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## THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm



**Present:** David Silver (Chairman), Tom Evans (Vice-Chairman), Ellis Jenkins (Treasurer), Nick Hawkins (Secretary), Eric Blackwell, David Cargill, Raymond Rivron, Bob Roberts, Ian Thomas, Cllrs Rod McKerlich, David Suthers & Ralph Vaughan, plus 8 members.

**Apologies:** Allan Cook, Val Allen, Robert Owen Griffiths, Nick Holmes, Judith Marsh, Anne-Marie Phillips, Anne Silver, Cyril and Caroline Williams.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The minutes were approved. The Chairman noted that, as stated at the meeting, the Association had introduced the necessary GDPR procedures and was fully compliant.

### 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 the sponsorship received from Plasdŵr for the printed Festival Programme and from Redrow for the Festival Website. This extra income has freed up funds to allow the Association to make much needed capital purchases (*see Treasurer's report*). He also noted, with sadness, the cancellation of the main part of the Christmas Lighting event. Although the trees were lit on time, the Fete was cancelled. This had an impact on the income for both the Association and the nominated Charity, Action for Children.

### Treasurer's Report & 2018 Budget

The Treasurer reported that the Association's accounts had been examined and sent out to members via email in advance of the meeting. In summary, in 2018, they showed a basic deficit of £70, but this deficit had been increased by £277 due to HMRC levying Corporation Tax on the 2017 surplus of £1461. The need for the Association to pay Corporation Tax was being challenged but, in the meantime, the Head of tax and charities for the HRMC in England and Wales had transferred £94 back into the Association's accounts. All will become clear in time.

The Treasurer also noted that, in 2018, the Film Club had generated a surplus of £188 and the Alzheimer's Charity benefitted by £7240 from the involvement of the Association - an excellent result.

The accounts were approved by the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his report and also for his period of office in that position. David Cargill had agreed to take over the position of Treasurer following the AGM.

The Chairman also noted that the Association had prepared a budget for 2019 which predicted a deficit of around £300 over the year. This was entirely affordable and was due primarily to the decision to spend around £2000 on items such as new tables, gazebos, a new BBQ, and a new loud hailer, etc. All these items would allow the Association to operate more effectively in the future.

### 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 David Cargill as the new Treasurer.

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

The Chairman noted that there were still vacancies on the Executive team and anyone interested in getting involved should contact him.

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## Appointment of Independent Examiner

Mr Jeffrey Christopher 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 Cookery event (a talk by *The Great British Bake Off* finalist Becca Lyne-Perkis). This was a very successful event last year and, this year, would be enhanced by the provision of a video display of the proceedings. He also mentioned the two popular lunch time concerts - with singers from the Wales International Academy of Voice and the Welsh Harpist Eleri Darkins. There would also be an opportunity to 'sing-along' to the *Sound of Music* as well as enjoy an hilarious film of an Australian production of *Pirates of Penzance*. Tickets were available for all events and some were going quite quickly.

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

- 17<sup>th</sup> June Rev'd Vicki Burrows, the newly appointed Vicar of the Parish of Radyr
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept Raymond Rivron, The history of Radyr Woods
- 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Dr Barry McDonnell, Cardiovascular health
- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Chris Dale, 'Raiders of the Past'

