest for ear marked reserves. This was not likely to be spent this year as there were delays due to the weather. The same could be done for next year's budget and there would be a need for some secretarial help for the Environment Committee to spend this money during a planned timescale. This was agreed.

It was noted that there were substantial cash reserves and earmarked reserves from S106 monies. It was likely that a significant portion of earmarked reserves would be spent on upcoming repairs to OCR which would mean building up the reserves again.

It was noted that it was likely that there would be similar earmarked reserves and precept figures for next year.

Members were asked for any budgetary spend ideas to be submitted by the January Finance Committee which would then be formally agreed by the Full Council meeting on 17 January 2019.

### **139 Financial Assistance Applications (late applications to be tabled):**

Friends of Radyr Woods – Monies to recruit members. It was considered that appropriate publicity was needed.

Councillor Rod McKerlich declared a personal interest in this as he had attended occasionally.

**RESOLVED to agree a payment of £200**

### **140 County Councillor's Report**

To receive and note Cllr Rod McKerlich's written report for November 2018 as below.

**Highway Issues:** As advised the Community Council and I persuaded Cardiff Council officers to produce a (roughly costed) plan of speed reduction measures for Heol Isaf/Tynant Road. While there are other issues, which have not been addressed yet, this is a promising starting point. The plans have been widely circulated. As explained, Redrow has agreed to release S106 funds of £300K prematurely and this will enable 3 or 4 of these projects to be done soon and the Community Council will assign priority to enable the most immediately beneficial to be completed. While it is desirable for the entirety plus other outstanding projects to be completed at the same time, the cash is not immediately available. I will be supporting the Community Council in efforts to resolve this. Work will start shortly on replacing the roundabout at Heol Isaf/ Llantrisant Road with a signalised junction. I have a diagram showing the proposed final design and the transformation will be a big piece of work.

**Planning matters:** The Drysgol Road application will not be going to November planning committee. A number of local residents have objected to a retail business (barber shop) in a private home on Lougher Estate.

LDP ongoing assessment: I spoke in October Council about the predicted but lamentable failure to deliver in a timely manner the infrastructure needs arising from the LDP. Among the solutions, I suggested was the need to reduce traffic caused by commuters from Rhondda-Cynon –Taff. 90, 000 daily travellers to Cardiff can be encouraged to use heavy rail by a coherent plan to make rail a better option than car.

Cardiff Council Budget Consultation: the ruling group has launched this and I can send details of the process and background on request. While undoubtedly, existing income could be deployed to greater effect, the main problem is that Cardiff Council receives a grossly unfair settlement from the Welsh Government. Inevitably, this manifests itself in all the ways, which lead local residents to contact me, most regularly, about many sub-standard council services.

Taff Trail Leaf fall: Last year I raised the hazards of leaf fall, snow and ice on the Taff Trail and I was told that Cardiff Council had no suitable equipment to deal with these matters. A partial success is that the Trail will be regularly a swept to deal with leaf fall but, as yet, there is no solution to ice or snow.

Plasdwr issues: I am involved in several issues arising from the various impacts these developments have on existing residents While all are of concern, one is a matter of public safety and all are being pursued via Cardiff Council and other agencies.

WW1 and Remembrance Day: our villages have been transformed and several, most enjoyable functions have entertained our residents. The turnout for Remembrance Day was uplifting. Many local people have worked hard over months to organise all these events. Out thanks go to them with our congratulations for jobs done supremely well.

#### **141 Community Councillors Reports**

To receive and note Councillors written reports.

Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones advised that the Environment Committee had not been quorate for the past 2 months. Reports for the meetings would be published online.

Councillor Huw Jones advised that the lunch club was going very well with 30 regular attendees. R&MCC will be obtaining a wheelchair very soon.

Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones advised that the electricity to the feeder pillar in the Sidings was about to be resolved by Centre Great. She also advised that the lights for the path in Windsor Gardens would soon be put up.

Councillor K Ullah advised that he had attended the North West Cardiff Group meeting, where he had gained a good insight into the Persimmon Development. With regards to the Gas Main on Llantrisant Road, the group were looking for Councillors views. Councillor K Ullah stated he would like another Councillor to attend these meetings with him.

#### **142 To receive an update on use of Pentrepoeth/Treforgan:**

R&MCC members agreed to leave this matter at this time.

#### **143 Old Church Rooms – Update:**

Councillor Huw Jones provided an update. He stated that there would be some changes to the hall management committee and noted that RMA Members are doing more of the practical work. A new management committee could have 3 members from R&MCC and 3 from the RMA, rather than 5 from each as previously. A 'Friends of the OCR' would then be established to support the work at the OCR. The

constitution would need to be revised and would be brought back to Council for agreement.

With reference to specific projects – the need for works on the retaining wall, the floor of the Garth Room and repairs to the leaking roof were outlined. It is expected that these projects will need around £20k. It was agreed that up to £20k could be spent without coming back to Full Council. Councillor R McKerlich noted that 3 quotes would be needed for any work over £2k and would be approved by himself, the Chair and the Clerk.

R&MCC Members discussed the idea of a Radyr and Morganstown Day being held in the OCR to publicise what goes on, what groups are held there etc. and this may help recruit 'Friends of the OCR'.

#### **144 Road Safety Update – Cllr Webster**

The Council noted the Concept Design from Cardiff Council for Heol Isaf and Ty Nant Road. The Chairman further noted that the road was owned by Cardiff Council and that RMCC could provide recommendations but ultimately the decisions are for Cardiff Council. He noted the meetings of the Community Council and the Working Group and that the main concern of all is the safety **throughout** Radyr and Morganstown.

Councillor K Webster updated Members on the report on road safety from the Working Group. The report has drawn on an assessment of evidence and the experience and expertise of local residents.

The key points from the report were outlined, with a particular emphasis on how the road causes severance of the villages.

It was noted that Cardiff Council would need to work with the Comprehensive School regarding signage, parking, cycling routes etc.

The Council welcomed the Report and recommendations of the Working Group. Chairman noted that a phased option had been proposed and the Community Council had been asked to identify its top 3 priorities. The Chairman considered the 3 priorities should be in addition to what was already there.

**Members discussed the various options, identified and agreed the following top 3 priorities: Crossings in Morganstown near the bus stop, at Min Y Coed and at the Church and Medical Centre.**

Councillor R Vaughan will produce a covering letter to accompany the Community Council's response to the Cardiff Council Concept Design, prepared by Councillor HO Jones. This will include the the top 3 priorities recommended by RMCC.

Members highlighted other road safety concerns (in addition to those along Ty Nant Road and Heol Isaf), including high speeds on Bryn Derwen, the lack of crossings and lack of pavement on part of Windsor Road.

#### **145 Use of title Councillor**

This matter has been referred to Cardiff Council's Monitoring Officer.

#### **146 Pantomime – Wednesday 19th December 6.30pm at OCR**

Volunteers needed to assist with setting up Garth Room and clearing away and assisting with refreshments.

Notices have been put up and sent out and tickets were now on sale.

**147 Any other business/correspondence:** Strictly with prior consultation with Chair

R&MCC Members discussed an issue that had arisen with comments made on the website Forum by a local resident about the handling of a grant application by the Finance Committee. Members discussed the best way to address the issue and agreed that Councillor K Webster speak to the person involved in the first instance to ask that the comments be corrected.

**148 Next Meeting dates:**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 to be moved to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January  
7.00pm Finance Meeting  
7.45pm Environment Committee

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Ordinary Full Council

**149 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

None

**150 Staffing Matters**

Welcome to Lynne Thomas as the new Senior Clerk.