

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms, Radyr, Monday October 12th 2009 7.30pm

Present: Cyril Williams (Chairman), Nick Hawkins (Vice-Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), David Cargill, Wyn Phillips, Chris Wills, Val Allen, Mary Read, Alison Skidmore, Cliff Skidmore, Bob Pearce, Julie Davies & Cllr Rod McKerlich.

Apologies for Absence: Judith Marsh, Ailsa Bracegirdle, David Silver, Kieran Webster, Allan Cook, Steve Fowler, Rachel Granger, Maggie Roberts, David Suthers & David Silver.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 29th June 2009

The minutes were approved. Matters arising:

- i. *Petition for pavement at top of Windsor Road* - has been submitted. Unfortunately there is very little money in the Highways budget.
- ii. *Speed limit cameras on Heol Isaf* - the poles are up but no cameras as yet.
- iii. *Business park development at Junction 33* - ongoing.

Short Talk about Dan y Bryn

Christine Moor talked about the 4.4 million pound redevelopment of Dan y Bryn to be completed in 2011. A short film of a similar development was shown to illustrate the improvements that will be made. They are grateful for the continuing local support. The £4000 raised by the Association when Dan y Bryn was the chosen charity will be spent on some electronic doors that can be operated remotely from wheelchairs. These will lead to the sensory garden.

Treasurers Report

Accounts are as follows: C/Ac £1634, Reserve £138, COIF £4619 (total £6256). 2 new gazebos have been purchased at a cost of £79.68. A new lottery license has cost £20. Expenses before the end of the year will include Christmas trees/lights etc.

PACT/Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

A PACT meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th October. This is an opportunity to raise matters of concern with the police. A letter has been received from Inspector Brock in response to the communication from the Association regarding an incidence of criminal damage in Morganstown and the lack of police cover in general. This affirms that no extra officer(s) will be allocated to the area. Recently, some youths have set fire to the swings in the playground area by Junction Terrace.

Community Halls

Old Church Rooms: Fully booked until Christmas. The drains are being repaired. Congratulations once again to Norman Clewer and his team of gardeners (including Antonia Wigley) who have once again won 1st prize for the Old Church Rooms in the Cardiff in Bloom competition.

Morganstown Village Hall: AGM tonight. Bookings are buoyant. Plans for a possible extension are at an early stage of development.

May Festival

The Festival arrangements are well under way. Allan Cook has already made bookings for Arts events. Following last year's success, it is also hoped that there will be another Carnival Parade. The builders, "Taylor Wimpey plc" have agreed to sponsor an event. A representative will be present at the next

meeting on Wednesday October 14th at the OCR. The chosen charity is Ty Hafan. It is hoped that more Young People can become involved this year.

Village Plan

A special meeting of the Executive took place to discuss specific projects to work on. The Association has agreed to undertake fourteen specified projects. The Community Council also has a list of projects to work on. Volunteers are needed to help with all of these. The actual Village Plan document has been worked on at length and is nearing completion. It should be published in the next couple of months. A review will be held in 5 years time. The next meeting is on Monday 16th November.

Mound Field

The review of the Motte and Bailey and surrounding areas commissioned by Cardiff County Council has been completed. The recommendation for the future of the site is to work with CADW to preserve and clear the area to make it more accessible to the public as an attraction of historical interest. It is a very rare structure and linked with the facilities of the surrounding area such as the Taff trail, Rugby Club, garden centre etc. it is a major asset to the community.

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The owners have not agreed to a change of purpose at this present time. It may be preferable to move the library to this plot rather than lose it. Sheltered accommodation will be built on another of the community sites. Taylor Wimpey have not responded to Cllr Rod McKerlich's requests for a meeting to discuss the situation.

Any Other Business

Closure of the grocery shop on Park Lane - A petition has been submitted objecting to a "change of use" i.e. converting the shop to residential premises. The Association supports the preservation of the shop as a facility but recognises that some local residents would welcome the change of use because of unwelcome visitors to the shop hanging around outside and causing a nuisance.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of a local resident, Alf Butler. He served as a community counsellor and helped to fit the screen into the stage using his skills as an engineer. An additional community counsellor has been agreed; two positions are now vacant.

The next meeting is on Monday 30th November 2009 - 7.30pm (OCR)