

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday 31st March 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cyril Williams (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Nick Hawkins (Secretary), David Cargill, Allan Cook, David Silver, Sue Thomas, Cllr Rod McKerlich, Cllr Judith Marsh, plus 16 members.

Apologies: Julie Davies, Alison Skidmore.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 22nd April 2013

The minutes were approved. All matters arising were on the agenda.

Chairman's Report

Please see summary at Appendix A

Treasurer's Report

The accounts had been audited. In summary, in 2013 the Association had a deficit of £533, giving a final reserve figure of £6111. £4000 had been raised for Tenovus. The deficit was due primarily to a high amount of capital expenditure, notably on Gazebo extras (£154) and a new BBQ (£468). A grant of £100 had been made to Claire Morgan of Radyr Comprehensive School, who would be going to Malawi for four weeks with Outlook Expeditions in July 2014. He mentioned specifically the excellent bucket collection of £288 for LATCH which had been made at the Christmas Tree lighting event. The latter sum was being held over for payment to the Charity in the current year. The Treasurer warned that expenditure on the 2014 Festival was already known to be high, notably for the Concert in the Parc, and he currently forecast a loss of £840 for 2013, partly due to the withdrawal of the Cardiff Council grant. Negotiations were still being conducted over possible sponsorship for the Concert, so the outcome may be better. Sponsorship would be essential for the Concert in future years. The Accounts were approved by all.

Election of Officers

Cllr Rod McKerlich took the chair for the election of the Chairman. Cyril Williams had decided to stand down after five years as Chairman, and Cllr McKerlich thanked him for his leadership of the Association over that time. David Silver was elected as the new Chairman unopposed and took the chair. Tom Evans was elected as Vice Chairman, Nick Hawkins as Secretary and Bob Roberts as Treasurer.

The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to the Committee unopposed: Allan Cook, David Cargill, Sue Thomas and Cyril Williams; Wyn Phillips having stood down. The Chairman thanked Wyn for his support over the years and noted that the Executive Committee, whilst being quorate, still needed new members. It was hoped that new members would be co-opted through the year.

Appointment of Auditor

Neil Cargill was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Any Other Business

Fibre Broadband. Ed Hunt, a Radyr resident and a BT Manager responsible for rolling out fibre broadband across Wales, explained that R&M would be equipped with 'fibre broadband' this time next year. The most obvious external change would be the appearance of a number of green cabinets around the community. BT would be installing a fibre network between the Radyr exchange

and the cabinets and connection into the home would be over the present copper wires. But the impact would be a substantial increase in connection speed - enabling more people in the house to access the Internet simultaneously and exploit on-demand services to the full. The intention was that the vastly improved network would be available to all properties in R&M and via all current providers (BT, Sky, Talk Talk etc) - but not Virgin (who use a separate network).

Festival 2014. David Cargill gave a brief summary of the Festival. He noted that the Programme leaflet, which gave details of all events, would be going out shortly in Radyr Chain. The Festival Theme was 'This Sporting Life'. He noted the remarks made earlier by the Treasurer and said he hoped to be able to control costs, notably for the Parade on 3rd May and the Concert in the Parc. A final Festival Committee was scheduled for 1st April.

LDP. The Secretary explained the background to the request that had gone out in the last Newsletter and also placed on the R&M Website for people to be actively involved in making submissions regarding the 'Alternative Sites'. The R&MCC and the Association were both members of a 'North West Cardiff Group' (consisting of R&M, Creigiau, Danescourt, Llandaff, Pentyrch and St Fagans) seeking to limit the destructive impact of the current LDP proposals on NW Cardiff. It was important that the R&M Community are seen to be concerned. However, time was tight and the responses needed to be in by 4th April. Cllr McKerlich said he supported the initiative to demonstrate the concern of NW Cardiff residents but noted that the 'prime response' being made at this time to the Alternative Sites proposals was scholarly and persuasive. He hoped it would be considered very carefully by Cardiff Council and, ultimately, by the Government Inspector. He warned, though, that there was evidence that landowners may well choose to start applying now for planning permission for development on land not specifically controlled by the LDP process - on the grounds that, 'to meet the level of house building stated in the LDP, building must start before the finalisation of the LDP process'. This would be very dangerous and would cut across the suggestions being made by the NW Cardiff Group that development needs to follow the installation of infrastructure, not vice versa. Should such applications arise, there would be a need to show strong local opposition.

