

# THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cyril Williams (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Nick Hawkins (Secretary), David Cargill, Allan Cook, Wyn Phillips, David Silver, plus 11 members including Cllr Rod McKerlich.

**Apologies:** Leigh & Ailsa Bracegirdle, Elizabeth Fraser, Colin & Helen Johnson, Cllr Judith Marsh, Cllr Clive Morgan, Joyce Suthers, Sue Thomas, Chris Wills.

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Approved. It was noted that the R&M website continues to grow in usage and all local organisations need to ensure that all their details are kept up to date on the site and all events put into the online diary. (It was mentioned in this context that the online diary is the feed to the events column in Radyr Chain.) It was also noted that the 2012 Festival Draw tickets now contained a return address - the Treasurer mentioned that some had already been returned to him.

## Chairman's Report in brief.

*The Old Church Rooms* continues as a successful community centre. New chairs were installed in both the Garth and Weir Rooms and the grounds are being kept up to speed by Cyril Williams and Sue Philpott.

*The May Festival* was very successful thanks to the hard work of David Cargill and his team. Over £3300 was raised for Radyr & District Good Neighbours Scheme. The Ken Innes cup was awarded to Mike Sullivan.

*Arts:* The arts content of the 2011 Festival was once again of a very high standard and well supported; and this was being repeated in 2012, thanks to the hard work of Allan Cook.

*Village Plan.* Progress continues on the projects allocated to the RMA. The Welcome Pack was distributed to households in the Sidings area and is now being distributed to new residents via members of the Neighbourhood Watch. The first of the annotated walks (the Industrial Trail) was initiated in the 2011 Festival and another (Roald Dahl) is in preparation.

*Youth Involvement* There was a further successful rock concert during the 2011 Festival. This will not be the case in 2012 as the event had been moved to the Jubilee celebrations.

*Sports:* Progress on the Mound Field development continues, led by Allan Cook.

*Shopkeepers:* The 'lighting of the Christmas trees' event in December (run jointly with the R&MCC) was enhanced via the purchase of new lights (paid for jointly by the shopkeepers and the R&MCC) and was again very successful despite bad weather. The Station Road Shopkeepers' Forum seems, sadly, to have been abandoned by the shopkeepers and the future of the hanging baskets was uncertain.

The Chairman thanked his hard working Executive, without whom little would have been achieved. He especially thanked Elizabeth Fraser and Beverley Lewis, both of whom were standing down from the Executive.

## Treasurer's Report

The accounts had been audited. In summary in 2011 there was a small surplus of £120 (against a level budget), giving a final reserve figure of £5422. This was comfortably within the agreed reserve limit of £6000. As noted above, £3300 was raised for Good Neighbours. There were no exceptional

items. The Treasurer noted that the amount raised by the Festival Draw in 2011 was broadly similar to previous years even though the simpler distribution method (via Radyr Chain) had changed significantly. For this reason, the same method was being used in 2012. Councillor Rod McKerlich, who sits of the Board of Good Neighbours, conveyed the thanks of that organisation to the Association for the sum raised. It had made the organisation solvent and allowed it to carry on its valuable work. The 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 in both looking after the Old Church Rooms and taking a lead in so many Community events, notable the May Festival. 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, Wyn Phillips & Sue Thomas. The Chairman noted that the Executive Committee, whilst being quorate, needed new members. It was hoped that new members, ideally younger, would be co-opted through the year.

## **Appointment of Auditor**

Neill Cargill was proposed, seconded and agreed.

## **Any Other Business**

**Festival 2012.** David Cargill gave a brief summary of the Festival. He noted that the Parade on 5<sup>th</sup> May should be good - 100 students from Radyr Primary were known to be involved and it would be led by the City of Cardiff Brass Band and drummers from the Primary School. He thanked Jane Morris for all her help in preparing for the Parade. Park Road would be closed from 10:00 to 17:00 for the Fete and residents would shortly be getting a letter. He mentioned the Charity Dinner at the Golf Club on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May which was being held to celebrate 25 years of the R&M Festival. He noted, with regret, that GE Healthcare had withdrawn their financial support for the Festival.

**Jubilee Celebrations.** John Hunt spoke on behalf of the Jubilee Celebration Committee. He said that details of the events taking place from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June were now on the R&M website. He highlighted the Big Lunch on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and asked anyone planning to set up a BL to get in touch with him. The Jubilee Committee were keen that everything that took place over the period was recorded so there would be a request for people to send in their photographs.

**Roald Dahl.** Allan Cook reminded the meeting that Roald Dahl's centenary would be in 2016 which sounded a long way away, but was not! He noted that Llandaff were well advanced in their preparations and we in the R&M Community needed to get ours underway. He hoped to be able to get a formal link up between Radyr and the Roald Dahl trail in Cardiff.

**Charity 2013.** David Cargill mentioned that a decision needed to be taken soon on next year's Festival Charity. Some nominations had been made but more would be welcome. They could be made to any of the RMA Executive. He noted that there are formal criteria for making the selection; copies are available.

## **Next Meeting**

General meetings for the coming year were noted as Mondays 18<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> February, all at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms. Speakers for the meetings were being arranged and the names would be announced as soon as possible.