

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22nd May 2006 at Morganstown Village Hall.

Present: Nick Hawkins (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Julie Williams (Secretary), Ken Williams, Cllr Marion Drake, Maggie Roberts, Betty Fitzgerald, Cllr's David Silver, Margaret Lloyd & Judith Marsh, Chris Wills, Ailsa Bracegirdle, Cyril Williams, Allan Cook, Jerry Bray, Rod McKerlich, Cliff Skidmore, Beverley Lewis, Kieran Webster, Clive Morgan, David Cargill, Bob & Mary Pearce.

Apologies for Absence: P.C. David Rees, Garry Newbould, Julie Davies, Caroline Noall, Wyn Phillips, Roger and Margaret Watt, Val Harvey, Steven Fowler, Val Allen, Joan Thorley, Robin Jones, Cllr David Suthers.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Cllr Drake.

1. Minutes of the last meeting (Tuesday 17th January 2006) and matters arising: The minutes were approved. **Matters arising:** All matters covered in the agenda.

2. Police Report. A number of concerns had been raised over incidents in both Station and Park roads due, it was thought, to a lack of Police presence. The Community Council and Cllr Drake had written to the Chief Constable, Barbara Wilding, expressing their concern over the increase in youths terrorising residents and vandalising local property. The new Community Police Officer had been quoted in an article in the Echo stating that he understood the problems in Radyr and Morganstown; however he was having to spend more time in Fairwater due to the lack of facilities. He had asked the Community Council for a grant for a new computer. Many objected to this as they felt this was double rating. After a brief discussion it was agreed the Association would write to the Chief Constable as well stating members concerns about the non-responsiveness of the Police in general. After further discussion it was agreed a petition would also be raised. Cllr Drake informed the meeting that the new Police procedures did include meetings between the police and residents with the aim of setting goals to be met. The meeting felt this would be a very positive move. David Cargill informed the meeting that PC Rees had inquired about the availability of rooms. Concern was expressed about the lack of information if culprits were identified via (e.g.) CCTV. There seemed to be no information coming back to the community about what action was being taken. The question was asked if the youth workers were actually succeeding in their job... it was felt at this present time there was no sign of any improvements. The point was made that the youths were being invited to join in with discussion regarding the regeneration of Station Road and some had expressed their own concerns about the number of gangs within the village; some of whom came over from Whitchurch it was believed. **Neighbourhood Watch:** A public meeting had been held with Cllr Drake and a police presence. A booklet had been issued to all members. Members wishing to be actively involved should contact David Cargill.

3. Festival: The Chairman reiterated his thanks, made at the Cymanfa Ganu, to David, Allan, Maggie & Bob, Chris Wills, Cyril Williams, Julie, Ivy and Ken. David Cargill felt it was the best Festival to date. Three new events, the Eco fun Day, the Arts Happening and the Arena, had been fairly well attended and he hoped they would continue next year. Val Allen had, as usual, put on two excellent fun events at Ty Gwyn Farm. The only unpleasant side was the increase in insurance costs – an extra £470 this year. Cllr Drake commented that there had been an amazing quality of events with first class performances. She expressed her concern that the County Council had halved their grant this year and promised to raise it when she could. David informed the meeting that the Ken Innes cup had been awarded this year to the Baptists. There had been a suggestion from Garry Newbould that an insert be placed in the Radyr Chain encouraging feedback to the Festival. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Association's Charity for 2006/7 was in the NSPCC local branch and a meeting would take place in September to start planning for next year's Festival. He asked members to consider which charity the Association should support for 2008.

4. Financial position: The Treasurer reported there had been a lot of activity on the accounts since the last meeting. The County Council have paid the grant for the new sound system. The Festival had been financially successful and preliminary estimates showed a surplus of £850, excluding monies being donated to the TCT. However there were likely to be further expenses to take into account, including a possible repayment to the Arts Council of Wales. Accounts stood at: C/A £3440.15, Reserve: £239.77, COIF: £4240.41, Total: £7920.33. The Festival draw made £836, the bucket collection £826, the Community Council Service £326 so the Treasurer anticipated that the Association would be able to donate around £2000 which, together with other amounts going directly to TCT, meant they would receive at least £2500. The Chairman reminded members of the present principle that organisations were asked to give 10% of their profits to the Association for events run during the Festival. With prior agreement, some organisations had given this or a greater sum to the nominated charity. If organisations ran a stall at the Carnival fete the standard was £5. This would be under review for next year's Festival.

