

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Old Church Rooms on Monday, 19th April 2004

1. Attending

Mr Nick Hawkins (Chairman), Mr Ken Williams (Vice Chairman), Julie Williams (Secretary) County Councillor Marion Drake, Community Council Chairman, Ron Eccles & Cllr's, Jean Monk, Sue Philpott & David Suthers. Clerk to the Community Council, Karen Whitecross, Steven Fowler (Radyr Comprehensive School), Gareth Davidson (New Life Baptist), Isobel Brown (Resident), Allan Cook (History Society), Robin Jones (Association) Mike Clarke (Junction Terrace Residents Association), Katrina Clarke (Radyr Lawn Tennis Club), Mary & Bob Pierce (Radyr Chain), Chris Dale (Resident), Robin Williams (Radyr Website webmaster), Maureen Morgan (WI), Lorna Clarke (Resident), Joan Thorley (R&M Senior Citizen's Club), Val Allan (Ty Gwyn Pony Club), Mary Hawkins (Resident), Antonia Wigley (Resident), Gary Bufton (Karate Club), Jim Ridgway (Morganstown Village Hall), Maggie Robert (Twinning), Joyce Suthers (Resident), Ivy Williams (Morganstown Village Hall), David Currie (Resident), Geoff Saunders (Association).

2. Apologies for absence

P.C. Andrew Smith, Colleen Rees, Rod McKerlich, David Cargill, Douglas Hogg, Val Hogg, Sue McKerlich, Andrew Walker, Julie Davies, John Davies, Ed Dawes, Caroline Noall, Betty Fitzgerald.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr's Marion Drake and Ron Eccles, Steven Fowler and all residents attending the meeting.

3. Minutes of the last AGM (8th April 2003)

The Chairman informed the meeting that the minutes of the previous AGM, which had been approved by the Executive Committee, had been circulated prior to the meeting but needed ratification. Approval of the minutes of the 2003 AGM were proposed by David Cargill, seconded by Ken Williams and agreed by all.

4. Matters arising: Health Centre

Members were referred to the minutes of the past year for updated information. It was hoped that the H.C. would be re-sited to the Rectory Gardens. A planning application had yet to be submitted.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman informed members that they would find the official Annual Report for the Association (as required by the Charities Commission) on the reverse of the Agenda. He asked for any questions regarding the report. None was raised

As in 2003, the Chairman presented his two page summary report for 2003/4 (attached). The year had again been busy. Notable points were the continuing success of the Old Church Rooms, where the CCTV system appeared to have curbed vandalism, the development of the new website, a busy Festival Week, the conclusion of the long drawn-out saga of the Constitution, and the increasing focus on controlling litter. Many of these items had been joint projects with the Community Council, whom he thanked. He was more than sad that the battle for the Radyr Arms had been lost and thanked John Davies and Cllr Marion Drake for their support in the fight. 2004 looked no less busy, particularly with, for the first time, a two week festival. In conclusion, he offered his thanks to members, officers, Cllr Marion Drake and the Community Council for all their help and support during the past year it. There were no questions.

6. Treasurer's report:

Mr Roberts presented the accounts to the meeting, in both the official Charity Commission form and in his 'easy to understand' form. He noted that, due specifically to the grants in connection with the installation of the CCTV system, turnover had exceeded £10,000, but this was exceptional. He regarded the accounts as being in a healthy state. The true deficiency on the year was £212.51 and reserves stood at £4112.11. Administration costs were very low, at £143. During the year the Executive Committee had adopted a formal reserves policy in line with Charity Commission guidelines. This meant that the Association could hold up to £5,000 for the purpose of carrying out its objects. There were no questions. The budget for 2004 was then discussed. This showed a small forecast surplus of £85. After a short discussion, the budget was agreed. The Chairman offered his thanks to Bob for all his hard work and to Neil Cargill for acting as Auditor.

7. Election of Executive Committee:

Cllr Marion Drake was asked to take the Chair for the Election of the Chairman. She expressed her appreciation for the leadership shown by the Association and the way all the organisations tried to work together for the benefit of the

community. Mrs Lorna Clarke proposed Nick Hawkins should remain as Chairman, Mrs Maureen Morgan seconded and it was supported by all. Mr Hawkins then Nick then retook the Chair. He informed the meeting that all officers of the committee were willing to stand for re-election other than Rod McKerlich who was standing down. Chris Dale had agreed to come on the committee. The Chairman proposed that all the existing Officers plus Mr Dale be elected to stand for the following year. This was seconded by Mrs Maureen Morgan and agreed by all.

8. Appointment of Auditor:

The Chairman proposed that Mr Neil Cargill be elected as auditor for the forthcoming year; this was seconded by Mr Bob Roberts and agreed by all.

9. Any other business:

Review and adoption of Child Protection Policy: The Chairman proposed that this was left unchanged; this was seconded and agreed by all. It was noted that Mrs Maggie Roberts was willing to remain the Association Child Protection co-ordinator.

Festival 2004: The Chairman gave a brief report. He hoped that 2004 would herald the best range of events ever, with the Festival having been extended to two weeks. Full details would be found in the Festival programme due to be delivered shortly. The nominated charity was Noah's Ark. The Arts content had been increased with two professional items, the Gwent theatre group and a choir from St Petersburg. He expressed the Association's thanks to the County Council, Pugh's and Amersham, all of whom had agreed to sponsor the Festival again. Finally, he mentioned the prize draw. Half the proceeds would go directly to Noah's Ark but he was still looking for another major prize. He gave his thanks must go to the local shopkeepers who had kindly donated items.

Planning; Sidings 2: Concern was expressed over the potential scale of this development, for which outline planning permission had been granted for 350 houses, but a published design brief had shown more. Cllr Marion Drake, the Community Council and the Association were appalled at the potential increase. **Radyr Gardens:** Concern was also expressed over plans by Bellway to install a temporary sewerage system a few yards away from the houses at the top of Ravensbrook, due to the upgrade of the main YPD sewer being delayed until 2007. The Chairman said the Association would keep especial watch on these topics.

Arts: The Chairman asked any arts organisations not already involved in the Arts Committee to get in touch with Allan Cook, the chairman of the Arts Committee, with the idea of them joining the Committee.

Cardiff 2005 celebrations: Cllr Marion Drake had asked at the last Association meeting if residents would like to get involved in this event. It was agreed to consider this later once further information was available.

10. Future Meetings

Mon 24/5, Mon 19/7 (MVH), Mon 27/9, Tues 16/11, Mon 17/01/05.