

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th September at the Old Church Rooms, Radyr.

Present: Nick Hawkins (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Julie Williams (Secretary), PC Andrew Smith, Ken Williams, Allan Cook, Robin Jones, David Cargill, Maureen Morgan, Betty Fitzgerald, Val Allan, Sue Davies, Cllrs David Suthers & Judith Marsh, Maggie Roberts, Gary Newbould, Geoff Saunders, Alisa Bracegirdle, Rev Kieran Webster, Jerry Bray, Clive Morgan, Elizabeth Frazer, Roger & Margaret Watt, Rod McKerlich, Jane Morris, Mary Pearce .

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Marion Drake, Jim Ridgway, Peter Jones, Caroline Noall, Cllr Ron Eccles, Julie Davies, Karen Whitecross, Cllr Margaret Lloyd, Stephen Fowler, Derek Bateman.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially PC Andrew Smith

1. Minutes of the last meeting (18th July 2005) and matters arising: There was one alteration to the minutes. Cllr Marion Drake's title had been omitted. The Chairman gave his apologies. **Matters arising: MVH Post Office:** It was understood that agreement had been reached to place the Post Office in Pugh's Garden Centre but there was no timescale for implementation. **Comp Sports Hall:** In Mr Fowler's absence there was no update. All other items were covered in the Agenda.

2. Police Report: PC Andrew Smith gave a formal report to the meeting. He said there had been 46 crimes in the Radyr area since the previous meeting. 16 burglaries had been reported in various locations, but he noted that the words 'insecure' or 'unlocked' appeared in nine of them. A number of vehicle crimes had also been reported, but he was pleased to say that three youths had been arrested. He was concerned about the increasing anti social behaviour occurring around the Windsor Gardens/Station Road area on Friday evenings. As a result of information received from members of the public, five first warning ASBOs had been issued after an incident at Radyr Primary School and five second warnings had been issued after incidents in Windsor Gardens; three of the latter youths were the subject of the previous warning letter. PC Smith was asked to research the promised mobile CCTV cameras to see whether they could be placed in Station Road on weekend evenings especially now the evenings were drawing in again.

There was a discussion regarding the problems getting the police to attend local problems because their attendance was required elsewhere. Some residents were considering forming some form of vigilante group. It was agreed that the Association would write to Kevin Brennan expressing residents' concerns. It was felt that, because Radyr wasn't as bad as some areas, it was being left out of the loop, but residents did not want the police to wait until it became a severer problem before something was done about it. PC Smith reported he had managed to get two Fridays out of four covered and was trying to arrange for a third Friday to be covered.

A resident expressed concern about the number of local youths seen drinking on the Taff Trail just over the bridge from Radyr. A lot of the alcohol was carried in ASDA bags and girls were seen drinking bottles of wine. As most of the annoyance is drink or drugs orientated surely it would make sense to target these youngsters on the trail before they made it into Radyr's Station Road? There was to be a meeting shortly to discuss the regeneration of Station Road and the Chairman agreed include in the discussions the option of placing CCTV camera in viable spots to catch the culprits on camera.

The first AGM of the Neighbourhood Watch group was scheduled for 19th October. The Watch now had 50 members but still needed more. Residents willing to consider being part of The Watch were asked to contact David Cargill.

3. Financial position: The Treasurer reported that it had been a quiet summer. Ken Williams was asked to check with St John's Ambulance re the payment to them for their assistance on fete day. The accounts were still just above the reserve threshold of £5000 but more expenditure was expected shortly. The accounts stood at: Reserve: £236.14, COIF: £4118.53, Current: £642.48 and Events: £ 117.37, making the Total: £5114.52.

