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THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 28th March 2022 at 7.30pm in the OCR and via Zoom



Present: David Silver (Chairman), Tom Evans (Vice-Chairman), David Cargill (Treasurer), Nick Hawkins (Secretary), Eric Blackwell, Anne Rosser, Ian Thomas, Antonia Wigley, Cllrs Allan Cook & Vina Patel, plus 12 members.

Apologies: Richard Wales, David Currie, Julie Davies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was, for the second time being held both in the OCR and remotely. He hoped the sound problems, which had occurred at the last meeting, were now resolved.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 12th April 2021

The minutes were approved.

Chairman's Report

Please see summary at Appendix A.

The Chairman presented his report, which had been circulated earlier. There were no questions. He did, however, highlight that the Association had continued to operate through the pandemic, with regular speakers and no less than two Festivals in support of Tenovus Cancer Care.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the Association's accounts had been examined and sent out to members via email in advance of the meeting. In summary, 2021 had been another difficult year. A short Festival was organised in May followed by a further week in September. The results of these Festivals were to raise £4328 for the charity - Tenovus Cancer Care - who were able to raise a further £2500 making the total in excess of £6800. The Festival cost the Association £820 in organising the events, offset by a small stock at the end of the year of £245.

In 2020 the Accounts showed a surplus Income over Expenditure of £1690 against this year's deficit of £3289.

Expenditure was incurred for during the year for insurance, Christmas trees, lighting and web hosting totalling £2856.

The result is that the bank balance, which previously stood at £8172, fell to £5160, with which we start the New Year. Depreciation charged on early year's capital expenditure is partly offset by the stock value.

Arrangements are now in hand for the 2022 Festival in May when we hope to raise charity funds for Headway Cardiff & South East Wales and maintain our bank balance without any further erosion of funds.

We had already secured a grant from Plasdŵr and advertising money to help support the printing of the Festival programme.

There were no questions.

Election of Officers

Vice-President Antonia Wigley took the chair for the election of the Chairman. Tom Evans was elected as the new Chairman unopposed. Richard Wales was elected as Vice Chairman, David Cargill as Treasurer and Anne Rosser as Secretary.

The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to the Committee unopposed: Eric Blackwell, Moy Lewis, David Silver and Ian Thomas.

It was noted that Nick Hawkins had stood down from the Committee after many years of service (*Secretary's note: see AOB*).

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Mr Geoffrey Saunders was proposed, seconded and agreed.

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Statement from new Chair

Tom Evans started his statement by thanking David Silver, who had served as the Association's Chair since 2014, had now stood down as an officer but remained on the Executive Committee with continued responsibility as Chair of the Festival Committee. David had navigated the Association through a difficult patch with the impact of increasing housing development in the area and, over the last two years, the ravages of the pandemic. The fact that things had progressed well, events had been organised, monies raised for Charity and the Association remained in good shape, was down to his good Chairmanship.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, and to thank David for his period as Chair, Tom presented him with a bottle of Malt Whisky and an engraved tankard.

Tom went on to thank everyone for the trust they had put in him by electing him as the new Chair. He fully intended to work hard to ensure the Association continued delivering on its aims of making Radyr and Morganstown a great place in which to live and work. However, he recognised things were changing and he appealed for new ideas as to what the Association might do - and also for help in delivering them. He was not asking for people to take on large tasks but to get involved in the many small ways which makes any organisation or event possible - helping set things up, taking a short shift at a bar or BBQ, etc, and having fun doing it. He welcomed any feedback.

Any Other Business

The following items were noted:

Nick Hawkins. The Chairman asked David Cargill to say a few words on the occasion of Nick's departure from the Executive Committee.

David said that he had known Nick for over 35 years. He had served on the Community Council for a period of time, during which the Old Church Rooms had been purchased. After standing down from the Community Council, he had served on the Hall Management Committee serving many times as its Chair and being a mainstay of fixing broken items, managing maintenance working parties and being available for out of hours support. He had helped secure grants and raise money for the on-going development of building. He had also taken responsibility for sorting out the sound systems and the technology. He had been involved with the annual Festival from an early stage and, joining the Association itself in 1996 and becoming Chairman in 1997 (in which capacity he served for over 11 years), he oversaw the expansion of the May Festival to its present form (taking charge over the running of numerous Fetes) and the introduction of nominated charities. He worked on many planning issues, encouraged the arts and had generally worked tirelessly for the R&M Community. In fact, his most recent work as 'Secretary' had encompassed so many aspects that the Exec had had to split it across three individuals. The Association and the R&M Community owed him a great debt of thanks. In appreciation of this work, the Association also presented Nick with a bottle of Malt Whisky and an engraved tankard (the presentation being in absentia as Nick, having just contracted Covid, was present on Zoom only). The Vice-Chair undertook to deliver the items to his house after the meeting.

