

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday February 22nd 2010 7.30pm

Present: Cyril Williams (Chairman), Nick Hawkins (Vice-Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), David Cargill, Maggie Roberts, Beverley Lewis, Wyn Phillips, Sue Thomas, David Silver, Cllr Rachel Granger, David Suthers, Judith Marsh, Chris Wills, Val Allen, Geoffrey Saunders, Alison Skidmore, Terry Fitzgerald, Cliff Skidmore & Cllr Rod McKerlich.

Apologies for Absence: Kieran Webster, Allan Cook, John Hobson, Julie Davies, Mary Read, Bob Pearce, Mary Pearce & Ailsa Bracegirdle.

Draft Minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 30th November 2009

The minutes were approved. See below for matters arising.

Treasurer's Report

£92 paid for Christmas trees. £19 received in donations. £6 interest received on the COIF account. C/Ac £886 Reserve £1 COIF £4636, total £5523. £1000 of that is to help fund projects arising from the Village Plan.

PACT/Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

A joint meeting will be held on March 2nd. New members are still being recruited to the NW. A new PCSO, Helen has already helped with the problem of cars parking on the pavements on Heol Isaaf.

Community Halls

Old Church Rooms: Fully booked until Christmas with people having to be turned away. More space needed. The insurance company will after all, meet the cost for the drains to be re-lined. The hot water boiler has been replaced at a cost of £600. A working party of volunteers, organised by David Silver carried out maintenance jobs and repairs over the Christmas break. The fire alarms are regularly checked. There have been problems recently with them going off for no apparent reason. Norman Clewer has stepped down as gardener. Cyril Williams and Sue Philpott will recruit volunteers to tend the garden.

Morganstown Village Hall: Access to the hall was difficult in the bad weather because of the snow. The hall was closed from 13th February as scheduled for the ceiling and the lighting to be replaced. The work was finished ahead of schedule. A new boiler has been installed. Maggie Roberts thanked the Community Council for the grant that covered about half of the total cost for the work, which was £16,000 in total. The next project is to replace the emergency lighting.

May Festival

Festival programme is now complete. The Carnival Parade will have the theme of Roald Dahl's storybooks and will involve children in fancy dress, dancers and the Melingriffith training band. The Radyr and Morganstown Community Council have awarded a grant towards the costs. The builders, "Taylor Wimpey plc" have given £3000 to sponsor events at Parc Radur and the Sidings. Nick Hawkins asked local organisations to contact him if they would like a stall at the fete. These are preferable to a large number of commercial stands.

Village Plan Projects

Good progress. A welcome pack which will help to publicise new and existing facilities” is nearly complete. This will be printed and delivered to all households in the next month or so together with the actual Village Plan document.

Report on Local Issues by Cllr Rod McKerlich

Cardiff Local Development Plan: The amount of new housing is disputed. If the conclusion is that a greater number of houses are needed, Plymouth Estates have offered to make a large tract of green-belt land at the end of Heol Isaaf available which could accommodate 4000 houses. An exploratory meeting will be held on Thursday 25th February. Rod has objected to the plan.

Community plot on Radyr Sidings 2: £400,000 of Community Gain funds and money from Cardiff County Council is available for redevelopment of the library. The present site is shared with the Local Health Authority. They are not willing to vacate their area for redevelopment of the facilities. An officer is looking into what can be built on the existing footprint. Taylor Wimpey plc (TW) have refused to alter the conditions of the agreement for the use of the community plot on Radyr Sidings. It therefore appears that if a library is not built on that site it will revert to TW for housing. At an informal meeting the Community Council (R&MCC) agreed to support the building of a new library on the site. It seems to be the only way that the land and the Community Gain money can be secured for the community. The Executive Committee of the RMA reluctantly came to the same conclusion and would like the site at Park Road to be kept for community use also. A vote was taken on the proposal that **“it is the wish of the R & M Association that a new library should be built on the land at Radyr Sidings 2 rather than refurbish the existing facilities as currently planned”**. The motion was carried by 16 votes to 1. This response to the changing circumstances, which does have a number of benefits not the least the provision of community facilities on the Sidings, will be publicised to give the people of R&M the opportunity to express their viewpoint. A vote of thanks and appreciation to Rod for all his hard work on the behalf of the RMA was expressed.

Mound Field - Radyr Rangers are now using their pitches again. A meeting will be held in May/ June when limitations on digging on the site will be made clearer.

Planning Application to build 3, 4-storey houses at the back of Ael y Bryn: Awaiting new drawings. The decision will be made at the meeting on March 10th.

Condition of roads: Many of the new roads have not been adopted and were therefore not gritted during the bad weather. A public meeting will be held to discuss this issue. New grit bins have been requested. Most potholes have been repaired but not those on the Llantrisant Road. No plans to alter the M4 footbridge at present following 2 recent suicides. Fly tipping is a problem by the footbridge in Radyr Gardens. No reply has been received from the Highways authority about this or the request for barriers to stop motorcyclists speeding across the bridge. Rod will also speak request for the rubbish to be cleared from the pavements on Llantrissant Road.

Road signage - A short-circuit on a recharging element is preventing one of the speed indicators from working properly; this is being chased up on a regular basis by Rod and the police. Signage for Morganstown Village Hall has finally been put up.

Schools reorganisation - Rod has requested a private briefing from the Schools Officer. The request for an all-weather pitch has also been repeated.

The next meeting is the **Annual General Meeting** on Monday 19th April 2010 at 7.30pm (OCR).

Following conclusion of business, wine and soft drinks will be available.