

RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Old Church Rooms on Tuesday, 8th April 2003

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting especially Cllr Marion Drake and PC Andrew Smith.

1. Apologies for absence.

Mike Jenkins, Jean Monk, Geoff Saunders.

2. Those Present.

Mr N Hawkins (Chairman), Mr R Roberts (Treasurer), Ms J Williams (Secretary), Cllr Marion Drake, Cllr David Suthers, Cllr Sue Philpott, Ken Williams, David Cargill, PC Andrew Smith (Community Policeman) and 14 other members.

3. Minutes of the last AGM (9th April 2002).

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. There was one amendment to the circulated copy which was the correction of the Community website address – it should read www.radyr.org.uk. Approval of the minutes of the 2002 AGM were proposed by David Cargill, seconded by Ken Williams and agreed by all. All matters arising were dealt with within the agenda or in the Chairman's Report.

4. 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.

He felt in the past that his report had taken too long to complete and wanted this year to introduce a quicker way to deal with it. He had therefore prepared a two-page handout (attached) describing the Association's activities over the previous year. In summarising the report, he said that the Association had had its successes and failures, just like any other organisation. He had been particularly shocked at the increase in vandalism and deeply saddened both at the loss of the Primary Schools' time capsules from the Old Church Rooms and the need to remove the WI bench to protect it from further damage. He hoped that the New Year would bring more positive news. Nevertheless, 2002 had been a busy year and he offered his thanks to members, officers, Cllr Marion Drake and the Community Council for all their help and support during it. There were no questions.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Copies of the audited accounts were circulated to the meeting. Mr Roberts reminded the meeting that it had been agreed that the net income from the Association's activities this year should be donated to the nominated Jubilee Charities. The income from the Jubilee celebrations was £770. The Jubilee Jazz concert had raised £1006, but this had been passed through the Community Council account. Festival Week raised £1552, including £700 from the Prize Draw, and taking into account a County grant of £400. Cllr Marion Drake requested that this be itemised separately next year because it was difficult to get. On the expenditure side, the Arts brochure had cost £388; brackets and Christmas trees had been purchased and fixed in place in the Station Road shopping precinct for £196; £25 had been donated to Mrs Barr's retirement present; and the Remembrance Wreath and donation had cost £45. A donation of £900 had been made to the Association from the Christ Church Charity Shop in support of the Jubilee Charities but, due to its late arrival, this would not show on this year's account. The original forecast for the year was a loss of £630, because of the decision regarding the Jubilee Charities, so he was pleased to inform the meeting it had only been £539. He also noted that administration costs had been paid for the first year to the secretary. The cost for the Christmas trees had been high – this led to a brief discussion on the feasibility of the shopkeepers being asked to cover the cost of the trees in 2003. The budget for 2003 was then discussed. This showed a forecast surplus of £115. 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.

6. Police Consultative Group:

PC Andrew Smith reported that there had been a steady increase in vandalism over the past year and that another climbing crime figure was the theft of mobile phones, especially from youngsters. Vehicular crime was steady but there had been a drop in thefts from houses and sheds. In Cardiff alone 48,000 crimes were reported, though the last few weeks had been quieter. There were youth workers in the area funded jointly by the Community and County Councils. Youth annoyance around the whole of Cardiff was increasing and the Community and County Councils hoped that, by placing Outreach workers in Radyr, it may help with the developing youth problems. The Outreach workers would not have an immediate effect as they first needed to gain the respect and trust of the youngsters. A meeting had been held with local youngsters, chaired by Cllr Marion Drake. Most of them wanted an area where they could gather without being hassled by adults.

Marion reported there was a mobile skateboard park touring Cardiff and, if a spot could be found, she hoped it could be located within the community for a period.

7. Election of Officers and Committee:

The Chairman invited Cllr Marion Drake to stand in whilst the election of the Association Chairman took place. Cllr Drake thanked him and his team for their hard work over the past year and, as there were no other proposals for the position of Chairman, asked if there was a proposer and seconder for Mr Hawkins. Mrs Maureen Morgan proposed that Mr Hawkins be elected for the following year, seconded by Mrs Lorna Clark and agreed by all. The Chairman then reported that all Officers and Committee Members had agreed to stand, with the exception of Sonja Bevan. However Rod McKerlich had agreed to stand for the forthcoming year. The Chairman then proposed that the existing members be voted en bloc. This was seconded by Lorna Clark and agreed by all.

8. Appointment of Auditor

The Chairman proposed that Neil Cargill be accepted as auditor for the following year. Mr Roberts seconded and it was agreed by all.

9. Future Name:

At the last AGM members had been reminded that there was an agreement to change the name and some of the objects of the Community Association firstly because it was felt many residents got the work of the Community Council and the Community Association muddled and secondly because it was felt that, on occasion, the Association was working outside its original objects because it was an developing organisation. The Chairman therefore announced that an EGM would be held shortly to adopt any changes, and he hoped most members would attend. A number of suggestions had been made for a name change but it was agreed it was best kept simple. Amongst members it was generally referred to as 'The Association' so, after discussion, it was agreed that for the new constitution the name would be 'The Radyr & Morganstown Association'. Some concerns were raised regarding the reasons for the change of the constitution but the Chairman reminded members that, though the present constitution had worked well in the past, in some situations it no longer complied with its original objects – hence the suggested changes to include new objects. The meeting was assured this would not change how the Association worked with the Community Council in managing the OCR. The Association felt that it must evolve to meet the needs of a developing and larger community.

10. 2003 Activities:

The proposed activities for the coming year were summarised on the attached Chairman's Report. Mr Cargill circulated a copy of the new programme for Festival Week. He noted that the children on the front cover would now be in their 20s and, if you looked at it closely, the wife of the Chairman of the Community Council could be seen! The George Thomas Hospice had been decided as this year's charity and the funds would be split equally between it and the Association. The children's art competition theme was 'A view from my window'. Draw tickets had already been allotted to all organisations and everyone was asked to sell as many as possible.

11. Any Other Business.

Radyr Arms: Concern was raised about the proposed closure of the pub. **Association@Radyrco.uk:** The Chairman reminded members that the Association could be contacted via this email address. All messages would go through to the secretary, Julie Williams. **Subscriptions:** A request was made that the question of subscription charges for being a member of the Association be discussed at the next meeting. The Chairman reminded the meeting that this had been raised the previous year and members had voted against it. The new constitution would, however, hold an option to charge a subscription fee if a future committee wished to do so. **Health Centre:** The practice had taken on consultants who were working in partnership with County officers to see where a new Health Centre could be re-sited. The intention of the partnership was to upgrade both the building and the facilities offered. The practice intended to let the community have its say.

12. Future meeting dates:

Next meeting 19th May in the Old Church Rooms.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.