

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms, Radyr, Monday July 29th 2009 7.30pm

Present: Cyril Williams (Chairman), Nick Hawkins (Vice-Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), David Cargill, Wyn Phillips, Kieran Webster, David Silver, Rachel Granger, Chris Wills, Cllr Rod McKerlich, Val Allen, Allan Cook, Antonia Wigley, Maggie Roberts, David Suthers, Terry Fitzgerald, Betty Fitzgerald, Alison Skidmore, Cliff Skidmore & David Wigley

Apologies for Absence: Jan Doody, Rose Dale, Julie Davies, John Hobson, Geoffrey Saunders, Ailsa Bracegirdle Bob and Mary Pearce & Beverley Lewis.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 26th January 2009

The minutes were approved. Matters arising to be covered during the meeting.

Short Talk about the World Schools Debating Championship in Athens

David Wigley explained that he was one of six debaters chosen to represent Wales. A local resident, he was awarded £100 sponsorship towards the cost. The team did extremely well, losing out in one of the final rounds to New Zealand, the eventual winners. He thanked the Association for their support.

Treasurers Report

RMA made a surplus of £1045 at the May Festival, from concerts, Gardeners Question Time, bars and barbecues. An improvement on the predicted £300. A total of £2113 was made from draw tickets in comparison to £750 last year. Bucket collections made £1248, race night £361 and further donations of £1721 were made (including cheques made payable directly to MNDA). A cheque to take the combined total to £5500 will be presented to the MNDA. Thanks were expressed to the MNDA for being so proactive with the fund-raising. Final figures for the accounts are C/Ac £6008, reserve £1.50, COIF £4605.

Community Halls

Old Church Rooms: A new user has started a French Club for children, "Les Allouettes". There have been major problems with the drains. Surveys identified cracks in the pipes that need to be repaired. It is hoped that costs can be claimed back from the insurers. New cleaners "Ladybirds" have started. They are doing a good job. The screen has been fitted into the stage. This is an amenity for all users of the OCR once training has been received on how to use it properly!

Morganstown Village Hall: The new kitchen has been completed except for the purchase of a cooker. Maggie Roberts expressed her thanks once again to the Community Council for awarding the grant to pay for the improvements.

PACT/Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

A policy decision has been made to hold joint meetings. NW will report the outcome of the meetings to the wider community. Complaints have been made once again about under-policing. Particular problems have been experienced in the Radyr Gardens area. The lack of police response was highly unsatisfactory. The Community Council regularly writes to complain. The Association will also write to apply further pressure. It was felt that there needed to be a clear statement about the action to be taken by the police if incidents are reported to them. **(Action: Cyril to write letter to police)**

The Chairman of PACT, Ralph Vaughn, met with the Chairmen of other PACT groups but did not find the meeting informative.

May Festival

The Chairman thanked David Cargill and his team for making the May festival such a success. The next Festival Meeting on Tuesday July 7th will be followed by a barbecue and presentation of the cheque to the MNDA. All welcome. A representative from Ty Hafan will be present to talk about the children's hospice, the chosen charity for 2010. Suggestions were welcomed for charities to support in the following years. David C mentioned the need to attract different sections of the community to join in and said what a success new things such as the Carnival Parade had been. He praised Val Allen for her tenacity in insisting that the Dog Show went ahead despite the weather.

Village Plan

The overall response rate was an excellent 32% for the adult questionnaires returned last November. There has been a great deal of analysis since then. (A summary is available on the website at www.radyr.org.uk) Projects based on responses to the questionnaire are being collated by the Steering Committee. Suggestions for the RMA are as follows:

- Better communication of existing facilities
- Contact volunteers from questionnaire
- Identify where volunteers are needed and put in contact with those who are interested
- Publish book and/or embellish map with local walks/cycle maps etc.
- Promote Taff Trail
- Promote Roald Dahl's connection with the area before centenary in 2016

Better use could be made of the website to advertise events and societies. Comments can be made on the Soap Box on-line. Residents were reminded that the diary is published in the Radyr Chain. The number of hits on the website is about 80,000 per month and this has increased since the beginning of the year. Rod McKerlich said that money was available to improve walks between Radyr Sidings and Hailey Park. A local resident who works at the Planning department is assisting in this. Bins for dog mess have been requested from the County Council for the Taff Trail. It was suggested that there could be a rule that cyclists should keep to the left.

Mound Field

Nick drafted terms of reference for a sub-committee in Feb 2009. This has been delayed as the County Council are carrying out an audit on the Motte and Bailey and the Rugby Pavilion to be completed in August. Consultation will be held with interested parties such as Radyr Rangers, Pugh's, Gelynys Farm, and others who have expressed a view on the future potential of the site.

Radyr Sidings 2 Awaiting feedback about the change of use deed.

Any Other Business

- i. *Petition for pavement at top of Windsor Road* - Rod to draft the wording and copies to be sent to volunteers to collect signatures in their area before schools break up.
- ii. *Speed limit* - Cameras to monitor speed of vehicles on Heol Isaf will be installed this week. A 20mph limit would be desirable, especially around schools.
- iii. *Extended opening hours for Ty Nant Inn applied for* - 1 hour extra on Thur, Fri and Sat plus opening throughout the night on New Years Eve.
- iv. *Outline planning permission applied for an international business park development at Junction 33 (J33)*, - 5000 jobs and only 2500 parking spaces provided. A shuttle bus between J33 and Radyr station is proposed. The Community Council has objected because of the impact on the surrounding community. This was part of the Local Development Plan but if planning permission was granted the developers could go ahead before the LDP has been finalised. **(Action: Cyril will write to developers before meeting on 15th July)**

The next meeting is on Monday 12th October 2009 - 7.30pm (OCR)