

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms on Monday 22nd April 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Cyril Williams (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Nick Hawkins (Secretary), David Cargill, Wyn Phillips, David Silver, plus 17 members.

Apologies: Cllr Rod McKerlich, Cllr Judith Marsh, Derek Bateman, Allan Cook, Julie Davies, Jan Doody, Colin & Helen Johnson, Alison Skidmore, Sue Thomas.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 24th April 2012

The minutes were approved. All matters arising were on the agenda.

Chairman's Report

Please see summary at Appendix A

Treasurer's Report

The accounts had been audited. In summary, in 2012 the Association had made a surprising surplus of £1199, giving a final reserve figure of £6644. £4450 had been raised for the George Thomas Hospice. He mentioned specifically the donation of £100 to the Kyle Beere fund, which was really a payment which should have been made in 2011, and the bucket collection of £22 for Tenovus which had been made at the Christmas Tree lighting event. The latter sum was being held over for payment to the Charity in the current year. The Treasurer warned that expenditure on the 2013 Festival was already known to be high, notably for the Concert in the Parc, and he forecast a loss for 2013. He could not say how much as the outcome was heavily weather dependent. The Accounts were proposed by David Cargill, seconded by Wyn Phillips and approved by all.

Election of Officers

Cliff Skidmore took the chair for the election of the Chairman. Cyril Williams was re-elected unopposed and took the chair once again. David Silver was re-elected as Vice Chairman, Nick Hawkins as Secretary and Bob Roberts as Treasurer.

The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to the Committee unopposed: Allan Cook, David Cargill, Wyn Phillips & Sue Thomas. The Chairman noted that the Executive Committee, whilst being quorate, still needed new members. It was hoped that new members would be co-opted through the year.

Appointment of Auditor

Sharon Jenkins was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Any Other Business

Festival 2013. David Cargill gave a brief summary of the Festival. He noted that the Programme leaflet, which gave details of all 37 events, had been totally redesigned, making it much more colourful, and he thanked Radyr Chain for again arranging its distribution alongside the Prize Draw tickets. The Parade on 4th May should be good. The theme was 'Colours of the World' and this year, for the first time, responsibility for the designing and making the costumes had been delegated to the Primary Schools. He hoped that this arrangement would flourish in coming years. He hoped everyone would enjoy the Festival but did mention that a number of events, notably the Fete Day on 4th May, would require assistance if anyone was available. Specific mention was made of the excellent quality of the Arts events (many thanks to Allan Cook) and that tickets were going fast.

Tenovus Collection. A reminder was given of the Tenovus collection on 8th May at Radyr Guide Centre in support of the Charity. Full details are in the Festival Programme.

Roald Dahl. A further reminder was given of Roald Dahl's centenary in 2016. Work needed to start soon on R&M's contribution to that event.

Next Meeting

Speakers for the General meetings for the coming year were still being finalised. Details were as follows:

17 th June 2013	Ron Jones	Confirmed
16 th September 2013	Kevin Brennan MP	Confirmed
18 th November 2013	To be confirmed	
3 rd February 2014	To be confirmed	

All the meetings would be at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2012/13

ACTIVITY	PROGRESS	COMING YEAR
OLD CHURCH ROOMS	The Church Rooms continues to be used regularly by a wide variety of organisations and local residents. The grounds are kept in good order. Park Road Nursery now have their own little garden. We are heavily involved in the three working parties which are held each year to maintain the rooms in the best condition we can. A free wifi service was introduced for users.	Continue to maintain the building and grounds to a high standard. Encourage existing and new users to continue using the facilities. Resolve cleaning problems (new cleaners have just been appointed)
MAY FESTIVAL	Once again David Cargill led the Festival Committee in a full programme of events. Over £4000 was raised for our chosen charity, the George Thomas Hospice. The Ken Innes trophy was deservedly won by Bob Roberts.	The Festival Committee is once again being chaired by David Cargill and preparations are well under way. Once again we hope to have the full support of the community. This year the chosen charity is Tenovus. The Festival Programme has been totally reformatted and has been placed on the Radyr website in both English and Welsh.
PLANNING	We continue to keep a low profile in planning matters, but were kept aware of planning issues by regular updates from the Community Council and County Councillor. However, we did make a submission on the LDP as this issue is so important to the future of our community.	Will continue to work with the Community Council and County Councillor on planning issues, and the LDP in particular. We will also keep watch on the residual 'Community plot' (designated for some form of Residential Home) on Lychgate Gardens to try to ensure that it does not revert to basic housing.
'ELECTRONIC RADYR'	The site is being well used by the public. Many improvements have been made over the last year, some of which may not be immediately apparent, but include changes to the OCR Booking Calendar and the Soapbox, and better registration and log-in procedures. There is a hard working team 'behind the scenes' who continue to support the site and ensure it is as up to date as possible.	Continue to encourage individuals and organisation to use the site. The front page is shortly to be upgraded to make it much easier to find important pages on the site. Further changes will be made to the Soapbox and there are plans to include a Welsh section.
ARTS	The Arts content for 2012 was once again of a very high standard thanks in the main to Allan Cook.	Allan has once again put together a first class programme for this year's Festival, including the welcome return of Fluellen with a performance of "The Late Marilyn Monroe". We will continue to identify opportunities to establish more arts programmes in Radyr and Morganstown and also to work towards the Roald Dahl centenary celebrations in 2016.

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VILLAGE PLAN	We continued with our Festival Walk, the 2012 walk, being 'In the Footsteps of Pilgrims'. We rewrote and republished the 'What is there to do in R&M' brochure and published it on line, where it will be easier to keep up to date. We held a very successful joint meeting with the R&MCC concerning 'volunteering' from which a number of initiatives emerged.	Continue to develop items in the Village Plan relevant to the Association. We will also work with the R&MCC in initiating the next five-year Village Plan.
YOUTH INVOLVEMENT	Because of the Jubilee celebrations, there was no concert in the Park in 2012; this is being resurrected in 2013. We are now working with all three local schools to involve youngsters in our work and to better publicise what we do.	Continue with the links that have been forged between the Association and the various youth organisations within the community, including the schools. This year we will be organising an even bigger and better 'Concert in the Parc' which will go on throughout the afternoon and into the night. We aim to develop a community Facebook and Twitter presence to communicate better with the younger members of our Community.
MOUND FIELD	Slow but steady progress has been made with the Mound Field Development.	Allan Cook chairs the Mound Field project that will both open up the Motte & Bailey to the public and provide welcome facilities and orientation advice for travellers on the Taff Trail.
SHOPKEEPERS	We continued to encourage the shopkeepers to support us during festival fortnight and during the Xmas celebrations, including placing the usual Christmas Trees in Station Road. They provided prizes for our festival draw and opened late at the Christmas event.	Continue to support the shopkeepers to be involved in village life for the good of themselves and for the community. Support them in our Festival fortnight and our Christmas Celebrations. Encourage them to take more interest in the local environment, notably the hanging baskets.
XMAS EVENT	A very successful event was jointly organised by the Association and the R&MCC. This was well attended by around 500 residents. This event has become one of the highlights of the social calendar and is very popular with the primary school children in the community. To improve the event the day was changed to a Friday and it was started earlier to allow younger children to come and see Santa.	Continue to expand the event annually by involving more stalls and shops and getting more residents to attend.