

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 27th September 2004

Note: The meeting was preceded by a Neighbourhood Watch presentation given by Inspectors Roberts and Palmer, Bob Minton (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator based at Canton NW) and PC Andrew Smith.

- 1. In Attendance:** Ken Williams (Chair), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Julie Williams (Secretary), Dave Cargill, Chris Dale, Cllrs Ron Eccles & David Suthers, Val Allen (Ty Gwyn Pony Club), Maggie Roberts (Twinning Fellowship/MVH), Jim Ridgway (MVH), Joan Thorley (Senior Citizens), Ailsa Bracegirdle (RPMG), Maureen Morgan (WI), Geoff Saunders, Janet Thomas (MVH), Jerry Bray (Bowls), Gretha & Robert Sainsbury, James Gilmartin, Kieran Webster, Bob & Mary Pearce (Chain), Betty Fitzgerald (Tenovus) Joyce Suthers.
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Nick Hawkins, Cllr Marion Drake, Derek Bateman (Drama), Caroline Noall (Library), Allan Cook, Rod McKerlich, Hilary & Peter Borrow.
- 3. Minutes of the last Meeting (19th July):** Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Geoff Saunders, seconded by Maureen Morgan and agreed by all.
- 4. Matters Arising: Correction:** Marion Drake sent her apologies for the last meeting. The venue was MVH, not the OCR as stated. **Claim against the Association:** There was no further news to report on this topic. **Sports Hall:** Geoff Saunders was dealing with the guest list. **Festival 2004:** The Festival had been featured in the latest Noah's Ark newsletter and a picture of the Festival Queen was on their website. **All other items covered by the agenda.**
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** The C/A was £782.74, Reserve £231.00, COIF, £3944.62, Events, £117.37. Grand Total: £5075.73. The County Council were thanked for their £400 grant towards the Festival. Abletts of Station Road were providing Christmas trees to the Association at cost price. The meeting considered that the shopkeepers should be asked if they were prepared to pay for or share the costs. It was agreed to increase the Remembrance Day donation to £50.
- 6. Community Council Report:** Cllr Ron Eccles reported the new Council was up to strength. He was pleased to report that four of the 11 members were 'new blood'. The precept was now £50,000 and increasing with each new housing development. The greatest forecast expenditure was on the OCR where plans were in hand to improve access for the disabled. The CC managed a number of parks including Pentwyn (where improvements in the fencing were in hand), the Granny Park and Radyr Woods. (It was reported that the path at Dan Y Bryn woods was overgrown). He reminded the meeting that grants were available from the Community Council if any individual or organisation wished to make an application. The CC was monitoring the planning situation around the village with particular emphasis on the Sidings and the proposed Sewage Works for the new Hazelwood development. Ron informed the meeting that both he and Cllr David Suthers also attended the MVH committee meetings. He said the CC would be pleased to consider supporting the proposed Association feasibility study if formally requested by the MVH committee. He was also pleased to announce the OCR had come second in the Garden Scheme this year. Finally, Ron reminded the meeting the May Queen would be lighting the Christmas Trees on 2nd December, 7pm in the Granny Park and 7.30 at Windsor Gardens. It was hoped all who attended would join them at the OCR afterwards for mulled wine and a mince pie.
- 7. Police:** Most of the Police Report had been covered in the Neighbourhood Watch (NW) meeting that had taken place earlier. PC Andrew Smith informed the meeting there had been a number of local burglaries and thefts from the Comprehensive School, Pughs and the Bellway site. A third stage ASBO had been issued. A fire had been started at the Health Centre damaging the doors. The Outreach Workers had reported there was a drop in the number of youths out on the streets. Ken Williams (stating he spoke as an individual and not as an Association member) questioned if the £4000 spent on partly funding the Outreach Workers for two nights a week ending at 9.00pm could be considered money well spent when the same complaints were continually being reported throughout the year. As an example the areas around Health Centre and Library across the road from the police station were frequently left in a mess by those whom the Outreach staff claimed they were 'connecting with'. The fact that we as a community allowed this to reoccur with impunity hardly sent the right message to the other well behaved youngsters using these buildings. Cllr Eccles reported that the CC view was that the Outreach scheme had only been operating for a year and that it would take time to build a rapport with the youngsters concerned. A member commented that, by the time this happened, the youngsters would have matured and a new disaffected group could well be taking their place. It was suggested that one of the mobile CCTV should cover the area outside the Health Centre and Library as a deterrent. The Inspector reported the police hoped to fund extra officers to go into the schools to influence the children at an earlier age. Bicycles were now being

