

Present: David Silver (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Nick Hawkins (Secretary), Eric Blackwell, David Cargill, Ellis Jenkins, Ian Thomas, Cllrs Huw Jones, Rod McKerlich & Ralph Vaughan, plus 15 members.

Apologies: Tom Evans (Vice-Chairman), Allan Cook, Raymond Rivron, Cllr David Suthers, Val Allen, Nick Holmes, Judith Marsh, Anne-Marie Phillips, Anne Silver, Cyril and Caroline Williams.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for the absence of the Vice-Chairman, who was unavoidably detained due to work commitments.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 3rd April 2017

The minutes were approved. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

Please see summary at Appendix A.

The Chairman presented his report, which had been circulated earlier. There were no questions. He did, however, highlight that the Association had been working successfully with Alzheimer's Society Cymru since July as the appointed Charity. It had already been agreed that the Charity we would start to work with from July this year was Action for Children.

Treasurer's Report & 2018 Budget

The accounts had been audited and sent out to members via email in advance of the meeting. In summary, in 2017 the Association's accounts showed a surplus of £1461 against a forecast break-even budget; a very satisfactory position but mainly due to the lack of capital expenditure - something that would be changing in 2018. The Treasurer highlighted the R&MCC grant which supported youth activities in the Festival, notably the Parade and the Concert in the Parc, which had virtually broken even. The unrestricted retained funds stood at £8004, plus restricted funds of £2373 (being funds held for Alzheimer's Society Cymru and the Sidings Association), giving an overall total of £10,377. Last year the Association presented St John's Cymru, our nominated Charity, with a cheque for £6905 from our funds.

The accounts were approved by the meeting.

Bob Roberts also noted that he was now standing down from the role of Treasurer having held the post since the start of the Association in 1986. He well remembered the first meeting (of the then 'Community Association') when the R&MCC donated a sum of £100 as a start up fund for the organisation. To see that grow to the current sum of over £8000, whilst still delivering benefit to the R&M Community and donating significant funds to Charity, gave him considerable pride.

At this point the Chairman took the opportunity of thanking Bob for such a long period of service as Treasurer. His contribution to the running of the Association had been invaluable and he also noted that Bob had agreed to stay on the Committee and retain responsibility for dealing with the collection and counting of cash etc as an assistant to the incoming Treasurer. The Chairman presented Bob with a wine coaster and some wine as a tangible expression of our thanks. In response, Bob thanked the Chairman and the Association and said it had been a privilege to have served the R&M Community in this way for 31 years.

The Secretary presented the budget for 2018. The headline figure was the forecast deficit of £1114 - very different from last year. The retained funds of £8004 were somewhat above the agreed reserve limit for the Association and the decision had been made to spend around £2000 of those funds upgrading equipment - notably at least one new BBQ, better BBQ equipment to assist with Health and Safety compliance, and the purchase of new, more sturdy, gazebos. In addition, a change in arrangements for paying for First Aid cover meant there would be a further annual expenditure of £450. He also gave the regular warning that most of the Association's income was dependent on

external community events so income was very difficult to predict. A wet period could reduce income considerably.

The budget was approved.

Election of Officers

The Chair of the R&MCC, Cllr Ralph Vaughan, took the chair for the election of the Chairman. David Silver was elected as the new Chairman unopposed. Tom Evans was elected as Vice Chairman, Nick Hawkins as Secretary and Ellis Jenkins as the new Treasurer.

The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to the Committee unopposed: Eric Blackwell, David Cargill, Allan Cook, Raymond Rivron, Bob Roberts and Ian Thomas.

The Chairman thanked Roy Godier and Karen Wright for their work in support of the Association. Both had stood down from the Executive Committee.

Appointment of Auditor

Neil Cargill was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Any Other Business

The following items were noted:

May Festival. The Chairman briefed the meeting on the forthcoming Festival. He highlighted the new events that had been introduced this year - the 'Summer Kitchen' (a talk by cookery writer Angela Gray) and the 'Pignic' event being running by the Twinning Fellowship on the final Saturday. Tickets were available for all events and some were going quite quickly.

General Data Protection Registration (GDPR). The Chairman reported that the Association had taken advice on the implications of the new legislation which was due to come into force on 25th May. The legislation imposes duties on all organisations - amateur and public - which hold membership data. It covers informing members what data is held, for what purpose, how it is safeguarded, and how membership data can be deleted. The Association had implemented a 'Privacy Policy' compliant with the new legislation and it is published on the Association's website.

He noted that a number of local organisations will be affected by the legislation. If any of them wished to use the Association's documentation as a basis for their own procedures, they were welcome to do so. Anyone interested should contact either the Chairman or the Secretary.

