

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday, 16th April 2007

Attending Committee: Nick Hawkins (Chairman), Garry Newbould (Vice Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Julie Williams (Secretary), Allan Cook, Robin Jones, David Silver, Elizabeth Fraser, Kieran Webster (Baptist Church), Cyril Williams

County Councillor: Marion Drake **Community Council Chairman:** Sue Philpott

Affiliated Groups: Val Allen (Ty Gwyn Pony Club), Ailsa Bracegirdle (RPMG), Jerry Bray (Bowls), Lorna Clarke (Gardening Club), Mary & Bob Pearce (Radyr Chain), Maggie Roberts (MVH & Twinning), Maureen Morgan (WI), Beverley Lewis (Radyr PTA)

Residents: David Currie, Geoff Davies, Neville Evans, Mary Hawkins, Antonia Wigley, Cliff and Alison Skidmore, Ken Williams, Jeanette & Alf Butler, David Suthers, Derek Butler, Wyn Phillips, Jim Ridgway

Apologies for Absence: Rod McKerlich, Judith Marsh, Andy Wales, David Cargill, Caroline Noall, John Hobson, Clive Morgan, Betty Fitzgerald, Julie Davies (Guides), Geoff Saunders

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting on 24th April 2006

The Radyr Baptist Church was incorrectly noted as the New Life Baptist and the date on the Treasurers report was wrong. The corrected minutes were proposed, seconded and accepted. No matters arising.

Chairman's Report

See official Annual Report and summary (attached).

Old Church Rooms: Nick Hawkins thanked Norman Clewer and Sue Philpott for their hard work in winning "Cardiff in Bloom" and Sue Philpott for organising the refurbishment of the kitchen, which has now been completed.

Planning: Permission has been granted for 2 blocks of flats at 8 Drysgol Road.

Radyr Website: The number of visitors continues to increase and particular thanks are due to Robin Williams.

Arts: Thanks especially to Allan Cook who has continued to work extremely hard.

Youth Involvement: Garry Newbould and Kieran Webster addressed the meeting with regard to the work that had been done with local schools and associations.

Nick Hawkins expressed his thanks to Kieran and also to Jane and Kevin Morris for their success in setting up the Radyr Tuesday Club in which they will now be taking a lesser role.

Sports: Nick Hawkins wished to thank Cyril Williams. He stressed that the £300,000 (from planning gain) was not at risk of being lost and that the building of an Indoor Sports Hall on the Mound Field site is now a priority at meetings of the Cardiff Council Executive Business Office with input from the various community associations and the Community Council.

Nick Hawkins re-iterated that it had been a very busy and successful year and thanked all of the officers and representatives and in particular, Cllr Marion Drake.

Treasurer's Report

The balance of the account stands at £5998.

In summary, over the year, the Association made a surplus of £598 instead of the original forecast loss of £500. This was largely due to the success of the May Festival. The chosen charity was the Teenage Cancer Trust. A letter has been received thanking us for the £2000 given directly. They also received an additional £604.61 directly from other organisations.

In response to a question about the purchase of the display boards, it was explained that they had been used for the Arts Happening and the Roald Dahl Exhibition and would be available for use in the future.

Nick Hawkins expressed his enduring thanks to Bob Roberts for doing the accounts and to Neill Cargill for acting as auditor.

Election of Officers

Nick Hawkins (Chairman) & Julie Williams (secretary) did not wish to stand for re-election in their present capacity.

Councillor Marion Drake took the chair. She expressed her appreciation for the leadership shown by Nick Hawkins over the past eleven years. She also thanked the rest of the committee for their support and enthusiasm.

The following were proposed, seconded and elected unopposed:

Garry Newbould (Chairman), Nick Hawkins (Vice Chairman) & Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary). All remaining officers and members of the committee were willing to stand for re-election with the exception of Allan Cook, Geoff Saunders and Robin Jones. They were proposed, seconded and agreed by all.

The departing Chairman Nick Hawkins expressed his pride in the successes over the past 11 years. For instance, the May Festival, the arts events in the community, the neighbourhood watch scheme and the increasingly successful community website. He wished Garry, the new chairman, every success in the coming year(s).

Garry said that he was delighted and honoured to accept the challenge of being the new chairman and that he owed a debt of gratitude to his predecessor. He supported the same principles and together with the help of an active and hard-working executive committee he was looking forward to helping the community to develop.

Appointment of Auditor Neill Cargill was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously.

AOB

Radyr and Morganstown Appeal Committee for the Eisteddfod in Cardiff: Neville Evans (Vice Chairman and Secretary) said that several thousand pounds had already been raised towards the local target of £20,000. He asked for support for future events. There will a display van at the May Festival.

Dan-y-Bryn Leonard Cheshire Home: The proposed plans for the improvement of the facilities were displayed at the meeting.

May Festival: This year is the 20th Festival. Maggie Roberts thanked MVH and the WI for providing the capes for the May Queen and her attendants.

Future meeting dates: Tuesday 22nd May (OCR), Monday 16th July (OCR), September (TBC), Monday 19th November (OCR), Monday 14th January (OCR)