5. Messages/Ideas: The Chairman summarised the large number of events to be found in the immediate future on the Community online diary. He mentioned the Community Council AGM the coming Thursday. 3rd June would be busy with a

Concert at Llandaff Cathedral by the Mellingriffith Band; another concert with Wyn Calvin and guests at the United Reform Church, and a concert in Christ Church by Rachel Quick and friends. The Tenovus Sponsored walk and strawberry tea would be on 2nd July, and Tenovus were also planning a visit to London in January to see Billy Eliot. The RPMG would be performing Gilbert and Sullivan's Patience in February 2007 and auditions would be held shortly.

6. Community Council: The Chairman welcomed Cllr Margaret Lloyd, Community Council Chairman, and Cllr's Judith Marsh and David Silver to the meeting. Cllr Lloyd reminded members that there was now a new Clerk to the Council, Val Harvey, as Karen had retired. She thanked the Association for a very enjoyable Festival; she had enjoyed all the events she had attended. She felt the choice of May Queen and her attendants had been excellent and had been very impressed by their behaviour, confidence and genuine interest in all they talked to. The Council has been invited to become involved with the Cardiff Aspects Forum and the Rights of Way improvement plan; representatives will be coming to talk to the Councillors. The updating of the Community Directory continued and it will also be available on the community website.

7. Planning: Health Centre: Work is well under way and will hopefully be handed over to Trinity Medical at the end of August. This should mean the Doctors should be able to move by October if all goes well. **New Rectory:** The footings are in place and completion is around 25 weeks. **Sidings 2:** Planning application has now gone through. There is some concern on the number of houses so the Association hopes to get together with Cllr Drake and the Community Council to decide how to monitor the site. There will hopefully be plans to improve the lighting around the area. There has been no consultation over the Children's play area which has also raised some concerns. Work is due to take place on the footpath by the Comprehensive School. Fencing will be replaced especially by the large drop. **Station Road:** There was a meeting recently regarding the Neighbourhood renewal plans and the need for CCTV in the area. There has been a basic agreement on plans and the decision was made not to include echelon parking. In conjunction with problems with Windsor Crescent there will be discussion on a possible one way system. Presently, due to the ongoing youth problems, there are no plans for seating or flower planting. **Marquis Court:** Objections have been raised regarding the application for four flats at the entrance to Junction Terrace and a petition has gone in. Cllr Drake has arranged for it to go to a full planning meeting so she has a right to speak. There is some concern about the size of some of the extensions applied for around the village. There was a problem with one at the Green and now another at Drovers Way. The Community Council has been approached by residents concerned about over development of houses within their areas. **Bryn Derwen:** traffic calming measures may be put in place around Caer Craig and the school. **Radyr Primary** is concerned over the problems with parents dropping the children to school and illegal parking.

8. Halls: OCR: Yet again there have been problems with vandals but fortunately the additional CCTV camera had been installed and showed some interesting recordings. David Cargill reported that some Saturday evenings are free. **MVH:** Maggie reported the committee still planned to do the improvements to the Hall but Derek and Paul Trotman are still to meet.

9. Themes: Art: Fluellen have agreed to do another performance in November. The Question has arisen on whether there should be a piece of 'Art' in Station Road; Allan would appreciate any suggestions/feedback. **Sport:** Cyril has spoken to Roger Hughes and asked him to arrange a public meeting. There was £300,000 promised for sport facilities/activities in the village. The plans for the Dutch Barn are on hold. What is needed is a feasibility study to assess what the community needs. There was a brief discussion on how the planning gain monies were to be given and the meeting was informed that part of the original money may go to another use. County did feel however that the Radyr Rangers teams deserved their support and were considering an all weather facility. The point was again made that the Sports Trust should have a sports strategy for the area. Cllr Drake gave a brief background history of the trust and its aims. The Chairman expressed his regret that the ST hadn't arranged a public meeting despite promises to do so. Cllr Drake suggested the ST should be reviewed. She agreed to try and arrange a meeting with Mike Clark. **Conservation:** Cllr Drake informed the meeting there should be a meeting in August. **Neighbourhood Watch:** see Police, item 2. **Youth:** Kieran had been to visit the Youth Centre with the aim of building on the youth involvement in the Festival. He was asking for suggestions for youth involvement next year. The RTC had a job description for developing projects for the 10-14 age groups. The suggestion was made that the RTC and Youth club could get involved with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. There would be another Youth Forum in September.

10. Any Other Business: R Gardens: concern was expressed about the amount of graffiti on the fencing facing the footbridge and the amount of rubbish gathering there. Concern was expressed about the amount of dog mess on the pavements ... the suggestion was made that dog loo bins should be made available. The Chairman briefly mentioned the idea of working jointly with Cllr Drake, the Community Council towards a village plan. There had been nothing heard so far from Brains re the idea of a village pub down on the sidings development.

11. Next Meeting: 25th July in the OCR, 4th September in the MVH, 14th November in the OCR and 16th January 2007 in the OCR . All meetings take place at 8pm.

NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE OF THE NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING – ON 25TH JULY.