used by some officers for carrying out their police duties. They were also involved in encouraging participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. CCTV cameras were being placed in bus shelters to discourage damage and 'Operation Doorstep' was aiming to catch those bogus callers that so often preyed on the elderly. It was hoped that NW volunteers would be willing to take a more active roll with the Police. Residents Associations were known to help improve the links between the Police and the public because of their local knowledge. It had been found that, if people feel pride in their area and are willing to look after it and talk to each other, there are fewer problems. NW was not solely run via 'Ringmaster'; contact is now made by email. It is better if the NW scheme is run at street level and not at village level. To move things forward, there was a need to identify positively the contact details of the existing R&M NW co-ordinators plus the details of any new people willing to put their names forward. To encourage the coordinators it was necessary to have regular meetings and the personal touch. David Cargill agreed to contact all known coordinators around the village and to arrange a meeting for them and new volunteers.

8. **Planning: Radyr Arms:** Work had started on the site. Local residents had been informed that there would be 51 flats instead of the agreed 46 +1 stated in the planning application. Cllr Drake was looking into this as there are implications for the planning gain (£12,800) which will be used to upgrade Station Road, and parking. **New Health Centre:** Cllr Eccles reported the Community Council had yet to look at the plans submitted by Trinity Medical for the new Health Centre and Rectory. **Radyr Gardens, sewage problems:** The application had been rejected. **One way system in Station Road:** This was being monitored. **Llantrisant Road applications:** The Association did write as agreed at the last meeting. The comment was made that, until the Assembly changes its rules to those adopted in England, Councils will always be wary of challenging planning applications because of the potential penalty costs involved
9. **Messages/Ideas: RPMG:** Rehearsals are starting shortly for 'The Sorcerer' in the New School Rooms. **Church Centenary Old Time Music hall** on the 2nd October in the MVH **Centenary Choral concert** on the 21st November. This will include Handel's Coronation Anthems (Organist David Thomas, soloist Iona Jones) **Tenovus** is arranging an Evening of Beauty with Clarin's on 17th November in the New School Rooms, tickets £4. There will be mulled wine and mince pies, Christmas Cards and Gifts. **Coffee morning: Radyr Library,** Friday 8th October at 11am. The theme is poetry and the 6th Formers from the Comprehensive school will be bringing along some of their own to read. **Kieran Webster** is the new Minister of the Baptist Church. **Twining:** Café Jazz. Tickets £8. Contact Maggie. **Christmas Trees Lighting:** The Community Council tree lighting will take place on 2nd December, 7pm in the Granny Park and 7.30 at Windsor Gardens. It was hoped all who attend will join them at the OCR afterwards for mulled wine and a mince pie.
10. **Sports Trust:** No report from the Trustees. Information on their position would be welcome.
11. **Halls: OCR:** The bookings were fairly steady. Work was done over the summer redecorating and the flag pole was repaired. There was concern about the amount of rubbish being left by youths around the bench area in front of the doors since the end of the school holidays. **MVH:** The short staircase to the back room had been finished. A working party was to take place shortly. A car boot sale will be held on 12th December. Five committee members announced through the Booking Secretary that they intended to challenge the validity of the AGM's decision of 15th. September to elect more than five committee members. The other MVH Trustees were unaware of this announcement.
12. **Future Themes: Website:** Efforts were still being made to encourage youths to join the Webteam. **Conservation:** Marion was progressing this with Council Officers. **Arts:** Allan had reported the group was to meet the next week. He was awaiting a reply from the Community Council about placing notices on the CC notice boards. **Youth Involvement:** There was to be another youth forum shortly and work was continuing around the Cym Farm play area. **Shopkeepers:** Robin was hoping to arrange a meeting with the shopkeepers shortly in the Coffee Shop to discuss various matters with them.
13. **Any Other Business: Morganstown P.O.** The owner had reported that the P.O. would be closed down shortly but hoped a Trust could be set up to run it in the interests of the village. It was hoped the Community Council and the Association would lend their support. There was to be a meeting at the P.O. on Thursday at 11am with the Development Officer and residents.
14. **Date of next meeting: 16th November in the OCR, 17/01/05 OCR.**