

# THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Old Church Rooms on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006

### Attending

**Committee:** Nick Hawkins (Chairman), Ken Williams (Vice Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Julie Williams (Secretary), David Cargill, Allan Cook, Robin Jones, Geoff Saunders.

**Ex Officio:** Community Council Chairman, Cllr Margaret Lloyd.

**Community Council:** Cllrs Sue Philpott, David Silver & David Suthers.

**Affiliated Groups:** Val Allan (Ty Gwyn Pony Club), Ailsa Bracegirdle (RPMG), Jerry Bray (Bowls), Lorna Clarke (Gardening Club), Julie Davies (Guides), Betty Fitzgerald (Tenovus), Mary & Bob Pearce (Radyr Chain), Maggie Roberts (Twinning & Morganstown Village Hall), Kieran Webster (New Life Baptist).

**Residents:** David & Claudia Currie, Geoff Davies, Neville Evans, Elizabeth Fraser, Mary Hawkins, Clive Morgan, Isobel & Alister Morrison, Cliff Skidmore, Joyce Suthers, Judy Vest, Cyril Williams,

### Apologies for absence

Cllrs Marion Drake, Judith Marsh & Jean Monk, Beverley Lewis, Rod McKerlich, Maureen Morgan, Garry Newbould, Caroline Noall, Joan Thorley, Antonia Wigley.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Lloyd and all other people attending the meeting.

### Minutes of the last AGM (18<sup>th</sup> April 2005)

The Chairman informed the meeting that the minutes of the previous AGM, which had been approved by the Executive Committee, had been circulated prior to the meeting but needed ratification. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Lorna Clarke and agreed by all.

**Matters arising:** All covered in the Agenda.

### Chairman's Report

The Chairman informed members that they would find the official Annual Report for the Association (as required by the Charities Commission) on the reverse of the Agenda. He asked for any questions regarding the report. None was raised.

Mr Hawkins prefixed his report by stating that Radyr was changing; not for good, not for bad, just changing. He had moved to Radyr 28 years before, and was proud to have been involved, with others, in helping to nurture and sustain an active community. Much had happened over those 28 years, with the acquisition of the Old Church Rooms, the founding of the R&M Association, the starting of the May Festival, the vast increase in development, the build up of traffic, the change of the age profile, the establishment of a community web site, and much more. And the Community was still changing, and change meant stress. Youths were much more visible, the loss of the Rector was significant, and there was an even great churn in the population. He thought the Association needed to change as well; it was important that new residents did not see the Association as a bastion of 'old Radyr' but as a champion of the whole developing community. Some of the proposals for the following year supported this, notably the need for a Village Plan which would set out a vision for the future. He acknowledged this was the responsibility of the Community Council and Cllr Drake, but hoped they would accept the Association's assistance in its development.

As in past years, the Chairman presented his two page summary report for 2005/6. The year had been busy. He mentioned specifically the improvements to the boundary of the Old Church Rooms, with the installation of replacement railings, and the installation of a comprehensive audio system (including induction loop capability) funded with assistance from the Cardiff Community Grant Programme, the WI and the New Life Baptist Church. The May Festival had been a marvellous success with an increased Arts content (thanks to Allan Cook) and had raised £2800 for Tenovus. There had been significant movement on Youth involvement, very much due to the

involvement of Jane and Kevin Morris, who had initiated the Radyr Tuesday Club (RTC). And an Independent Neighbourhood Watch organisation had been brought into being, with the help of the Community Council and the Police. Plans for 2006 were no less ambitious. The Festival would again be two weeks and, with Allan Cook and the Arts Council, everyone could look forward to enjoying a concert by Catrin Finch, a play by Harold Pinter, and many other events. The chosen charity was the Teenage Cancer Trust. The Association planned to build on the RTC success to involve yet more youths. Although there had not been much progress on the sports side in the past year, Cyril Williams had agreed to rejoin the committee and take charge of this area. There was hope that, by the next AGM, there would have been some movement in the Station Road renewal scheme with CCTV covering the shopping precinct. In relation to this, work was continuing on plans to make parts of King's Road, Heol Isaf and the War Memorial area (and also possibly parts of Morganstown) a conservation area. In conclusion, the Chairman offered his thanks to members, the Officers of the Executive Committee, Cllr Marion Drake and the Community Council and Karen Whitecross (recently retired Clerk to the Council) for all their help and support during the past year. There were no questions.

