

# THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cyril Williams (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Nick Hawkins (Secretary), Allan Cook, Elizabeth Fraser, David Silver, Sue Thomas, plus 14 members including Cllr Rod McKerlich.

**Apologies:** David Cargill, Julie Davies, Betty & Terry Fitzgerald, Clive Morgan, Wyn Phillips, Geoff Saunders, Kieran Webster.

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Approved. There were no matters arising not covered in the agenda.

### Chairman's Report in brief.

*The Old Church Rooms* continues as a successful community centre. New doors and windows were installed in 2010, thanks to a grant from Cardiff Council. A new children's garden had been created, sponsored by Pugh's Garden Centre. Thanks were expressed to all those who had helped put it together.

*The May Festival* was very successful thanks to the hard work of David Cargill and his team. £4000 was raised for Tŷ Hafan. The Ken Innes cup was awarded to Chris Wills.

**Planning:** This is not a leading area of concern but we will continue to work on specific matters with the Community Council. Specific concerns in 2010 had been the project to rebuild the Library and the future of the 'Community Plot' on the sidings.

*Electronic Radyr* a new site had been launched in May 2010 and had proved most successful. The new design allows organisations to own and update their areas independently of the central administrators. The WI had already taken this opportunity and other organisations were encouraged to do so.

**Arts:** The arts content of the 2010 Festival was once again of a very high standard and well supported; and this was being repeated in 2011, thanks to the hard work of Allan Cook.

**Village Plan.** Progress continues on the projects allocated to the RMA. Projects coming to a conclusion were the Welcome Pack, the first of the annotated walks and the installation of hanging baskets in Station Road.

**Youth Involvement** The rock concert established during the 2009 festival was successfully repeated in 2010 and will be again in 2011, thanks to the hard work of Beverley Lewis.

**Sports:** Some progress is now being made on the Mound Field development and RMA input is being fed into the emerging plans.

**Shopkeepers:** A Station Road Shopkeepers' Forum had been established and had started to meet regularly. (A special welcome was extended to Judy Mancuso, of Ener Chi, who was attending an RMA meeting for the first time as representative of the Forum). There had been an excellent 'lighting of the Christmas trees' event in December and the shopkeepers planned to contribute fully to the forthcoming May Festival.

### Treasurer's Report

The accounts had been audited. In summary in 2010 there was a deficit of £203 (against a budgeted deficit of £1380), giving a final reserve figure of £5302. This was comfortably within the agreed reserve limit of £6000. As noted above, £4000 was raised for Tŷ Hafan. The accounts showed exceptional balancing transactions amounting to £11,570 which concerned the purchase of the new

doors and windows for the OCR, for which the RMA had obtained a grant. They did not need to be considered further. The 2011 budget, which proposed a balanced budget with no surplus or deficit, was accepted. Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for his unfailing hard work.

### **Election of Officers**

Councillor Rod McKerlich took the chair for the election of the Chairman. He thanked the members of the Executive Committee for their hard work. Cyril Williams was re-elected unopposed and took the chair once again. David Silver was re-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: Allan Cook, David Cargill, Elizabeth Fraser, Beverley Lewis, Wyn Phillips, Sue Thomas & Kieran Webster.

### **Appointment of Auditor**

Neill Cargill was proposed, seconded and agreed.

### **Festival 2011**

In the absence of David Cargill, Nick Hawkins summarized the forthcoming Festival, which was as busy as ever with around 40 events. The chosen charity was the local Good Neighbours scheme and it was hoped a good amount of money would be raised for them. Amongst a number of innovations in 2011 was the decision to place a book of draw tickets within the Festival Programme enclosed in Radyr Chain. To this end, many more tickets had been produced than previously. (The suggestion that the tickets should include details of a return address was noted.) Other innovations included two events being run by Pugh's, a garden open under the National Garden Scheme and a Morris Minor Rally in the Sidings. Arts events were as strong as ever. Venue changes to the two Boules events (on 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May) were noted. Judy Mancuso reported that the shopkeepers planned to take an active role, with window decorations reflecting the 'Adventures of Alice' theme, special teas etc. She asked members to let the shopkeepers know of any ideas they would like to see incorporated.

### **Any Other Business**

Nothing raised.

### **Next Meeting**

General meetings for the coming year were noted as Mondays 6<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> February, all at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms. Speakers for all the meetings were being arranged and the names would be announced as soon as possible.