

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday, 14th April 2008 at 8pm

Attending Committee: Garry Newbould (Chairman), Nick Hawkins (Vice Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), David Silver, Kieran Webster, David Cargill

County Councillor: Marion Drake

Residents: Val Allen, Maggie Roberts, Maureen Morgan, Beverley Lewis, Allan Cook, Rose Dale, Antonia Wigley, Cliff Skidmore, Sue Philpott, Wyn Phillips, Chris Puttick, Rod McKerlich, Betty Fitzgerald, Mick Sullivan, Barbara Sullivan, Derek Bateman, George Williams, Gareth Davidson.

Apologies for Absence: Alison Skidmore, Steve Fowler, Lorna Clarke, Julie Davies, Julie Williams, Mary & Bob Pearce, Jim Cowan, Ailsa Bracegirdle.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting on 16th April 2007

The minutes were proposed, seconded and accepted. It was noted that Ailsa Bracegirdle no longer represents the RPMG.

Chairman's Report

The Old Church Rooms won "Cardiff in Bloom", the refurbishment of the kitchen has been completed and the rooms are booked almost to capacity by a variety of groups. New Fire and Safety measures have been implemented, safer access to the stage has been provided and the stage itself has been strengthened. Thanks were given to Geoff Saunders who has now retired as treasurer. Aims for next year include winning Cardiff in Bloom once again, maintaining the high usage and general standard of the facilities and to sort out the "time-capsule" area. A new screen will be purchased with a grant from the Community Council. The WI mentioned once again that they have trouble using the sound system.

The May Festival enjoyed a successful 20th anniversary. Despite the inclement weather there was good attendance and a total of £3000 was raised for the NSPCC. The Ken Innes cup was awarded to Allan Cook for being the driving force behind many events, particularly with relation to the Arts. The "Eco Fun Day" proved so popular that it is now being expanded into a 2-day event later in the year.

The Chairman thanked David Cargill and his team for their hard work. He particularly thanked Cyril Williams for organising the anniversary dinner. He has now retired from the committee. Garry also thanked Julie Williams, who, as Festival secretary had a key role in organising the event, particularly the stalls for the fete. In the coming year, the aim is to broaden the appeal to all areas of the community and to support the Dan-y-bryn Leonard Cheshire Home charity in its 60th Anniversary year. Garry felt the need for more general organisers on the committee as well as those for specific events.

Planning: This is not a leading area of concern but the Association continues to work with the Community and County Councils to represent residents on specific issues where appropriate.

Radyr Website: The May Festival 2008 sees the launch of the new updated website. Particular thanks are due to Robin Williams and the rest of the web team. It is hoped that individual organisations will create and maintain their own pages linked to the website.

Arts: A community notice board has been put up in Station Road to advertise local events and facilities. The May Festival continues to attract top quality theatre groups and

performers. It is hoped that this will continue in the future. The Association would also like to increase awareness of Roald Dahl's links to the area ahead of his centenary year in 2016 and establish a community database for arts events.

Good progress has been made on the **Village Plan**. Links have been established with the planning department at Cardiff University. A questionnaire will be sent out to gather local opinions on a variety of topics and collate the results to inform choices on the future direction of the community.

RMA with Youth Involvement: The Radyr Tuesday Club is now well established and self-continuing. A Youth Edition of the Radyr Chain and subsequent "Link" insert has been published. More editions are planned for the future. Collaboration with the Green Flag Committee from Radyr Comp has been established and it is hoped that there will be a Youth Executive Committee to represent the younger members of the community.

Sports: Progress has been made in understanding what is needed. A group of young people working with Marion Drake researched the possibility of a Skateboard park. It is hoped that this can be built, the Mound Field developed and a "Sports Strategy" established

Shopkeepers/Local Businesses: Requests have been received from businesses for additional Christmas trees in the upgraded Station Road shopping area. We would like to encourage the shops and new businesses to work together for the benefit of themselves and the community.

Finally, the Chairman thanked Nick Hawkins in particular for his support and guidance and also the rest of the Executive Committee. He indicated that the way forward was for more people to offer to do a little bit rather than a few people spending a lot of their time working for the benefit of the community.

Treasurer's Report

The audit has been completed. In summary there was a loss of only £1100 for the year instead of the £1500 that was budgeted for. Our reserves are £4888; just below the cash retention policy of £5000. The COIF (Charitable Organisations Investment Fund) Annual Report is available for inspection. Formal Adoption of the accounts was proposed, seconded and agreed by all.

In the coming year, the Association would like to maintain its present financial position. No Capital Purchases are forecast. The cost of a projection screen will be met by a grant from the Community Council. £200 has been set aside for future themes. A total sum of £250 is available for special grants although there have been no approaches in the last 2 years. Garry expressed his thanks to Bob Roberts for doing the accounts and to Neill Cargill for acting as auditor.

Election of Officers

Councillor Marion Drake took the chair. She congratulated the Chairman, secretary and the rest of the Executive committee for a successful year.

The following Executive Committee members were willing to stand for re-election and were proposed, seconded and elected unopposed:

Garry Newbould (Chairman), Nick Hawkins (Vice Chairman), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Kieran Webster, David Silver and David Cargill.

The following new members were proposed, seconded and agreed:
Wyn Phillips, Jim Cowan, Allan Cook & Beverley Lewis.

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

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WI Public Meeting: There will be an open meeting at which Jane Davidson will discuss environmental issues. RMA members are invited to submit questions in advance.

Radyr and Morganstown Association Website: The new website (www.radyr.org.uk) will be officially launched at the Festival fete on 3rd May. "Business" cards have been made with the website address and useful telephone numbers on the back. The picture is a panoramic view of Radyr.

May Festival: The chosen charity this year is the Dan-y-Bryn Leonard Cheshire Home. During the Festival tickets will be sold for the draw for which we have many prizes. Sponsorship has once again been received from GE Healthcare, McCarthy & Stone and Pugh's Garden Centre. Thanks were given to Keith John for providing the artwork for the Creature Discomforts competition.

Health and Safety: Organisers of public events including those during the May Festival were reminded that Risk Assessments should be completed beforehand.

Provisional meeting dates: Monday 2nd June (MVH), Monday 28th July (OCR), Monday 29th September, Monday 1st December & Monday 26th January.