4. Messages/Ideas: A new production by Fluellen (Festival week, Midsummer Night's Dream) would take place in MVH on Tuesday 29th November. The story is a Victorian Melodrama called **Maria Martin**. Tickets are £6 (concessions £5) from Nick or Allan. **Twining Fellowship** were arranging 'Café Jazz' on 8th October in the OCR. Tickets from Maggie Roberts. Maggie thanked the Association for helping them to arrange a special event at Caerphilly Castle to celebrate their 20th Anniversary next year. The 2006 Association Charity (**Teenage Cancer Trust**) were holding a 'Wales Sings' concert at the Millennium Centre on 9th October, tickets from £5. The **Drama Society's** autumn production was 'Kes' on 10/12th Nov in MVH. **Tenovus** were holding a Fashion Show, with mulled wine, on 16th November, tickets £4. The new **Radyr Tuesday Club** would be holding a craft fair and jazz café in early December. Please keep an eye open for details. The **Indoor Bowls Club** (RAM's) had started its winter season in the MVH on

Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Anyone interested should contact Jerry Bray.

5. Community Council: Cllr David Suthers informed the meeting that the Council had sadly had to accept the resignation recently of Cllr John Williams. It was hoped his place would be filled shortly; if anyone was interested in joining the Council they should contact the Clerk, Karen Whitecross. He was pleased to report the event held by the Council in the MVH for the WWII Veterans had been a great success. Local school children were still talking to some of the older residents regarding their memories, which would shortly be made into a CD by Allan Cook. The Parish Notice board in Windsor Gardens had been wrecked again and rubbish bins had been overturned. However, it had also been noted that local residents were filling these bins with home refuse rather than leaving them for the intended use. Skateboarding would take place in the OCR again over half term. The Christmas Tree lighting ceremony would take place on Thursday, 1st December at 7pm in the Morganstown Granny Park and at 7.30pm in Windsor Gardens. All residents were then invited back to the OCR for Mulled Wine and Mince Pies afterwards. The Chairman thanked Cllr Suthers for the update.

6. Planning: Junction Terrace: It was noted that the planning application for the two proposed buildings had been withdrawn. **Health Centre/New Rectory:** Planning Permission had been granted for the new Health Centre. Permission was awaited for the new Rectory. This would not now be in the copse of trees just below the existing Rectory as the Tree Preservation Officers had refused permission; it would be on Christ Church land below the tree line demarcating the boundary. The old Rectory was likely to be developed at some time but might be used as a site office for the development of the new HC. It was not known where the new Rector would live prior to the completion of the new Rectory. **Sidings 2:** There were still concerns that 470 houses may be applied for on this site. Cllr Drake had sought assurances that the number would be restricted to 350 but it is understood this had not yet been confirmed. A development of 470 houses would have a severe impact on the village infrastructure, especially with the impact of traffic through the village and down into Llandaff. **Sewerage Problems at Radyr Gardens:** Ken Williams read a statement of questions prepared by Jim Ridgway. The most recent information given to Jim regarding the Sewage disposal at the Hazelwood development was that the sewage was to be discharged into a dry stream, supposedly a tributary of the River Taff. This raised Health and Safety concerns for local residents as the effluent would be pooling in an area near houses and a public footpath. The original agreement was for the effluent to be taken away by tanker but the Environment Office had now overruled the guidelines set down by County and were allowing Bellway to change the way the effluent would be discharged. Cllr Marsh said the Community Council had appealed and were informed that it was a temporary closed system and houses near to it would not be occupied until the YPM sewer was updated in 2008. The recent developments were different to those agreed by County and needed to be looked into. Mr Williams requested that the Association write to the Environment Office expressing its concern over recent developments and ask for a site meeting which Roger Watt (Gelynis Farm) could also attend as he was also directly affected. **Station Road:** Cllr Drake had managed to win funds for a three year 'Neighbourhood Renewal Scheme' project to improve the Station Road area. There would be a meeting shortly to discuss how this should work. **Footpaths:** It was reported that there was a footpath closure re Pentwyn and Windsor Road to Castle View. Concern was expressed about overhanging trees blocking light from footpaths.

