

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms, Radyr, Monday January 14th 2008 8.00pm

Present: Garry Newbould (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), Nick Hawkins (Vice-Chairman), Judith Marsh, Mary Pearce, Bob Pearce, David Cargill, David Silver, Jerry Bray, Allan Cook, Cliff Skidmore, Rod McKerlich, Jane Morris, Val Allen, Rose Dale, Marion Drake and Chris Wills.

Apologies for Absence: Maggie Roberts, Derek Bateman, Janet Thomas, Ailsa Bracegirdle, Julie Davies, Julie Williams, Ken Williams, Jim Ridgway, Caroline Noall, Kieran Webster, Antonia Wigley, Cyril Williams, Wynn Phillips and Anne-Marie Phillips.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 20th November 2007

The minutes were approved. **Matters Arising:** see later

Police Report

The Chairman received a prompt response from Inspector Brock to the letter sent about community policing. (See www.rma.radyr.org.uk) He has been invited to attend the next PACT meeting on Monday 21st January at the OCR at 7.30pm.

Treasurer's Report

In the financial year ending 31st December 2007, there was an excess of expenditure over income of £1100; slightly less than the £1500 budgeted. As a result, the Association's reserves are just under the £5000 limit, a very satisfactory result. The chairman of the NSPCC thanked the Association once again for the £2500 raised directly from the Festival. £3,500 was raised in total with an extra £500 from Garry's sponsored runs.

Community Halls

Old Church Rooms: Bookings are healthy. Garry expressed his thanks to the working party that had cleaned and performed necessary maintenance. There was positive feedback about the comfort of the new chairs. The additional handrail to the stairs for safer access to the stage has been added. The Disabled Parking Bay has yet to be completed. (**Action: Nick/Garry**)

Morganstown Village Hall: No report as the MVH committee meeting is held on the second Monday of every month leading to a clash on this occasion.

Young People

Some new volunteers have been recruited to work with the RMA Executive Committee. Several articles have been collated for the next Link. Howie Davies, an experienced marketing professional has been recruited to raise sponsorship for the printing costs. Voluntary community projects will be taking place in July. Web consultation pages to be set up for young people for the 2009 Festival (**Action: Kieran**)

May Festival

Most of the programme has been finalised. There are about thirty events including the Fluellen Theatre Company performing Under Milkwood and a new gardening competition. The Fete will open the festival

on Saturday May 3rd 2008. The Festival Programme and advertising material in the Radyr Chain may use the Creature Discomforts Characters created specially for the Leonard Cheshire disability campaign (www.creaturediscomforts.org) The “Dan y Bryn” Leonard Cheshire home in Radyr is our chosen charity for this year.

Village Plan

The steering committee hope to work closely with the planning department at Cardiff University. Four briefs have been prepared for Masters students to choose from. These are: i) a project on the presentation of the Village Plan from a comparison with other existing plans, ii) a consultation with the community using questionnaires, forums etc. and the analysis of the results, iii) a survey of existing resources and needs for the future and iv) a spatial audit of the area with suggestions on possible use of land.

Mound Field Development

A skateboard park may be built on the Mound Field instead of a Dutch Barn. A series of meetings have been held involving representatives from the Community Council, RMA, Radyr Rangers, Marion Drake and a large group of young people from the Radyr and Morganstown area who have requested the park, researched the design and possible locations and collected about 200 signatures for a petition in support of the idea. The same project could include floodlighting for the Radyr Rangers football pitches, paid for by the community gain money. In the long term the area could be further developed for the community by renovating the clubhouse and upgrading the road to provide easier access. The petition will be presented to a full County Council meeting in two weeks' time. The existence of a viable Sports Trust was thought still to be relevant for the future.

Community Area at Radyr Sidings 2/3

Cardiff County Council has confirmed that the area is still designated for community use. The “Radyr Baptist Church Community Interest Company” has submitted a business plan to Cardiff Council Officers regarding their proposals.

Planning

David Cargill proposed that the Association should support Gelynys farm in an appropriate manner in their appeal for retrospective permission to alter the guesthouse. Nick Hawkins seconded this and a show of hands was in favour of the motion. **(Action: member of RMA to discuss with owner)**

Any Other Business

- i. **Exec & Hall Management Committee Minutes** - It was agreed that it is not appropriate to publish the minutes. If anyone particularly wished to see the minutes they could be made available.
- ii. **Community notice board** - Now available to advertise all community events. Anyone wanting a notice to be put up is invited to give a copy to Nick, Allan Cook or a member of the Community Council. The preferred format is A5, non-laminated and printed with laser so that it is waterproof. It has not been vandalised. A statement from the Association was requested for publication in the press.
- iii. **Dates and Venues for future general meetings** - Meetings to take place in a variety of different meeting places within the community such as the Golf Club, Ty Nant, etc.
- iv. **Website Diary** -Website is being re-designed. A request was made for events to be entered on the diary. Garry drew attention to the full programme of events listed.

Annual General Meeting Monday 14th April 2008 - 7.30pm (OCR)