

# THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.30pm

**Committee:** Cyril Williams (Chairman), Nick Hawkins (Vice Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), David Silver, Sue Thomas, Beverley Lewis, Kieran Webster, David Cargill & Wyn Phillips.

**Residents:** Mary Hawkins, Jill Newbould, Val Allen, Mary Read, Cliff Skidmore, Alison Skidmore, Cllr Rod McKerlich, Graham Pearce, Judith Marsh, Jake Bourne, Clive Morgan, Rachel Granger, Mary & Bob Pearce, George Carroll, Terry Fitzgerald, Betty Fitzgerald, Chris Wills, Maggie Roberts.

**Apologies for Absence:** David Suthers, Joyce Suthers, Ailsa Bracegirdle, Geoff Saunders & Julie Davies.

### Presentation of the Garry Newbould Award

Jill Newbould presented the award - a cheque for £50 - to George Carroll in recognition of the service he has given to Radyr and Morganstown over the last 5 years. He has demonstrated leadership in several spheres of our community life. He has had a direct impact in improving the environment and in developing the role and voice of other young people in the area.

### Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009

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

### Chairman's Report in brief.

**The Old Church Rooms** won "Cardiff in Bloom" once again. The rooms are booked almost to capacity. New cleaners are doing a very good job. Aims for next year include winning Cardiff in Bloom, although sadly, Norman Clewer has stepped down. New windows are needed in the Garth Room.

**The May Festival** was very successful thanks to the hard work of David Cargill and his team. A record £5500 was raised for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. The Ken Innes cup was awarded to Terry Fitzgerald. The chosen charity this year is Ty Hafan. An event will be held at Radyr Sidings for the first time.

**Planning:** This is not a leading area of concern but we will continue to work on specific matters with the Community Council.

**Electronic Radyr** will be re-launched with a new site in May. We continue to encourage organisations and individuals to use the site.

**Sports:** Progress on the Mound Field development has been slow but we will try to develop a vision for the future with our County Councillor. A football tournament will be held during the May Festival.

**Shopkeepers:** The hanging baskets will be placed in Station Road shortly. We are encouraging the shopkeepers to work together for mutual and community benefit.

### Themes:

**Arts:** The arts content of the 2009 Festival was once again of a very high standard and well supported. We hope to repeat this in 2010. We will try to establish more arts programmes within R & M and build awareness of Roald Dahl's links to the area ahead of his centenary year in 2016.

**Village Plan.** Good progress is being made on projects that have resulted from the responses to the questionnaire. We will work with the Community Council on the review process for these projects.

**Youth Involvement** A successful rock concert was held during the 2009 festival. This will be repeated in 2010 and workshops including drama, dance and circus activities will be held at the Sidings. RMA will work towards developing the youth network within the community in 2010.

## Treasurer's Report

The accounts have been audited. In summary there was a surplus of £567 (instead of a predicted loss of £180). The final reserve figure was £5505. £1000 of this has been set aside for costs associated with the Village Plan projects. A record £5500 was raised for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. A question was raised about Gift Aid but since the donation was not from an individual taxpayer it was not applicable. Formal adoption of the accounts was proposed, seconded and agreed by all. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to our treasurer for his unfailing hard work.

## Election of Officers

Councillor Rod McKerlich took the chair for the election of the Chairman. He thanked the members of the Executive Committee for their hard work. Cyril Williams was re-elected unopposed and took the chair once again. Elizabeth Fraser stood down from the post of secretary and the Chairman thanked her for her contribution for the past 3 years. Nick Hawkins was proposed, seconded and elected as the new secretary. David Silver was elected as the Vice Chairman to replace Nick Hawkins.

The following officers were proposed, seconded and elected to the Committee unopposed:

Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Kieran Webster, David Cargill, Allan Cook, Wyn Phillips, Beverley Lewis & Elizabeth Fraser.

## Appointment of Auditor

Neill Cargill was proposed, seconded and agreed.

## May Festival 2010

David Cargill, the Chairman of the Festival organising committee talked about events including the "Radyr Sizzler" that will be held on the Community plot in Sidings 2. Taylor Wimpey plc are generously sponsoring both that event and the rock concert. The chosen charity is Ty Hafan, the childrens' hospice. A street parade will be held with the theme of the Roald Dahl stories and a disc jockey from "REAL Radio" will declare the fete open. Details are to be found in the Festival programme.

## AOB

### **County Councillor Rod McKerlich's report:**

- *PACT*: The issues include problems on the highways (parking, speeding pot-holes, grit bins, location of bus stops etc.) and more general issues such as dog fouling, fly tipping and the play park at Radyr Sidings.
- *All weather floodlit sports pitch at Radyr Comp*: the deal has been signed.
- *Mound-Field*: A steering Committee will be formed to work with CADW to make plans for the site.
- *Cardiff LDP*: There is controversy over the number of new houses that are needed. One prediction is that 21,000 new dwellings are needed between now and 2021 if Cardiff expands as predicted. Plymouth Estates have suggested that 4000 houses could be accommodated on green belt land owned by them between Radyr and St Fagan's. (Radyr and Morganstown consist of about 3,000 houses at present.) This has been opposed by Rod.
- *Electoral Boundary changes*: It has been suggested that Radyr and Morganstown should join with Pentyrch, Gwaelod y Garth and Creigeau to form the "Pentyrch ward" and become the biggest in Cardiff. The ward would have 3 elected councillors.
- *Library at Radyr Sidings*: Finance is not an issue as the money is available. It must be built by 2012. Costed plans are available for the Park Road site. If building goes ahead there, the community plot at the Sidings will be lost to the developer for more housing. A clear decision needs to be made.

The chairman thanked Rod for his report and for his hard work on behalf of the community.

Meeting dates have yet to be agreed.