

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

Minutes of the meeting held in the Old Church Rooms on Monday, 23rd May 2005

1. **In Attendance:** Nick Hawkins (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Geoff Saunders (Acting Secretary), Cllr Marion Drake, Val Allen (Ty Gwyn Pony Club), Ailsa Bracegirdle (RPMG), Jerry Bray (Bowling), David Cargill, Chris Dale, Rose Dale, Betty Fitzgerald (Tenovus), Steve Fowler (Comprehensive School), Elizabeth Fraser, Janet Freedman, Jane Morris, Garry Newbould, Heather Nicholas (Comprehensive School), Bob & Mary Pearce (Radyr Chain), Maggie Roberts (Twinning Fellowship/MVH), Wyn Phillips.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Derek Bateman (Drama/MVH), Lorna Clarke, Mike Clarke (RLTC), Allan Cook, Gareth Davidson (Baptist Church), Julie Davies (Guides), Rod McKerlich Jean Monk, Maureen Morgan (WI), Caroline Noall (Library), Ann Smith (Adult Education), Joan Thorley (Senior Citizens), Margaret Watt, Nicky Webber, Ivy Williams, Julie Williams (Secretary), Ken Williams.

Nick welcomed Jess, the Festival Queen and Molly, her attendant. They presented Val Allen with the Ken Innes Bowl in recognition of all the work she and Tom had done for the Festival in 2005, and in former years.

3. **Minutes of the last Meeting (18th January 2005):** The minutes were approved.
4. **Matters Arising: Post Office** Pugh's Garden Centre was now being considered by the Post Office as a possible site to replace the former unit in Morganstown. MVH had not been recommended. A meeting with Pugh's would take place shortly. **Comprehensive School Sports Hall:** Mr Fowler promised to give a full report at the next meeting. However he was able to report that the overall unit was exceeding all expectations. The main hall was available for village use. The gym was well used and advertising would start shortly. For further information, ring 029 2084 4433, or email radyrsports@radyr.cardiff.sch.uk. A sports development officer is now in place – one of only seven in Wales.
5. **May Festival Feedback:** Everyone agreed the Festival had been a great success – partly due to good planning but good weather also helped. Unfortunately the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) was not ready in time, but would be made a major feature in 2006. Radyr Primary School had not made much input, mainly because they were involved with a general inspection, but would do more in 2006. Marshalling at the Fun Run needed to be tightened. Thanks were expressed to Tenovus regarding their enthusiasm, input and support throughout the Festival. A meeting to start preparing for 2006 would be held soon. A key item to decide would be the sponsored charity.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's reported that the May Festival had produced excellent financial results as well. No less than £1778 had been taken on the bars and barbecues. Although accounts were yet to be completed, Tenovus would receive in excess of £2500 and the Association's surplus would be around £1800 (budget £1000). In 2006 consideration might have to be given to providing the nominated charity with more than 50% of the prize draw – although Mr Cargill pointed out that this was a premature thought as 2005 had been exceptional due to sponsorship from McCarthy & Stone. Accounts stood at C/A: £2637.88, Reserve: £234.82, COIF: £4071.83, Events: £117.37 giving a total of £7061.90. This was significantly in excess of the reserves policy limit of £5000, but there were still payments to be made.
7. **Police:** There was no police presence, but the attached crime report had been submitted. The final point on the report was emphasised – that most incidents happened when property is left unsecured.
8. **Messages/Ideas:** The Chairman summarised a few items featured in the diary on the Radyr website. He recommended that all those with Internet access looked at the diary (www.radyr.org.uk/events/diary.php) on a regular basis. Mrs Heather Nicholas mentioned the Government and Welsh Assembly proposals on 'County Focus for Schools'. Anyone able to help with this initiative should contact Heather on 2084 5149.
9. **Community Council:** As no Councillor was present, there was no report.
10. **Planning. McCarthy & Stone, Station Road:** Work was almost complete on this development and flats had already gone on sale, ranging from £170,000 to £280,000. The development had been renamed 'Cwrt Brynteg' and would be opening in July. It was hoped the shopkeepers would see an improvement in their trade. **Ffa:** The coffee shop in Station Road was about to open an evening Tapas Bar. The meeting wished them well. **New Health Centre & Rectory:** It was understood the applications would now be heard by the planning committee in June. The outcome was uncertain as problems still remained with Preservation Orders on trees. **Radyr Gardens, Sewerage problems:** The appeal by Bellway would be heard in June. **Sidings 2:** As indicated at the previous meeting, a planning application had now been submitted for 136 units on the site. However, this constituted only phases 1 and 2 of the proposed development and, if the subsequent phases (3A, 3B and 3C) had the same density as

- 1 and 2, this would bring the total number of units on Sidings 2 to around 500 and on the total sidings site to 620, with only one exit (onto Kings Road). This was of great community concern. Traffic and community gain calculations had only been based on 350 units so the impact of far more units was uncertain. It was agreed that the application should be opposed. It was also noted that the presently submitted plans showed a 'Community Area'. Originally, this was allocated as the site for the new Health Centre so, if that goes to the Rectory site, another use needed to be found. If no valid community use is identified, it would be used for even more housing units.
- 11. Sports Trust:** It was noted that Roger Hughes had submitted a letter for publication in the forthcoming edition of the Radyr Chain. The Executive Committee had some problems with the content and might make a reply in the following edition. Much depended on whether the promised 'open meeting' was held shortly.
- 12. Halls: OCR:** It was reported that work is about to start on new railings and the rebuild of the boundary wall. The cost – over £10,000 – would be met mainly from retained funds in the Hall Management Account. Mr Cargill had also put in a bid to Amersham for them to do some external repair work under their Community Projects scheme. **MVH:** The Committee Room behind the stage would be redeveloped over the summer to upgrade the facility and give it a speared entrance. The radiators had been repaired. Car boot sales continue on a fortnightly cycle.
- 13. Future Themes: Website:** The Community Council had submitted the R&M website (and the way it was developed) to the University of Gloucester as an example of Community Council 'best practice' in support of a research theme. The researcher had contacted the Council and extolled the virtues of the site, stating "It is lively, easy to negotiate, interactive and informative. It will form one of the examples of good practice to go forward to the Welsh Assembly who have requested the research." Congratulations were passed to the team, and to Robin Williams, the webmaster, in particular. **Conservation:** The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the relevant Council Officers, who had stated that the Council were carrying out a full review of Conservation status, which meant that the Radyr case could not be considered for some months. **Arts:** Mr Cook was congratulated on the excellent Arts content in the May Festival. It was understood that the Arts Council of Wales had indicated they would continue to fund the Festival in future. **Youth Involvement:** Focus was now being concentrated on facilitating the set up of a new Youth Club. **Neighbourhood Watch:** The NW project was now proceeding, and all residents should have received a leaflet about the new scheme. 11 more coordinators had come forward as a result of the leaflet, but many more were needed.
- 14. Any Other Business: Street Cleaning:** Councillor Drake noted the excellent job being done by Glyn Davies, the new Street Cleaner. However, the agreed method of working was that Glyn could be contacted if a special area, not on his regular patch, needed to be cleaned. It was thought the OCR Notice Board could be used for this purpose. It was also noted that the Comprehensive School now had a 'Green Bag Committee' and were starting to get involved in keeping the rubbish in the area to a minimum.
- 15. Date of next meetings:** 18th July MVH, 26th September OCR, 15th November OCR, 17th January 2006 OCR.