7. Sports Trust: Rod McKerlich, the appointed Association representative on the ST Committee, reported that there had not been a proper meeting of ST trustees for three years. This was a major concern to the community as there were plans to build a Dutch Barn down on the Mound Field and the community had not been invited to an open meeting of the ST to agree this was how they wished the money to be spent. It was not known how much it would cost and there were concerns over how the Barn was to be run and supervised since it was to be placed in an area not regularly used and therefore could be very easily vandalised. A number of residents had expressed concern that legally the ST no longer existed since it had not held an AGM or any meetings of its trustees. Mr McKerlich did, however, believe that an open meeting of the ST was to be arranged for 18th October at 7pm. He would attend if it was held.

8. Halls: OCR: The grounds came second for the 3rd year running in the **Cardiff in Bloom Competition**; sadly the judging took place three weeks later than the set date which did affect the flowers in bloom! Congratulations were again given to Norman Clewer and Sue Philpott. It was suggested that, in planning for next year, research should be done on who was coming first! **ARC Services** from Llandaff North had completed the railings around the wall. The work done was most professional and the quote so competitive that the Association was happy to recommend the company to anyone contemplating similar work. The bid for some maintenance work to be done by **Amersham** had not been successful. The Association had made a successful bid under the **Community Grant Scheme** for funds toward a **sound system** (including an inductive loop for the hard of hearing) in the Garth Room. The Executive Committee had agreed a contribution of £500 towards costs and additional money would be coming from the WI and the Baptist Church. The contract would shortly be placed with the Drake Group and it was hoped the system would be in place within two months. **New Licensing laws:** The OCR was applying for a full license to cover the sale of alcohol plus music and dance. This would come into force on 24th November. Organisations using the OCR and previously requiring an Occasional License would no longer need to apply for one, but the OCR Committee would need to make a charge to defray the cost.

MVH: Maggie Roberts said the MVH had confirmed its **license for music and dance** under the new laws but would not be applying for an alcohol license because the number of alcohol-related events per year was less than twelve.

Organisations wishing to sell alcohol would therefore have to apply for a 'Temporary Event Notice' which costs £21 and could last up to 96 hours. Bookings were good. It was hoped the new hall curtains would be up the following week. The AGM was on Monday 10th October at 8pm.

9. Themes: Arts: 2006 Festival arrangements had already started. **Website:** This was working well and at the present time the committee was approaching any organisations that were not on the site to see if they wished to be included. The Chairman reminded members that, if any organisation hadn't yet been approached, they should contact Maggie Roberts (2084 2995) or Steve Jones (2084 3725). **Youth:** Jane Morris reported the Radyr Tuesday Club was already full and had a waiting list. It was a non-denominational Christian based club and held prayers at the end of the evening. It had a management team with members from the various churches with Gary Newbould as Association representative. There was also a reference team of the same plus a youth work specialist. The youngsters were thinking of adopting a child from a third world country, had their own band, were running workshops and were planning to hold an open day at the beginning of December. The Club had been down to Radyr Woods helping to fix damaged benches. They had also been arranging 'Christmas shoe boxes' for charity, playing football and table tennis and were planning a trip next July. Claire Brown, the Community Education Officer at the Comprehensive School, was keen to have a link between the two groups so they could participate jointly in some activities, possibly a charity concert. Claire was in discussions with Robin Williams, Radyr webmaster, about the possibility of a youth site. The suggestion was made that the youngsters from both clubs could help out during the festival raising funds for the Teenage Cancer Unit. Congratulations were offered to Jane and her team for such a successful club. **Conservation:** No change. There was concern that the opportunity was passing us by.

10. Any Other Business: The Warden at the new McCarthy and Stone apartments had requested information from local organisations for the new residents. A **Festival meeting** would be held on Monday 17th October at 7.30pm. There will be a slight conflict in the middle weekend as it was the celebration of 20 years of Twinning. For that reason the Boules competition would be moved from the first to the second Sunday. It was hoped one of the participating bands during the Festival would be the new Radyr Tuesday Club band.

11. Next Meetings: Tuesday 15th November, 8pm in the OCR. Monday 17th January 2006, 8pm, OCR.