

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday 14th February 2011 at 7.30pm

Present: Cyril Williams (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Nick Hawkins (Secretary), David Cargill, Allan Cook, Elizabeth Fraser, Wyn Phillips, David Silver, 15 members including Cllr Rod McKerlich, plus members of the Radyr & Morganstown Women's Institute.

Apologies: None

Presentation by Tara King

Tara King explained that existing Cardiff waste handling strategies from 2005 to 2010 had increased recycling from 4% to 40% but the current WAG policy was 'towards zero waste' and wished to achieve 70% by 2025. The current target was to achieve 52% by 2012/13. This can only be done by setting targets across the spectrum - from kerbside collections to street cleaning. Collection costs money and Cardiff are looking to adopt a 'best practice model'. Multiple boxes (for paper, metal, plastic etc.) are cumbersome for households and require specialist vehicles to collect. So the decision had been taken to have weekly separate food caddy collection, weekly recycling (green bags) and fortnightly residual and green waste collections. The latter would be slightly controversial in areas like R&M but households could opt for more than one green bin and home composting had already risen from 24% to 31%. Fortnightly residual waste collections are not considered a significant problem - households putting out such waste fortnightly have already risen from 24% to 66%.

Overall, there was a high level of customer satisfaction (92%) with Cardiff's waste collection service and over 80% of people consulted preferred the green bag scheme over separate boxes. The revised future strategy would avoid additional costs of £10M per year and increase recycling income by around £1M per year.

The Chairman thanked Tara King for attending and providing a much needed insight into the imminent changes to waste collections.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting on 13th September 2010

Approved. Under matters arising it was noted that the OCR had had a new front door and new windows had been fitted in the Garth Room.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the RMA accounts for 2010 had been balanced successfully and, subject to audit, the retained reserves over the year had reduced from £5505 to £5301, a reduction of £204. This was a very good result bearing in mind that the 2010 Festival charity, Tŷ Hafan, had received £4000. There were no questions.

Festival 2011

David Cargill reported that arrangements for the May Festival were well ahead. The theme for the year was 'Alice in Wonderland' and the chosen charity Good Neighbours. The Programme for the two weeks was in a final state of preparation and the Festival Brochure would be going to the printers at the end of February. There would be a number of innovations in the Festival. Firstly, it was almost certain that the Tennis Club would be hosting a fireworks display on Friday 29th April to celebrate the Royal Wedding. He hoped that the event would be linked to 'street parties' held in the Tennis Club. Pugh's were making a major contribution for the first time with a whole day food fair 'A Taste of Wales' on Saturday 7th May. Antonia Wigley had organised for her garden to open (officially under the National Gardens Scheme) on Sunday, 8th May and there would be a Morris Minor Rally in the Sidings on Sunday 15th May.

Another innovation was the decision to place a book of Festival draw tickets in each copy of the Festival Programme in Radyr Chain. He hoped that the wider distribution would bring better returns for the Festival Charity. However, David did say that the Good Neighbours were still looking for some key draw prizes. Any assistance in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, David reported that it had been agreed to use some Section 106 'planning gain' money to build a bigger hard surface standing in the Parc Radur play area. It should be in place by the 'Concert in the Parc' on Saturday 14th May and will provide a useful facility for many other groups in the R&M Community.

Village Plan Projects

Progress was reported as follows:

Publicising what we have. Now completed.

Identifying help needed. Cyril Williams had sent a letter out to an initial tranche of organisations and had received two replies. These were being progressed.

Local walks etc. A first walk had been defined and would be 'launched' during the coming Festival.

Mound Field. A further meeting has been called for 3 March. This would cover what can be done with the Mound and how to take advantage of the adjacent redundant Rugby Club building.

Welcome Pack. 1000 copies of the WP cover had been printed and the Neighbourhood Watch organisation had agreed to deliver copies to new residents. It was also the intention to deliver a copy to new residents in the Sidings area.

Youth activities. No further action ; covered in wider Festival events.

Hanging Baskets. All the animals were now ready and an installation date was awaited.

Any Other Business

Shopkeepers Forum. Following on from the very successful Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on 2nd December, the shopkeepers in Station Road had held a further meeting to discuss working together. They had said they were thrilled with the Christmas arrangements and wanted to do more in 2011; possibly something for the May Festival like another window dressing competition. They had also talked about some common problems, notably parking, and would be inviting Cllr McKerlich to future meetings. They had been advised to attend PACT meetings as well.

PACT. It was noted that Ralph Vaughan had been very successfully chairing PACT meetings for three years and, as he is increasingly busy as Captain of the Golf Club, wishes to find a successor. Anyone interested in taken over this important role should contact Ralph or PC Huw Thomas. It was further noted that PC Thomas had issued a simple questionnaire (just four questions) relating to the police

and Neighbourhood policing. Everyone was urged to fill it in as soon as possible. Copies are available in the library.

Chinese Lanterns. Concern was expressed at the release of 'Chinese Lanterns' on New Years Eve. The lanterns had drifted widely in the wind and were a fire hazard in built up areas. Some had also landed in the field at Ty Gwyn Farm where the horses had been frightened. Please do not use them in future.

Footpaths. It was reported that the ash path near the cricket ground was overgrown.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Association's Annual General Meeting, to be held on Monday, 11th April at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms.