

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th November 2006 in the Old Church Rooms, Radyr

Present: Nick Hawkins (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Julie Williams (Secretary), S.W.P Officers Huw Thomas, Inspector Nigel Brock, David Cargill, Jim Ridgway, Maggie Roberts, Cllr's David Silver and Sue Philpott, Cyril Williams, Jerry Bray, Cliff Skidmore, Kieran Webster, Clive Morgan, Val Allen, Elizabeth Fraser, Cllr Marion Drake, Ken Williams, Rod McKerlich, Helena Fox, Mary Hawkins, M.R. Turnbull, Betty Fitzgerald, Mary Pearce.

Apologies for Absence: Steven Fowler, Allan Cook, Cllr Margaret Lloyd, Garry Newbould, Denise Thomas, Ailsa Bracegirdle, Julie Davies, Caroline Noall, Karen Whitecross, Maureen Morgan, Cllr Judith Marsh, Robert Pearce, Jane Morris, Ann Smith, Joan Thorley.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Cllr Drake, the Officers from the Police, Helena Fox (the new Clerk to the Community Council), and introduced Liz Frazer, a new member on the Executive Committee.

1. Minutes of the last meeting (Tuesday 25th July 2006): The Chairman reminded members there had been no meeting in September so the minutes were from 25th July. He had reverted to producing the minutes in 'Word' format as requested. The minutes were approved subject to one amendment to section 5. **Matters arising: The New Rector:** The Chairman hoped everyone had now met Rev Jenny Wigley. All other items covered by the Agenda.

2. Police Report: Before inviting PC Huw Thomas to speak, the Chairman reminded members that, as regular PACT meetings were now in force, any police concerns should really be raised there. PC Thomas reported that recent PACT issues had been lamping, anti-social behaviour, parking, speeding, and distraction burglary. The three priorities from the November meeting had not yet been prioritised, however one item, the dangerous dog issue, had already been dealt with. Community concerns at the moment seemed to be the number of cars parking on kerbs and blocking driveways, plus a problem with cars and motorbikes in Woodfield Avenue. He reminded members that, with Christmas coming up, they should not to make it obvious what presents had been received (e.g. computer packaging being visible). The green bins should be used. Members were also reminded to put purchases and presents in car boots so they were not visible to passers by. A number of young men had been seen around the village with dogs and guns. This had raised a lot of concern but the police were looking into the matter. The next PACT meeting would be on 11th January and a representative from the RSPCA will be attending. It was hoped that some PACT meetings would be held in the MVH.

3. Financial position: The Treasurer reported that the accounts stood at Reserve: £242.24, COIF: £4328.19, C/A: £1434.26 giving a total of £6004.69. This is significantly over the Association's reserve limit of £5000 but there is no actual penalty for being so. The Exec had resolved to ask the Festival committee to look into the cost of buying a marquee but, on the assumption this will prove to expensive or impractical, the additional money will be targeted at youth projects and improving the sound equipment available for outside use. The Treasurer said the accounts had received £90.25 in interest payment. As previously agreed, the Association had paid the British Legion £50 for the wreath for Remembrance Sunday, including a donation. A fee of £17.50 had also been paid to cover the lottery license for the Festival Draw. Concern had been raised about the cost of the Public Liability insurance and the added cost charged by the insurers for each event held during the Festival. To this end the Association was looking for a new insurer.

4. Messages/Ideas: Festival Meeting: 15th November, 7.30pm OCR. **12th Night:** MVH Friday 17th November. Tickets available from Allan or Nick. **Dickensian Fair:** Christchurch, Radyr. 18th November at 11am. **Christmas Tree Lighting:** Thursday 6th December 7pm Morganstown Granny Park, 7.30pm Windsor Gardens. Residents are then invited back to the OCR for mulled wine and mince pies. **Wind in the Willows:** Radyr Drams Group production Wed 6th to Sat 9th. **Radyr Primary PTA Christmas Market: Twinning Fellowship Christmas dinner:** 9th December at the Golf Club. Tickets from Maggie. **Jazz Café:** Saturday 16th December at 11am at the Methodist Church. Games, Raffle's, refreshments and a car wash

5. Community Council: Cllr Philpott reported there were repairs taking place in and around Windsor gardens which included new capping stones for the exterior walls. Work was also continuing in Dan Y Bryn Woods and Pentwyn Park. She hoped to see all at the Tree Lighting ceremony.

6. Planning: The potential problem with a local landfill site seemed to have gone away. Instead, there were now problems at Junction Terrace, Drysgol Road (The Lodge), Sidings 2 and 94 Heol Isaf (proposal to build a modern glass building). The Association had had a meeting with conservation officers, members of the Community Council and Cllr Drake in October. They are reviewing part of Radyr with a view of establishing a Conservation Area and plan to have a preliminary report available in January.

7. Halls: OCR: As Insole Court had closed there had been a number of new enquiries for use of the hall. The Management committee is negotiating a new insurance as the premiums have gone through the roof (see also Treasurer's report, above). The Twinning's Eel Traps are to be located in the stairwell and outside. The kitchen units will be refurbished in the New Year. The committee has decided to cancel the overall alcohol license as it is too expensive (£400 for training) and there is insufficient demand. Users who wish to sell alcohol will, in future, need to apply for a 'Temporary Events Notice' at a cost of £21. Users of the hall were reminded to take their rubbish home. **MVH:** Maggie reported the redecoration of the Committee Room had been completed and the room was now available for hire. Thanks to a grant arranged via Cllr Marion Drake, it was hoped work would start shortly on the kitchen.

8. Themes: Website: This continues to do well, the photograph albums being the most popular. Monthly 'hits' were now over 80,000. **Art:** Nick had taken over as chairman of the Arts group. The plans were to re-issue the arts brochure and try to include all arts sections on the website. There would be a community notice board placed in Station Road and the aim is to place others around the village. Roald Dahl items continue to be progressed. **Sport:** Cyril Williams reported that, at the inaugural meeting of his Sports Committee, local sports clubs had undertaken to arrange various events in the 2007 Festival. The next meeting was scheduled for the end of November. There had been an informal discussion about a building down on the Mound Field (MF) but no decision could be made until all the facts and information was in. One suggestion for the funds was a 'bubble' over one of the tennis courts for all weather play. In response to questions submitted by a resident regarding County's undertaking to the community to provide funding and leases for sports facilities on the Mound Field, Cllr Marion Drake gave a summary of County's position from a draft report. She reported the options County had under review and mentioned that the planning gain total was now £310,065. This would be ring fenced for two years while discussions took place with the Sports Trust and local community to agree the community's requirements. This raised residents' concerns as it was felt the ST was moribund. County would not commit itself to firm plans until the whole of this money had been received but, to ensure that the R&M residents' wishes were taken into account, they should present definite proposals to County without delay. There were two proposals at the meeting: 1 *"That representatives of the Community Council and Association Executive committee arrange joint formal meetings with minutes with County officials and our County Councillor to (1) establish if County still intends to honour its promise to the R&M electorate to provide £310,000 for the provision of new sports facilities within the area and, if so, to (a) establish County's contractual arrangements with the Developers regarding the payment of this money (dates, amounts, etc); and (b) the conditions that a project must meet for County to approve its funding"*. 2. *"To establish if County is prepared to extend the offer of leases for peripheral areas of the Mound Field site to any properly constituted trust elected by R & M residents and if so (a) the approximate size and field location of the areas available for leasing; (b) the conditions of each lease: duration, rent, other charges; and (c) what roads, paths and services County will be provided for the leased areas"*. The meeting felt that Cllr Drake's report had answered most of these questions but agreed in principle that the proposals would be kept to confirm details when under discussion with County. It was agreed a meeting would be arranged between Roger Hughes, Cyril Williams, Cllr Drake and the representative of the Community Council dealing with sports matters. The meeting also requested that such meetings with the above and/or County should be minuted and published. It was agreed the minutes would be published via the Community Council. Work had been undertaken at the old Rugby club for the Rangers but they were not using it as they require an indoor training facility and the clubhouse does not meet that need. There would be £10,000 spent at Parc Radyr for football and netball courts. **Neighbourhood Watch:** The last meeting, held on the 11th September had a representative from Trading standards. Rod McKerlich has been elected as Chair. The aim is that each local co-ordinator will care for around 10 homes but if this is to succeed more co-ordinators are needed, especially in the Radyr Farm and Radyr Gardens areas. **Conservation:** As reported under planning. **Youth:** Kieran and Garry were working with Bob and Mary Pearce to facilitate a youth edition of the Chain. If anyone knew of an under 24 year old wishing to get involved with editing and publishing please get in touch. The Youth Café was going ahead and depending on its success there may be more.

9. Any Other Business: Festival: David reported the Charity of 2007 was the NSPCC and the motor Neurone Association was going to make a presentation at the next meeting to be the Charity for 2008. As usual there was already a full programme of events for next year. Sian Winstanly has offered a lunchtime performance, there would be a tribute to Flanders and Swann and Allan hoped to arrange for the Llandeilo/Litchfield Gospels to be displayed in the Library.

10. Next Meeting: 16th January 2007 in the OCR, starting at 8pm.