



THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

(A Civic Society affiliated to the Civic Trust Cymru)



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday 18th April 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: David Silver (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Nick Hawkins (Secretary), Eric Blackwell, David Cargill, Ralph Vaughan, Cllrs Rod McKerlich, Mike Diment & Chris St Leger, plus 15 members.

Apologies: Tom Evans (Vice-Chairman), Raymond Rivron, Cllr David Suthers, Allan Cook, Julie Davies, Neville Evans and Mary Pearce

(Prior to the meeting, we met with Sgt Kee Wong, our new police Sgt, who discussed road closures with us. He said the police would be in attendance at the Festival Parade and Fete on 30th April and would assist in all matters of control.)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 30th March 2015

The minutes were approved.

Chairman's Report

Please see summary at Appendix A.

Treasurer's Report

The accounts had been audited. In summary, in 2015 the Association had a small surplus of £301 against a forecast budget deficit of £1390. This was mainly due to the reduced cost of some Festival events, the deferment of some capital spending, and an unexpected surplus of £520 generated by the Film Club. Nevertheless, £5,600 had been donated to the NSPCC, the nominated Charity for the year, who had also received considerable monies from elsewhere. The unrestricted retained funds stood at £6897, plus restricted funds of £526, represented by £250 from Cardiff West Rotary towards the purchase of a defibrillator (which had recently been purchased) and £276 generated by the Christmas event held for Velindre, this year's nominated Charity. The Treasurer again pointed out that the retained surplus had been built up over 30 years of operation and this level of retention was necessary to provide a buffer in the event of poor weather affecting the May Festival.

He reported that the budget for 2016 predicted a deficit of £613. Again, much would depend on the true outcome of the May Festival but significant expenditure was also planned - including £166 for Roald Dahl Walk leaflets, £280 for the Festival Website and £400 for the purchase of a new screen for the Film Club. The Accounts were approved by all.

Election of Officers

The Vice Chair of the R&MCC, Cllr Mike Diment, took the chair for the election of the Chairman. David Silver was elected as the new Chairman unopposed and retook 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.

Appointment of Auditor

Ellis Jenkins was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Any Other Business

No business had been pre-notified.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm. Attendees were given a conducted tour of the OCR refurbishments.

ACTIVITY	PROGRESS	COMING YEAR
OLD CHURCH ROOMS	We have worked very closely with RMCC on the refurbishment this year with both the Chair and Secretary on the Project Team. The refurbishment is now virtually complete, slightly behind time mostly due to the poor weather, though there are still a few snags to sort out. This is expected on a project of this size and complexity. The new Castle Room is available for rent and the community now have a wonderful extended facility to use for their events.	Aim to get new regular users as we now have increased capacity. Complete the final bits of the project like furnishing. Work with RMCC on a marketing plan for the building to try and increase business use of the new room.
MAY FESTIVAL	Another very successful festival in 2015. The programme for 2016 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. The Festival website has been updated for 2016 and the programme is already in place.	Plans are in place for all events for this year's festival. We are looking for the charity for the next year or two and will be trying to include other local groups e.g. schools in the selection. Complete work on the Festival website so we become self sufficient for the future
PLANNING	The Association were involved in the fight against adoption of the LDP. We raised a petition against the first substantive application to build 630 properties which allowed us to speak alongside the County Councillor at the Planning Committee. Unfortunately both the LDP was adopted with little change and the first application was approved.	Will continue to work as appropriate with the Community Council and County Council on planning issues. Following the LDP adoption, our aim will always be to ensure a plan is in place that provides all necessary infrastructure before any building takes place. The main problem now is that individual planning applications are being made/approved which get looked at as one offs and not part of a whole larger plan.
ELECTRONIC RADYR	We continued to improve the website this year with the switch to a Wordpress platform. This had little visibility to users, except for the change from the soapbox to a new forum, but allows us to make changes far more easily and frequently, and puts us on a platform that is used worldwide with many add-ons available and takes us away from a bespoke system. We introduced electronic ticketing for events. We introduced a website specifically for the Festival. This enabled us to provide more details on events than were in the programme, to add photos of days events quickly, to have a commentary on the Festival and to introduce electronic ticket purchasing. The Site has already been updated for 2016. Our social media sites, the R&MHub on both Facebook	Continue to expand the use of social media, especially for the Festival. Work with the webteam to try and improve the frequency of changes to items on the website.

	and Twitter have grown very quickly. We have over 850 regular viewers on Facebook and nearly 300 on Twitter. Anything we publish now gets to a large audience very quickly.		
ARTS	All the events in the 2015 Festival went well. During the year we continued with the film club and are now getting large audiences for most films. We have started to use rented equipment of a far better quality than we could afford ourselves. Changes to the OCR have also helped. The one downside was a showing of the Railway Children to a smallish audience early in December.		Preparation for the Roald Dahl centenary in 2016 has gone well. This year's Festival will have numbers of events including a literary evening with Will Kevans, a lunchtime piano concert with Nuno Lucas and a song recital by the Academy of Voice. Fluellen will be bringing us "Taffy Shakespeare", we will have our normal "Concert in the Parc" and the Festival will end with "Movies and Musicals" a concert for Velindre, with the Welsh Pops quartet, with Bronwen Lewis as special guest hosted by Connie Fisher. We will be looking to make further improvements to the Film Club.
ENVIRONMENT			We will continue the programme of publishing village walks.
YOUTH INVOLVEMENT	Another successful concert in the park was held in 2015, 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 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. Using social media we managed to vastly increase requests for the number of stalls, to such an extent we were refusing people.		Keep the number of stalls to a maximum for the space available. Review any possible improvements.
SPEAKERS	We had four meetings during the year our guest speakers were Judith Hall, Prof Peter Barrett Lee and Peter Vaughan		Speakers are now being booked for the coming year and a programme will be circulated at the AGM.
QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE	This year the RMA were awarded the QAVS. Our citation stated " <i>Providing a social framework for a growing Community, making Radyr & Morganstown a great place to live and work, and fund raising for an annual Charity.</i> " The award has an equivalent status for voluntary groups as the MBE has for individuals. The Chair was delighted to accept this from the Lord Lieutenant, Dr Peter Beck, at our General Meeting in September. He said how impressed he had been with the energy and forward-looking attitude of the Association, its vital role as an umbrella organisation within a growing community, its continued growth via the adoption of Social Media, and, of course, the significant monies raised for Charitable concerns. He was confident that the Association would continue to grow and prosper and provide a much needed social framework for the Radyr & Morganstown Community.		