

GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday 24th September 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: David Silver [Chairman], Nick Hawkins (Secretary), Eric Blackwell, David Cargill, Bob Roberts, Allan Cook, Helen Lloyd Jones and nine members.

Apologies: Tom Evans [Vice Chairman], Ellis Jenkins (Treasurer), Raymond Rivron, Ian Thomas, Cllrs Rod Mckerlich, David Suthers and Ralph Vaughan, Robert Owen Griffiths, Jamie Grundy, Colin Johnson, Judy Hollings.

Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ian Flower: “Engineers for Overseas Development”

Ian outlined his career briefly focussing on the development of young people in engineering projects in Gambia. Since 2000 a number of projects have been carried out including a maternity unit, latrines, water bore holes and a community centre by using local labour and materials. Finance has been obtained from the Welsh Assembly and many engineering firms around the UK.

Ian became chairman of the ICE - Institute of Civil Engineering - in 2000 and helped form the Salt Peter Trust working in Africa to improve agriculture and animal welfare. A number of volunteers have benefited from their experience in overseeing some of these projects which has helped to develop their careers back in this country. One of the future projects includes a school for 500 pupils, mainly speaking the English language.

David Silver thanked Ian for a superb presentation, which was supported by slides. He gave him a token of the Association's appreciation.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting on 4th June 2018

The minutes were approved. There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda. Nick Hawkins reminded the meeting that Ian Thomas was still looking for old photos of Radyr and Morganstown for his “Radyr Recorded” project.

Treasurer's Report

As Ellis Jenkins was unable to attend the meeting a brief overview was provided by Nick Hawkins stating that the bank balance totalled £7037, which included a loss on this year's Festival of £1024. This balance is well within the Association's budgeted levels.

Entertainment

Eric Blackwell was asked to remind the meeting that next Thursday, 28th September, there will be a showing of “Mary Shelley” and all are welcome.

WW1

Mike Diment gave a short report on the progress on the World War 1 commemorations. A number of lamp posts along Heol Isaf will bear large poppies and assistance was requested in putting them up. The war memorial will be dressed with hand-knitted poppies. There will be a film show of “Oh What a lovely War”, a tea party with a choir, a concert in the Sports Hall at the Comprehensive School and the Remembrance Service on 11th November. Having received lottery funds there will be new benches around the village and mugs for all the children. A special edition of Radyr Chain will be distributed at Christmas.

Report on the May Festival

The Chairman informed the meeting that there will be a Festival meeting on Wednesday, 27th September at 7.30pm when the final decision will be made on the theme for the 2019 Festival. A

number of established events are already being planned and he stated that the Concert in the Parc will take place on Saturday, 11th May.

Christmas Tree lighting

The Christmas celebrations in Station Road will take place on Friday, 7th December. There is still some availability for stalls although this will be less than last year with opening of “Radyr Tap” and “Slice”. The road will be closed from 5pm until 9pm. Action for Children will provide a group of children to switch on the Christmas lights. The schools will provide choirs and a band to accompany the lighting of the Christmas trees.

General R&M Matters

The Chairman asked for any other business. Nick Hawkins reminded the meeting that the Association has a fund provided by the late Music Group to meet the purchase of musical instruments or support the development of music in the village. Bids were required by the end of September.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, 19th November at 7.30pm in the OCR when the speaker will be our President, Kevin Brennan, MP. He will be talking about the refurbishment of the Palace of Westminster.