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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ACTIVITY	PROGRESS	COMING YEAR
<b>OLD CHURCH ROOMS</b>	<p>We have been working on a new Management agreement with the Community Council, and the Council and the RMA now jointly run the building. This awaits signing when some final issues are ironed out. Most of the comments we have received from users about the building this year were extremely complimentary.</p> <p>There are a number of projects ongoing including work on the roof, upgrades to the kitchen, the retaining wall along the back of the building and the Garth room Flooring.</p> <p>Work on replacing the current manual system of bookings with an electronic system is being trialled at present.</p>	<p>Complete and sign off the Management Agreement</p> <p>Complete the project work started in 2018/19 and currently underway</p> <p>Increase the use of the building especially the use of the Castle Room in the daytime for commercial users to increase our revenue.</p> <p>We still need someone to work a marketing plan for the building.</p> <p>Introduce the new booking/ invoicing system</p>
<b>MAY FESTIVAL</b>	<p>We had another very successful festival in 2018. The charity for the year, Alzheimer's Society Cymru, raised more money than ever before. This was mainly due to the setting up of a local fundraising committee. Our new event, a cookery evening, was sold out with numbers of new people attending.</p> <p>The 2019 Festival programme, sponsored for the first time by Plasdŵr, has been published and distributed as usual in the April edition of the Chain. The usual full programme of events is in place and can be found on the Festival website <a href="http://rmfestival.org.uk">rmfestival.org.uk</a>. Box Office tickets can be purchased via this site and sales are already in progress.</p>	<p>The final Festival Committee meeting has been held. We will be having another cookery event and a Gilbert and Sullivan evening as well as most of the old favourites.</p> <p>The charity for 2019-20 will be Tenovus</p> <p>We have had applications from four charities to be our charity of the year for the following year, 2020-21, and we will now be holding discussions with them and selecting one. As usual we will be looking for ideas for new events from the community for 2020 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.</p> <p>Introduce a standard style for all our posters and communications.</p>
<b>PLANNING</b>	<p>We continued to work with R&amp;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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<b>ELECTRONIC RADYR</b>	<p>Radyr &amp; Morganstown Community Council told the Web Team that it had been unable to continue appropriate insurance cover for the team that has voluntarily managed and maintained this website since 2003. For that reason both management and editorial control of the site has reverted to its owners, the Community Council.</p> <p>The Festival website was sponsored for the first time. It is now the archive for previous Festival details and photos.</p>	<p>Continue to expand the use of social media, especially for the Festival.</p> <p>Further increase use of the Festival Website.</p> <p>Continue to publicise all our own events and those of other societies.</p> <p>The Festival Website has again been sponsored by Redrow.</p>

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	<p>Usage increased and we sold more tickets electronically. Our social media sites, the R&amp;MHub on both Facebook and Twitter, have continued to grow very quickly. We have over 1720 regular viewers on Facebook and have just reached 950 on Twitter, another amazing growth over the last year. Anything we publish now gets to a large audience very quickly. We now get around 50,000 views of our posts per month, a good reason for your clubs or societies to advertise through us.</p>	
<b>ARTS</b>	<p>All the events in the 2018 Festival went well, especially the lunchtime concerts, including the Welsh Academy of Voice, sold out. The audience for the Festival play increased markedly, and we have decided to continue with the event this year.</p> <p>During the year we continued with the Film Club and are now getting reasonable audiences for most films. The high quality projector and changes we have made to the sound system have made a big difference to the quality of the films.</p>	<p>We aim 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.</p> <p>This year in the Festival we will have the two usual lunchtime concerts, one by an International Welsh Harpist and the second from the Wales International Academy of Voice. The Festival play this year will be "Night Must Fall" a thriller performed by Fluellen. The concert in the Parc will now be staying on the middle Saturday of the Festival for several years as the Twinning visits do not conflict with the date. The final Charity Concert will be performed by the Amici Choir</p>
<b>YOUTH INVOLVEMENT</b>	<p>Another very successful Concert in the Parc was held in 2018, encouraging young people to perform. Both Primary schools performed at the crowning ceremony.</p> <p>We met regularly with the three local Headteachers to discuss youth involvement in the community.</p>	<p>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 three 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.</p>
<b>CHRISTMAS EVENT</b>	<p>Unfortunately we had to shorten the Christmas Tree lighting event due to heavy rain and strong winds, but the primary school choirs managed to sing their carols in the Methodist Church and still managed to sing around the tree in Windsor Gardens when it was switched on.</p>	<p>Keep the number of stalls to a maximum for the space available.</p> <p>Review any suggested improvements.</p>
<b>SPEAKERS</b>	<p>We had four meetings during the year, with guest speakers Ian Giblet, Ian Flower, Kevin Brennan and Colin Johnson. Thanks go to all of them for giving up their time.</p>	<p>Speakers are now being booked for the coming year and a programme should be available at the AGM.</p>
<b>NEW MEMBERS</b>	<p>During the year we reviewed our systems to ensure we are fully compliant with GDPR.</p>	<p>We will try to integrate new residents in our part of Plasdŵr into Association events and our community. We will talk to Plasdŵr about advertising our events to new residents.</p>