

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday, 20th April 2009 at 7.30pm

Committee: Nick Hawkins (Chairman), Cyril Williams (Vice Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), David Silver, David Cargill & Wyn Phillips.

Residents: Val Allen, Mary Read, David Suthers, Joyce Suthers, Cliff Skidmore, Alison Skidmore, Ralph Vaughan, Neville Evans, Suzanne Robinson, Sue Thomas, Mary & Bob Pearce, Terry Fitzgerald, Betty Fitzgerald, Mary Hawkins, Chris Wills, Ailsa Bracegirdle, Rose Dale, Maggie Roberts & John Davies.

Apologies for Absence: Allan Cook, Kieran Webster, Beverley Lewis, Cllr Rod McKerlich, John Hobson, Judith Marsh, Geoff Saunders, Julie Davies & Derek Bateman.

Nick Hawkins explained to those present who might not be aware that he was "acting-Chairman" following the sudden death of our Chairman Garry Newbould earlier this year.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting on 14th April 2008

The minutes were proposed, seconded and accepted. No matters arising.

Chairman's Report in brief.

The Old Church Rooms won "Cardiff in Bloom". The rooms are booked almost to capacity by a variety of groups. A new screen was purchased and installed with a grant from the Community Council. Aims for next year include winning Cardiff in Bloom once again, maintaining the high usage and general standard of the facilities.

The May Festival enjoyed a successful 21st year due largely to the hard work of David Cargill and his team. A record £4000 was raised for the Danybryn Leonard Cheshire Home. The Ken Innes cup was awarded to Bryn Deri Primary School. The chosen charity next year will be the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Planning: This is not a leading area of concern. The Association joined with Cardiff and other local Civic Societies to run a successful Conference concerning the Local Development Plan.

The Radyr Website is thriving following the re-launch last year. Particular thanks are due to Robin Williams, the Webmaster, Andrew Williams (AW), Chairman and the rest of the web team. Colin Johnson has succeeded AW as the new Chairman. It is hoped that the website will continue to be used by the community. A deputy Webmaster is sought.

Sports: A Skate park was built and is being well used. A working party will be formed to ensure there is an agreed vision for the future of the Mound Field. This will be one of the new Themes for next Year.

Shopkeepers: Additional Christmas trees and new lights were provided in Station Road. Thanks to Robin Jones for putting them up. Keith John has worked with Cardiff County Council to design an innovative 3D display of hanging baskets on the theme of animals to be found on the Taff Trail. These will be placed in Station Road.

Themes:

Arts: Thanks are due to Allan Cook for organising the arts content of the May Festival in 2008 which was very well received. 2009 is due to be of a similarly high standard. The Association would like to establish programmes that appeal to a broader cross-section of the community. Also, to improve advertising and increase awareness of Roald Dahl's links to the area ahead of his centenary year in 2016.

Village Plan. RMA worked closely with the Community Council to produce, distribute and analyse the results of the questionnaire sent to all households in the area. There was an excellent 32% response rate. The next phase of the project is to produce the actual plan and to set up any projects that flow from it.

Youth Involvement A Young Persons Group was launched with its own charter. A Youth Village Plan questionnaire received 120 responses. Aims for the future include further links with the Schools for greater involvement in Arts events, in particular for the 2010 May Festival. It is hoped to establish a Youth Executive Committee to work with the Association to represent the views of younger members of the community.

Treasurer's Report

The audit has been completed and signed off. The annual turnover is less than £10,000 so this is not legally required. In summary there was a surplus of £90 for the year, which is in line with the prediction of no net gain or loss. A record total of £4000 was donated to Danybryn the Leonard Cheshire Home in Radyr. Our reserves are £4978; just below the cash retention policy figure of £5000. The formal Charities Commission Annual Report is available for inspection on request. Formal adoption of the accounts was proposed, seconded and agreed by all. In the coming year, due to the current financial climate and increasing costs, a loss of £130 is predicted. Income from bars and barbecues at the May Festival and other events means that residents are not charged for membership of the Association. No Capital Purchases are forecast.

Election of Officers

In the absence of the County Councillor Rod McKerlich, David Silver, Chairman of the Community Council (and member of the RMA Executive) took the chair. He thanked Nick, for standing in as Chairman and for his hard work along with the rest of the Executive committee. Cyril Williams was elected as the new Chairman unopposed.

The following officers were proposed, seconded and re-elected unopposed:

Nick Hawkins (Vice Chairman), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Kieran Webster, David Silver, David Cargill, Allan Cook, Wyn Phillips, Beverley Lewis

Appointment of Auditor Neill Cargill was proposed, seconded and agreed.

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Garry Newbould Award for Young People: An award for an individual or a group of young people for services to the community is proposed. Details to be finalised.

Festival Week: The Festival Chairman David Cargill described new events for this year including a walking parade of up to 100 young people with dancers, drums and carnival costumes based around the theme of "The Mabinogion". He thanked Jane Morris for her hard work. The procession will end at the OCR where JPR Williams will open the Fete at 12 noon. Permission has finally been granted by the County Council for an open-air concert at the play area in Parc Radur on Saturday 9th May thanks to the full support of the neighbouring houses. Questions are invited for the celebrity panellists involved in Gardeners Question Time at Morganstown Village Hall on Monday 12th May. A demonstration of Skate Boarding will take place at the new park at the Mound Field on Sunday May 17th 2009.

Meeting dates have yet to be agreed.