#### **Treasurer's report:**

Mr Roberts presented the accounts to the meeting, in both the official Charity Commission and in his 'easy to understand' forms. He regarded the accounts as being in a healthy state. There was a surplus of £412 over the year, against a budgeted loss of £320. This was mainly because there had been less call than expected for grants. In terms of detail, the Association had purchased new gazebos and a barbeque for £328, Christmas decorations had cost £72 and the Festival Charity, Tenovus, had received (directly or indirectly from the Association) £2800. Administration costs, at £209, were very low. The retained funds of £5400 were slightly over the set reserve limit of £5000 but it was planned to correct this in the coming year. The Chairman asked that the accounts be formally adopted; this was seconded by Geoff Davies and agreed by all.

The 2005 budget was then presented. The forecast was for a loss of £500 which would correct the reserves excess. After a short discussion, the budget was agreed. The Chairman offered his thanks to Bob for all his hard work and to Neil Cargill for acting as Auditor. He reminded the meeting that, although the Association managed the OCR (jointly with the Community Council), its accounts were separate to those of the Association and came under the accounts of the Community Council.

#### **Election of Executive Committee:**

Cllr Margaret Lloyd was asked to take the Chair for the Election of the Chairman. She expressed her appreciation for the leadership shown by the Association and the way all the organisations tried to work together for the benefit of the Community. Ken Williams proposed Nick Hawkins should remain as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Sue Philpott and agreed by all. Mr Hawkins then retook the Chair. He informed the meeting that all officers of the committee were willing to stand for re-election with the exception of Ken Williams, Rod McKerlich, Cllr Jean Monk and Chris Dale. Rev Kieran Webster, Cyril Williams and David Silver had indicated their willingness to join the Executive and Garry Newbould had agreed to take on the role of Vice Chairman. The Chairman proposed that all the remaining and proposed Executive Committee members be elected for the following year; this was seconded by Ken Williams and agreed by all.

#### **Appointment of Auditor:**

The Chairman proposed that Mr Neil Cargill be appointed as auditor for the forthcoming year; this was seconded by Mr Bob Roberts and agreed by all.

#### **Any other business:**

**Review and adoption of Child Protection Policy:** The Chairman said that the Executive Committee had reviewed the Association's Child Protection Policy (Issue 2, dated, 18 March 2005) and proposed that it be left unchanged; this was seconded by Julie Williams and agreed by all. It was noted that Mrs Maggie Roberts had agreed to remain the Association's Child Protection co-ordinator.

**Festival:** Mr David Cargill gave a brief report. He hoped that this year would herald the best range of events ever, with the Festival still being two weeks. Full details would be found in the Festival programme due to be delivered shortly. There will be a children's colouring competition arranged via the schools and the library. The Arts content had been increased with at least two professional items. The Teenage Cancer Trust, this year's nominated charity, had arranged for Mr David Davies to open the Fete. He expressed the Association's thanks to the County Council, Pugh's; McCarthy & Stone and Amersham, all of whom had agreed to sponsor the Festival.

He also thanked the local shopkeepers who had kindly donated items for the prize draw. He reminded the meeting that the French would be over during the 2006 Festival celebrating 20 years of fellowship, so there would be a number of events over the middle weekend that may clash with others so more support might be needed for events.

**60<sup>th</sup> Wartime Memories:** A book of residents' war time memories was about to be published.

**Dutch barn:** There had been no visible progress on this initiative.

**New Health Centre:** This was expected to be handed over to the Health Authority in September to open in October 2006.

**Arts:** The Chairman asked any Arts organisations not already involved in the Arts Committee to get in touch with Allan Cook, the chairman of the Arts Committee, with the idea of them joining the Committee.

**Future Meetings:** Arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> May OCR, 18<sup>th</sup> July MVH, 26<sup>th</sup> September OCR, 15<sup>th</sup> November OCR, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2007 OCR.