Speakers. The speakers at the Association's General Meeting for the coming year would be:

- 4th June Ian Giblett, Cardiff Conservation
- 24th Sept Ian Flower, Water Aid
- 19th Nov Kevin Brennan MP
- 11th Feb Colin Johnson, Science meets the public

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

**THE RADYR & MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017/18**

ACTIVITY	PROGRESS	COMING YEAR
OLD CHURCH ROOMS	We have developed and signed a new Management agreement with the Community Council and the Council and the RMA now jointly run the building. Unfortunately some of the snagging jobs, after refurbishment, were never completed by the builders so we are still dealing with a number of issues which we are trying to resolve. The rooms are now being widely used and the Castle Room, which is available for rent for business use in the daytime and for the community in the evening is being used for the purpose for which it was designed. Most of the comments we have received from users about the building were extremely complimentary.	<p>We are still aiming to get new regular users for our increased capacity.</p> <p>We are looking to increase the use of the Castle Room in the daytime for commercial users to increase our revenue.</p> <p>We need someone to work a marketing plan for the building to be able to achieve this.</p> <p>Set up a more automated booking system.</p> <p>Complete the remaining building issues.</p>
MAY FESTIVAL	We has another very successful festival in 2017. The programme for 2018 has already gone to print and a full programme of events is in place. It will be published with the April edition of the Chain as usual. The Festival website is currently being updated for 2018. This year we will be having a barn dance and a cookery event as well as most of the old favourites..	Plans are in place for all events for this year's festival. We are still looking for the charity for the next year or two. We are looking for ideas for new events from the community for 2019 aiming to involve more of the community and, as our helpers get older, we are increasingly looking for more people to become involved in planning and helping at events
PLANNING	We continued to work with R&MCC and the County Councillor on Planning Issues following the approval of the LDP. We are still relying on them to give us the lead to ensure our comments are in line with theirs.	Will continue to work as appropriate with the Community Council and County Councillor on planning issues. Following the LDP adoption, our aim will always be to ensure a plan is in place that provides all necessary infrastructure before any building takes place. Our major problem is that individual planning applications are being made/approved which get looked at as one offs and not part of a whole larger plan.
ELECTRONIC RADYR	We continued to improve the website this year and have been making changes to the navigation to make the Site easier to use. The Festival website was used much more frequently last year and we are hoping this trend continues. Electronic ticketing is now starting to take off. Our social media sites, the R&MHub on both Facebook and Twitter have continued to grow very quickly. We have over 1400 regular viewers on Facebook and have just reached 700 on Twitter, an amazing growth over the last year.	<p>Continue to expand the use of social media, especially for the Festival.</p> <p>Increase use of the Festival Website and use it as the archive for previous Festivals.</p> <p>Work with the webteam to try and improve the frequency of changes to items on the website.</p>

**THE RADYR & MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017/18**

	Anything we publish now gets to a large audience very quickly. We get around 32,000 views of our posts per month, another reason for your clubs or societies to advertise through us.	
ARTS	Nearly all the events in the 2017 Festival went well, especially the lunchtime concerts. However, we are still struggling to get numbers to the Festival Play. During the year we continued with the film club and are now getting reasonable audiences for most films. The high quality projector and sound have made a massive difference to the quality of the films. We have set up a film club and hopefully members are now starting to be involved in choosing the films they wish to see rather than us having to do it.	We will be looking to make further improvements to the Film Club and increase the membership. We are looking for methods to get the audience more involved in choosing films for the future and deciding if they want a film season of a particular genre of film. This year in the Festival we will have the two usual lunchtime concerts, one a guitar recital and the second from the Wales Academy of Voice. The Festival play this year will be "The Lady Vanishes" performed by Fluellen. This should be much more familiar to audiences than previous plays, and it really needs to be successful if we are to continue with this type of event. The concert in the Parc has moved back to the middle Saturday of the Festival as French Twinning visitors will be here on the final weekend. The final event will be a Memory concert for Alzheimer's Cymru where the audience will select the programme to be sung.
ENVIRONMENT	We continue to support local activities	We aim to continue the programme of publishing village walks.
YOUTH INVOLVEMENT	Another very successful Concert in the Parc was held in 2017, encouraging young people to perform. Both Primary schools performed at the crowning ceremony and the Christmas Tree Lighting event and all schools now support our local community charity	Continue with the links that have been forged between the Association and the various youth organisations within the community. Maintain the meetings held with the 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 Christmas tree lighting.
CHRISTMAS EVENT	Another very successful lighting event was held which was very well attended by the community. Using social media, we again managed to increase requests for the number of stalls. More of the shops were also involved	Keep the number of stalls to a maximum for the space available. Review any possible improvements.
SPEAKERS	We had 4 meetings during the year and our guest speakers were Brian Davies, Ian Thomas, Chief Executive of Age Cymru, our own Chris Dale, and Roy Noble	Speakers are now being booked for the coming year and a programme should be available at the AGM.
NEW MEMBERS	During the last year we had a membership drive and our mailing list increased by 75%.	We aim to integrate any new residents in our part of Plasdwr, into Association events and our community