Nick thanked David for his kind and generous words, and the Association for the most welcome gifts - the tankard he would treasure; the whisky was unlikely to last long. He said he was sad in many ways to be stepping down from the Association but he felt now was the right time to leave the organisation in the care of younger, capable hands who would have the opportunity to take it in new directions. He would continue to support the Association in whatever way required, remain actively involved in Festivals and he wished the new Committee all success. He also noted that, having stood down from the Association, he had now become a Trustee of the new R&M Good Neighbours scheme - a successor to the last scheme which closed in 2014. This was a much-needed facility which he hoped to help make a success.

Festivals. David Silver briefed the meeting on the details of the forthcoming **May Festival**. (Full details can be found on the Festival website, www.rmfestival.org.uk). All the normal events had been reinstated, after the cut-down versions over the last two years. There was 'something for everyone'

He also mentioned the **Jubilee celebrations** which were being planned jointly with the R&MCC. The main event would be on Thursday, 2nd June, at the Comprehensive School, incorporating entertainment, bar, BBQ, the lighting of a beacon and fireworks. There would also be a Children's competition.

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Good Neighbours. Following on from the statement made by Nick, it was noted that the new R&M Good Neighbours scheme would be holding their first event on Friday, 1st April in the New Schoolrooms from 2-4.30pm. This would be 'drop-in session, with refreshments of offer and a chance to meet the new GN Coordinator (Louise Beesley) and hear about the plans for the new organisation.

Hybrid Meetings Thanks were expressed to the Association for holding another hybrid (in person and via Zoom) meeting which allowed people to participate in meetings even when ill or having difficulties with leaving the house. The facility was much appreciated - and it was also noted that the sound problems had been fixed. The Chairman responded by saying that he was glad things had gone well and it was the current intention to carry on with meetings in this format.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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2021 was the second year in a row badly affected by the pandemic. However, we managed to put on two Festivals, a mini-May Festival and a small September Festival. We stayed in touch with our members with regular Newsletters and during the year we held 5 meetings on Zoom with guest speakers.

Communication and information

We produced regular newsletters to keep members informed of activities in the community. We posted a lot of information on our social media channels and our website. We now have 2833 followers on Facebook and 1345 on Twitter and this allowed us to get information out to the community quickly, as well as advertise our own events and those of other groups in the community. Our regular meetings were also held online on Zoom.

Charities.

Due to the lack of event activity the previous year we decided to continue with Tenovus for a second year. Over the year a total of ~£7000 was raised for the charity during our activities up to the end of the September Festival. Our charity for 2022 is now Headway, Cardiff and South Wales and we started working with them at Christmas.

Speakers at General Meetings.

This year we have had four meetings so far. Ian Ogden gave a talk on Lion Aid. This was followed by Ruth Marks who spoke on "Volunteering, makes a world of difference". Our Charity for this year, Headway, Cardiff and South Wales gave the third talk. Kat Jones giving a very interesting insight into the work of the charity. The first 3 meetings were all held on Zoom. Our final meeting was held jointly live in the OCR and online on Zoom. This was about the revised LDP and it attracted a very large audience. We had over 100 attendees, the exact number is not known as some of the zoom logons had more than one person participating. This was new technology for us and seems to have been very well received by the community. There were some teething problems with the sound, but this will be addressed in any future meetings.

Festivals 2021

Due to Covid we planned a few events for the May Festival mostly online and outdoors. We had a family treasure trail around the area and a couple of successful talks by two locals, Saverio Florimonte and Chris Dale. We had an online cookery demonstration by Lisa Fearn who runs the Pumpkin Patch kitchen, garden and cookery school near Carmarthen. Tenovus held an online Quiz and we ran an online Bingo session which was great fun. There was an Open Gardens event, organized by Gill Evans, which was possible as it was outdoors and socially distanced, the first community event held for some time.

In September we held our second Festival of the year, but this was again with outdoor events under prevailing Covid regulations.

A summer show was revived by Cyril Williams and David Cargill which we hope might continue in the future. On the middle Saturday we held a combined Fete and Dog Show in Lychgate Gardens which was a success. We finally managed to hold a large event with our Concert in the Parc on the Final Saturday. This was well attended by over 400 people. We know as we had to get people to sign in for Track and Trace. The local schools could not take part as their orchestras, choirs and bands had not been meeting for any practices but we did have Cardiff Morris Dancers to entertain the crowds.

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Overall, after a very difficult year for events, we managed to put something on for the community.

Plans for the remainder of 2022

Festival 2022: Plans are now in place for a full May Festival in 2022 with some 28 events planned, a great achievement by the Festival Committee since a number of our regular contributors have folded during the pandemic.

Queen's Jubilee: We are planning jointly with R&MCC to hold an event during the jubilee weekend.

Hustings: We will be holding hustings for the County Council elections for R&M

RMA Structure

Following the AGM, we will have a number of changes to our Executive Committee. We think it is now time for a full review of what we do and how we work. As our personnel alter, we need to look at our ways of working. We have had major changes brought on by COVID and some of these need to be maintained. We need the views of our membership on what you would like us to do in the future. We also need some new and younger members on the Executive Committee.

David Silver
Chair RMA