

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday 5th September 2011 at 7.30pm

Present: Cyril Williams (Chairman), David Silver (Vice-Chairman), Nick Hawkins (Secretary), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), David Cargill, Wyn Phillips, Sue Thomas, 30 members including Cllr Rod McKerlich.

Apologies: Allan Cook, Elizabeth Fraser, Colin Johnson.

Discussion led by Radyr & Morganstown Community Council concerning the 2012 Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Mike Diment led the discussion. He explained that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee would be celebrated over the weekend of 2nd to 5th June 2012, there being two bank holidays on the Monday and the Tuesday. The R&M Community had a good history of making full use of such events, citing the Silver and Golden Jubilees, the Millennium and the VE celebrations. The UK Government had already proposed a number of central events (such as the Big Lunch) but the wish was for the R&M Community to establish a list of possible local projects. Suggestions were invited and attendees were also invited to put their names forward to help in the organisation of whatever was eventually agreed. It was noted that a first follow-up meeting of volunteers was scheduled for Tuesday, 13th September at 19:00 in the Chain Room.

Appended to these minutes are the notes, prepared by the R&MCC, of the ideas put forward.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting on 6th June 2011

Approved. There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the financial outcome of the May Festival was now known. The nominated Charity, The Radyr & District Good Neighbours Scheme, had received £3500, which was a splendid total. The Association had received a net surplus of £918 (budget £1000), which was also an excellent result. Retained funds stood at £2036 in current account and £3674 in COIF, totalling £5710, within the declared reserves limit of £6000. He concluded that the financial status of the Association was secure. There were no questions.

Christmas Tree lighting Ceremony

The Chairman reported that things were progressing smoothly for the lighting ceremony on Thursday 8th December 2011. Trees (provided by R&MCC) would again be positioned in Morganstown (Granny Park), Windsor Park and the Sidings (Community Plot). The main lighting ceremony would again be focussed on Windsor Park and Station Road; new Christmas lights were being procured for Station Road, thanks to a grant from the R&MCC and contributions from the Station Road Traders. They would be lit at the same time as the main tree in Windsor Gardens. Station Road would be closed for the evening and there would be a full complement of stalls, food, entertainment etc.

May Festival 2012

David Cargill reported that planning had now started in earnest for next year's Festival. The nominated Charity was the George Thomas Hospice and they had already got to work to identify the necessary celebrities who would be present at the various events. He mentioned that, following the

Jubilee discussions, and subject to ratification by the 'Jubilee Team', the very successful 'Concert in the Parc' event would move to the Jubilee weekend and be built up significantly to include a wider range of bands and a competitive element. The new hard standing had been completed, thanks to the support of Cllr Rod McKerlich, which made for an even better venue in a natural amphitheatre; (means, though, did still need to be found to secure the big marquee!). As it would be the 25th anniversary of the May Festival, there would be a grand dinner in the Golf Club. He mentioned that the Golf Club had said they were very keen to work closer with the Community through the Festival, so more events may be held there. The next meeting of the Festival team was on 17th October.

In response to questions about whether the Festival had too many events, which resulted in some events clashing and therefore suffering poor attendance, it was pointed out that the R&M Community now numbered around 6500 and should be able to support multiple events on one night. The problem was more to do with good promotion of the events and a wide enough choice of activities to reach all parts of the Community. One example of this would be the introduction of a Barn Dance (or Ceilidh) at the Comprehensive School on the middle Saturday. It was hoped this would attract a younger audience, including families. It was also mentioned that thought had been given to combining the Festival with the Jubilee weekend but it had been decided there was sufficient separation between the two events and the timing of the May Day crowning was crucial.

Any Other Business

Radyr Station. It was noted that it had been announced that Radyr Station booking office had been put on a list for closure. It was agreed that the Association should write and object.

Village Halls. It was noted that GE Healthcare had done excellent work over the summer tidying the grounds of Morganstown Village Hall and painting the toilets. One resident who has known the Hall throughout its 60 years had remarked he had never seen it look so good! It was noted that a local working party had done excellent work in keeping the Old Church Rooms in shape. Julie Davies mentioned that the Guide Centre in Bryn Derwen was still functioning but needed to raise significant funds because of problems with subsidence. A Coffee Morning would be held on Saturday, 1st October starting at 10:00 and a 'Posh Nosh' meal held on Saturday 15th October starting at 19:30. Contact Julie (2084 2923) for further details.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 7th November at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms when the speaker will be Rhodri Morgan.

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

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2012 Jubilee Celebrations

Suggested activities

Below is a list of the ideas put forward at the meeting held on September 5.

A follow-up meeting has been arranged for Tuesday September 13 at 7pm in the Chain Room, Old Church Rooms. The Chain Room is upstairs at the further end of the building.

Official 2012 events being promoted throughout the UK

- a. Big Lunch
- b. Dedication of QEII Fields : Pentwyn Park, Radyr Woods
- c. Jubilee Wood via the Woodland Trust
- d. Beacons (we still have the Millennium beacon basket)

Ideas put forward by members of the community

1. 'Crown coin' to be given to primary school children : The Royal Mint's official coin will be a £5 coin. There are some 450 children at Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary schools.
2. Christ Church event : concert of music for Royal occasions, eg Sunday evening
3. Animal blessing in church
4. Concert in the Parc : the Festival event held at Parc Radur moved to the Jubilee weekend
5. Bands and dance competitions
6. Peter and the Wolf : a musical event with children dressed as the animals. Performances of c40mins could be given, say, 3 times during the day. Would involve the schools.
7. Fireworks with Handel's Firework music
8. Community procession to the fireworks
9. Barn dance
10. Sports events on the new all-weather sports pitch at Radyr Comprehensive School.
11. Golf competition for under 18s
12. AV evening of Royal events since 1952 – Imaging 2000 can help with film.
13. 1950s-style Village Fete in Morganstown on the Mound Field
14. Children's fancy dress event/competition
15. Best dressed bicycle competition
16. Stalls and bucking bronco
17. Danybryn Woods : make it more open to the public
18. DVD of events

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