

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

(A Civic Society affiliated to the Civic Trust for Wales)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday 30th March 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: David Silver (Chairman), Tom Evans (Vice-Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Nick Hawkins (Secretary), David Cargill, Allan Cook, Ralph Vaughan plus 10 members.

Apologies: Raymond Rivron, Cllrs Mike Diment, Rod McKerlich and David Suthers, Julie Davies, Gaynor Leaf, Jean Monk, Joyce Suthers and Chris Wills.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting on such a wet night.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 31st March 2014

The minutes were approved. Under matters arising it was noted that Fibre Broadband was now being rolled out across R&M and that the results of the Cardiff Local Development Plan inspection were awaited.

Chairman's Report

Please see summary at Appendix A

Treasurer's Report

The accounts had been audited. In summary, in 2014 the Association had a small surplus of £197 which was, in itself, inflated by a donation of £183 on the closure of Good Neighbours. Thus the true surplus was just £14 - a very good result given that the original 2014 budget forecast a deficit of £840. The wide difference between the two amounts is due to the difficulty of predicting the financial outcome of the May Festival which was, in 2014, very successful financially. The budget for 2015 predicts a deficit of £1390. Again, much would depend on the true outcome of the May Festival but significant expenditure was also planned - including £220 for a 'Resuscitation Kit' (paid for by the Good Neighbours donation), to be installed in the Old Church Rooms and £500 for the building of a new Festival Website. The Accounts were approved by all.

It was also noted that LATCH, the Association's Charity for the previous year, had received a cheque for £5069 which, together with what they had received direct, gave them a total benefit of £7500 from Association events. This had increased to an impressive total of £12,000 after donations from the Golf Club.

Election of Officers

Vice President Antonia Wigley took the chair for the election of the Chairman. David Silver was elected as the new Chairman unopposed and took the chair. Tom Evans was elected as Vice Chairman, Nick Hawkins as Secretary and Bob Roberts as Treasurer.

The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to the Committee unopposed: Eric Blackwell, David Cargill, Raymond Rivron and Ralph Vaughan; Allan Cook having stood down. The Chairman thanked Allan for his support over many years and his superb promotion of all Arts events.

Appointment of Auditor

Sharon Jenkins was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Any Other Business

Festival 2015. David Cargill gave a brief summary of the Festival. He noted that the Programme leaflet, which gave details of all events, would be going out shortly in Radyr Chain and would also be featured in the new Festival Website. The Festival Theme was the 'South American Carnival', reflecting the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Welsh colony in Patagonia. The sponsored charity was NSPCC and he hoped for a similar result to last year. He made a specific request for helpers with the Primary School Fun Run on Monday. 4th May.

Next Meeting

Speakers for the General meetings for the coming year were confirmed as being:

15 th June	Peter Barrett-Lee	(Velindre)
14 th September	David Cargill & Brian Evans	(Magistrates Court)
16 th November	Judith Hall	(Cardiff University School of medicine)
8 th February 2016	Peter Vaughan	(Chief Constable)

All the meetings would be at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms.

ACTIVITY	PROGRESS	COMING YEAR
OLD CHURCH ROOMS	The OCR continues to be heavily used and is now starting to show it's age. This year we have had a significant change of users. We have had several major problems this year with plumbing and boilers but everything is currently working. We are working with RMCC on the refurbishment project which is being discussed by RMCC.	Continue to maintain in the building. Aim to get new regular users. Continue to work with RMCC on the project to upgrade and refurbish the OCR to provide a building fit for the foreseeable future.
MAY FESTIVAL	Another successful festival which was blessed with good weather.	Plans are well ahead for this year's festival. The programme has already gone to print and a full programme of events is in place. The programme will be published in the April edition of the Chain as usual.
PLANNING	The Association continues to have a presence in the LDP process where we have been working with both the North West Cardiff Group and the Community Council. We set up a petition against the submission of an application to build houses in R&M before the LDP was approved. We had a massive response and will be able to speak at the planning committee meeting on this should we wish to do so.	Will continue to work with the Community Council and County Council on planning issues. On the LDP we will endeavour to ensure a phased plan is in place that provides all necessary infrastructure before any building takes place. We will continue to oppose premature planning applications and await the outcome of the Inspector on the LDP
ELECTRONIC RADYR	There has been another increase in the use of the village website. It has now been structured for mobile capability. The popularity of the Facebook page has increased and we now have over 450 Likes for the page. The number of views has increased to around 6000 a month. We have recently introduced electronic ticketing for RMA events.	We will aim to encourage more individuals and organisation to use the site and try to improve communications generally with current and potential users within our community. We will continue to improve the website and we intend to switch to a Wordpress platform during the year. This will not be highly visible to users as the structure will be the same as at present, but it will make changing pages far easier in future. Continue to improve usage of our successful Facebook Page and look at extending our use of social media. Promote electronic ticketing for events. We will continue to update the electronic version of "What is there to do in R and M". Starting with the 2015 Festival we are aiming to introduce a website specifically for the Festival. Work has already started

			on this. This will enable us to provide more details on events than are in the programme. Ticket bookings will also be available via the website.
ARTS	Allan Cook once again brought many high standard art events to the festival and we had a very successful performance of Charles Dickens, "The Chimes" just before Christmas. We started film nights during the May Festival and these have continued throughout the winter period. Some films were very successful and some were quite poorly attended. We also had a matinee film during half term.		We will have to make a decision on whether to continue with film nights in the near future and we will definitely be showing a film in the Festival. We will continue the preparation for the Roald Dahl centenary in 2016. This year's Festival will have numbers of events including a literary evening with Eddie Butler, a lunchtime guitar recital, a recital by the Academy of Voice and an evening event, "Lowering the Tone" with Karl Daymond. We are aiming to produce further events outside the Festival period.
ENVIRONMENT			We are looking forward to developing the Motte site as an exhibition centre. Continue the programme of publishing village walks.
YOUTH INVOLVEMENT	Another successful concert in the park was held in 2014, encouraging young people to perform.		Continue with the links that have been forged between the Association and the various youth organisations within the community. Maintain the recently initiated meetings held jointly between RMA/RMCC/3 local school head teachers to improve communications and youth involvement at local events. Continue and improve the youth involvement in the concert in the Parc and Xmas tree lighting.
XMAS EVENT	Another very successful Xmas event was held which was very well attended by the community.		Try to increase the number of stall holders at the event and the involvement of the shopkeepers. This year's charity NSPCC has already collected around £4000.
SPEAKERS	We had four meetings during the year. Simon Davidson, Mark Drakeford, Andrew Williams and Allan Cook were our speakers.		Speakers are now being booked for the coming year and a programme will be circulated at the AGM.