Film Club. Allan Cook gave the background to the set up of a new Film Club, with a first showing of 'Philomena' scheduled for Tuesday 13th May, during the Festival. If this was successful, films would be shown regularly from September onwards. A preview of 'Philomena' was shown.

Mound Field. Allan Cook reminded everyone that a meeting was scheduled to be held on Monday 14th April at 7.30pm in the OCR to form a Friends Group to oversee the development of Morganstown Motte. He would like anyone interested in the future of the Motte and the Mound Field to come along and express their views. He also mentioned that an open day, with guides on hand to explain the Motte, was scheduled for Monday 5th May between 10:00am and 1:00pm, weather permitting - hopefully with better weather than the last occasion!

NatWest Bank. David Cargill expressed his displeasure at the imminent closure of the Radyr branch of NatWest Bank, despite earlier assurances by the Manager that 'it would never close'. He asked people to write and complain.

Next Meeting

Speakers for the General meetings for the coming year were confirmed as being:

16 th June 2014	Simon Davison
15 th September 2014	Mark Drakeford, AM
17 th November 2014	Andrew Williams
2 nd February 2015	Allan Cook

All the meetings would be at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms.

ACTIVITY	PROGRESS	COMING YEAR
OLD CHURCH ROOMS	Continues to be well used, with a significant change of users. We have had two working parties, one for the grounds and the other for inside.	Continue to maintain in the building and grounds to a high standard. Aim to get new regular users. Work closely with RMCC on the project to upgrade and refurbish the OCR to provide a building fit for the foreseeable future.
MAY FESTIVAL	Another successful festival which was blessed with good weather. In excess of £4000 was raised for Tenovus.	Plans are well ahead for this year's festival. We are continuing with the new format programme. Arts content has been increased.
PLANNING	The Association continues to have a presence in the LDP process. This is mainly being led by the Community Council.	Will continue to work with the Community Council and County Council on planning issues. On the LDP we will endeavour to ensure a phased plan is in place that provides all necessary infrastructure before any building takes place.
ELECTRONIC RADYR	There has been an upsurge in the use of the village website. The introduction of the Facebook page has made an impact in the usage of the electronic Radyr.	Encourage individuals and organisation to use the site as much as possible and try to improve communications generally with current and potential users within our community. Continue to improve the website, especially in the area of mobile capability. Improve usage of our successful Facebook Page which we recently introduced and look at extending our use of social media.
ARTS	Allan Cook once again brought high standard art to the festival and planning is well ahead for this year's festival.	We are starting film nights in May. Will continue to have a high standard of Arts presentation during the May Festival and to extend the Arts coverage to other times of the year. We will continue the preparation for the Roald Dahl centenary in 2016.
VILLAGE PLAN	Continued with our Festival Walk around Morganstown village and the Motte.	Looking forward to developing the Motte site as an exhibition centre. Work with the Community Council on producing the second version of the plan. Continue the programme of publishing village walks. Update the electronic version of "What is there to do in R and M.
YOUTH INVOLVEMENT	A successful concert in the park was held in 2012, encouraging young people to perform.	Continue with the links that have been forged between the Association and the various youth organisations within the community. Maintain the recently initiated meetings held jointly between RMA/RMCC/3 local school head teachers to improve communications and youth involvement at local events. Continue and improve the youth involvement in the concert in the Parc and Xmas tree lighting.
XMAS EVENT	Successful Xmas event, very well attended by the community.	Try to increase the number of stall holders at the event and the involvement of the shopkeepers. This year's charity LATCH has already collected £2000 over the Xmas period.
SPEAKERS	Meetings were well attended by the public and proved very popular.	Speakers lined up for the coming year are Simon Davidson, Mark Drakeford, Andrew Williams and Allan Cook.